



COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CASTLEGAR

Regular Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Castlegar held Monday, January 21, 2008 at 7:07 p.m. in the Community Forum, 445 – 13th Avenue, Castlegar, B.C.

**MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

Mayor Lawrence Chernoff
Councillor Kevin Chernoff
Councillor Kirk Duff
Councillor Russ Hearne
Councillor Deb McIntosh
Councillor Gordon Turner

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Nil

ALSO PRESENT:

John Malcolm, Chief Administrative Officer
Andre Buss, Director of Finance
Phil Markin, Director of Development Services
Chris Cochran, Director of Transportation and Civic Works
Gerry Rempel, Fire Chief
Pat Mawhinney, Director of Corporate Services
Public and Media

CALL TO ORDER:

There being a quorum present, the Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

AGENDA:
33-08

Moved and seconded,
that the agenda be approved as amended by adding under Finance and Corporate Services, the 2008 BC Local Government Leadership Forum Transportation Authorization and the request from the Atom Hockey group for funding and under Planning and Development, the memorandum Castlegar Airport Lands. Carried.

DELEGATIONS:
- URBAN SYSTEMS
RE: INTEGRATED
COMMUNITY
SUSTAINABILITY
PLANNING (ICSP)
COMMUNITY
ASSESSMENT

Mr. Dan Huang and Mr. James Klukas, of Urban Systems Ltd., presented information to Council regarding the Integrated Community Sustainability Planning Community Assessment. Mr. Huang stated that the objective of this Provincial Program is to help communities plan for their own needs while ensuring that the needs of future generations are met by incorporating an integrated approach. This integrated approach includes environmental, social and economic considerations.

In October, 2007 a workshop was held to discuss community vision, strengths, weakness and opportunities. Representatives from City Council, City staff, the Arts Council, Friends of Parks and Trails, Selkirk College, the Downtown Business Association and the Chamber of Commerce attended the workshop. Priorities identified during the workshop were compact community development, affordable/low cost housing, economic diversification, long term sustainability for industry, green space planning, infrastructure planning and resource management, tourism amenity development, regional inter-community cooperation, air quality improvement and the needs of an aging population.

Mr. Huang stated that the project funding deadline was April 30, 2008.

MINUTES:

34-08
- REGULAR MEETING
- JANUARY 07, 2008

Moved and seconded,
that the minutes of the regular meeting held January 7, 2008, be approved as presented. Carried.

**REPORTS:
COMMUNITY
WELLNESS:**

Nil

**CULTURAL AND CIVIC
PRIDE:**

Nil

**FINANCE AND
CORPORATE
SERVICES:**

35-08
- ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
- DECEMBER 07 –
DECEMBER 21, 2007

Moved and seconded,
that the list of accounts payable for December 07 to December 21,
2007 totaling \$1,163,326.02 covered by cheque numbers 42301 to
42512 inclusive, be received for information and recorded in the
minutes. Carried.

36-08
- COLUMBIA
MOUNTAIN OPEN
NETWORK FINANCIAL
CONTRIBUTION
REQUEST

Moved and seconded,
that the City of Castlegar be authorized to provide the Columbia
Mountain Open Network (CMON) with a financial contribution of
\$9,440.00 as requested in their January 3, 2008, correspondence to
members. Carried.

37-08
- 2008 BY-ELECTION

Moved and seconded,
that, following the resignation of Councillor Brenda Binnie and in
accordance with Section 121(2)(a) of the Community Charter and
Section 37(3)(a) of the Local Government Act, Pat Mawhinney be
appointed Chief Election Officer for the 2008 by-election with power
to appoint other election officials as required for the administration
and conduct the 2008 by-election;

and that John Malcolm and Carolyn Rempel, be appointed Deputy
Chief Election Officers for the 2008 by-election;

and that, the by-election be held on April 5, 2008,

and further that the election officials shall be compensated as
follows:

- a) Chief Election Officer.....\$700.00
- b) Deputy Chief Election Officer.....\$450.00
- c) Poll Clerks\$225.00

and that the City of Castlegar provide lunch and dinner meals for all
election staff in attendance at the voting place of election day.

Carried.

38-08
- TRAVEL APPROVAL
REQUEST - 2008 BC
LOCAL GOVERNMENT
LEADERSHIP FORUM

Moved and seconded,
that Mayor Chernoff be authorized to travel to Richmond, B.C. to
attend the 2008 BC Local Government Leadership Forum to be held
from February 12-14, 2008. Dates of travel would be February 12
and 15, 2008 and expenses would be paid in accordance with the
City's Travel and Related Expense Policy 4-12. Carried.

39-08
- CMHA ATOM HOCKEY
TEAM SPONSORSHIP
REQUEST

Moved and seconded,
that Council approve funding to the Atom Hockey Team to purchase
90 *Hooked on Castlegar* bags for their upcoming tournament. The
Chamber of Commerce will be providing funding for the remaining
90 bags, for a total purchase of 180 *Hooked on Castlegar* bags.

Carried.

**PLANNING AND
DEVELOPMENT:**

40-08
- INTEGRATED
COMMUNITY
SUSTAINABILITY
PLANNING
COMMUNITY
ASSESSMENT

Moved and seconded,

1. that the Final Report on the City of Castlegar Integrated Community Sustainability Planning Community Assessment be received for information; and
2. that City Staff and Council discuss the key initiatives outlined in the plan to decide which initiative(s) are a priority for 2008 and beyond. Carried.

41-08
- CASTLEGAR
AIRPORT LANDS

Moved and seconded,

1. that Council confirm the key terms of the Option to Purchase Document with Staburn Property Group Ltd. with respect to the purchase of up to 13.3 ha (32.85) acres) of Lot B District Lot 4598, Kootenay District Plan NEP67028 at \$370,370.00 per hectare. The initial optionee's lot will consist of a minimum of 8.1 hectares (after road dedication);
2. that Staff be instructed to advertise the proposed property disposition in accordance with Section 26(3) and Section 94 of the Community Charter; and
3. that the Mayor and Director of Corporate Services be authorized to sign and seal, on behalf of the City the Option to Purchase Agreement with Staburn Property Group Ltd. upon receipt of advice from the City Solicitor that the document is in a final form acceptable to him. Carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

42-08
-R.C.M. P. PRESS
RELEASE RE: POLICE
ACTIVIITES –
DECEMBER 31, 2007
TO JANUARY06, 2008

Moved and seconded,

that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police press release regarding police activities for December 31, 2007 to January 6, 2008, be received for information. Carried.

43-08
- EMERGENCY
SERVICES MONTHLY
REPORT DECEMBER
2007

Moved and seconded,

that the Emergency Services Monthly Report for December 2007, be received for information. Carried.

44-08
- FIRE DEPARTMENT
NEWS RELEASE RE:
ZELLSTOFF CELGAR
FIRE

Moved and seconded,

that the City of Castlegar Fire Department News Release dated January 13, 2008 regarding a structure fire at Zellstoff Celgar be received for information. Carried.

45-08
- CITY OF
CASTLEGAR/RDKB
MUTUAL AID
AGREEMENT

Moved and seconded,

that Council authorize the Mayor and Director of Corporate Services to sign the Mutual Aid Agreement between the City of Castlegar and the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary. Carried.

46-08
- UNION OF BC
MUNICIPALITIES PILOT
PROJECT FUNDING –
ZUCKERBERG ISLAND

Moved and seconded,

that the letter from Union of BC Municipalities, Local Government Program Services regarding approval of the 2006 Fuel Management Pilot Project for Zuckerberg Island, be received for information.

Carried.

47-08
- TRANSPORTATION &
CIVIC WORKS
COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
- JANUARY 15, 2008

Moved and seconded,
that the minutes of the Transportation and Civic Works Committee
meeting held January 15, 2008, be received for information.

Carried.

48-08
- 2007 LEAK
DETECTION PROGRAM

Moved and seconded,
that the memo of the 2007 Leak Detection Program, be received for
information.

Carried.

R.D.C.K. REPORT:

Nil

CORRESPONDENCE:

49-08

Moved and seconded ,
that the notice from the Castlegar & District Heritage Society
advising 2008 speaker series; the letter from B.C. Government and
Service Employees' Union regarding information on road and
highways maintenance specifications; the letter from BC Hydro
regarding the public meeting pertaining to the Kinbasket Reservoir
Revegetation Program; the letter from the BC Ministry of Tourism,
Sport & the Arts, Ministry of Environment regarding a Recreation
Trails Strategy for BC; the e-mail correspondence from the Fraser
Basin Council regarding BC Clean Air Forum; the letter from
Heritage BC regarding Heritage Week 2008: February 18-24,2008;
the e-mail from MLA Charlie Wyse regarding support to improve the
Northern BC Ambulance Dispatch Centre; the minutes of the School
District No. 20 (Kootenay-Columbia) regular meeting held
December 17, 2007;and the Board Update from School District No.
20 (Kootenay-Columbia) be received for information.

Carried.

Councillor Turner read aloud information pertaining to the Castlegar
& District Heritage Society 2008 Speaker Series to be held January
23, February 27 and March 19, 2008 in the Community Forum.

Councillor McIntosh referred to the letter dated January 11, 2008
from Jonathan Yardley, President, Heritage BC regarding Heritage
Week 2008, which will be recognized from February 14 to 24, 2008
inclusive. Councillor McIntosh advised that, on February 22, 2008,
the Castlegar & District Heritage Society will hold a grand opening
of Castlegar's First Police Detachment, BC Provincial Police and
members of the public are invited to attend.

50-08
- LETTER FROM
MAYOR KAWASHIMA
AND THE TOWN OF
EMBETSU

Moved and seconded,
that the e-mail correspondence of January 14, 2008 from Curt and
Yuri Kutschera, containing the translation of a letter from Mayor
Kawashima of the Town of Embetsu, Japan advising that the Town
of Embetsu is considering contribution of a sign or garden ornament
for the Japanese component of the new Spirit Square or a
Japanese painting or tapestry for the new City Hall, be referred to
staff for recommendation, and that Mayor Chernoff respond to
Mayor Kawashima to provide answers to questions pertaining to the
grand opening of the new City Hall.

Carried.

REPORTS OTHER:

Nil.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- MOVE AND
TRANSITION FROM
OLD TO NEW CITY
HALL – 460 COLUMBIA
AVENUE

Mayor Chernoff commended City employees for their hard work and assistance with the move and transition from the old to the new City Hall. The Mayor invited members of the public to visit the new City Hall.

Mr. John Malcolm, Chief Administrative Officer, expressed appreciation to staff for their extra work, especially over the weekend of the move. Mr. Malcolm stated that the transition has been flawless to date.

**NEW & UNFINISHED
BUSINESS:**

Nil

BYLAWS:

51-08
- BYLAW 1077
- "COMPLEX" SNOW
DUMP USE BYLAW
- 2ND READING

Moved and seconded,
that Bylaw 1077, Complex Snow Dump Use, be read a second by
content. Carried.

52-08
- BYLAW 1077
- COMPLEX SNOW
DUMP USE BYLAW
- 3RD READING

Moved and seconded,
that Bylaw 1077, Complex Snow Dump Use, be read a third time.
Carried.

NEXT MEETING:

Regular Meeting – February 4, 2008 at the Community Forum, 445
- 13th Avenue, Castlegar, B.C.

NOTICE OF MOTION:

Nil

QUESTION PERIOD:

- MEL MCMULLEN

Mr. Mel McMullen asked if Columbia Mountain Open Network (CMON) was insolvent?
Mayor Chernoff responded that CMON is not insolvent.

Mr. McMullen asked how long the new CMON board would last?
Mayor Chernoff advised that this is a transition board.

Mr. McMullen asked for confirmation that when the City of Trail paid their levy, they asked that they be defined as a preferred creditor?
Mayor Chernoff responded that he was not certain of this.

Mr. McMullen asked if the City of Castlegar is a preferred creditor?
Mayor Chernoff responded that he does not recollect the City of Trail, or other members of CMON requesting preferred creditor status.

Mr. McMullen remarked that some communities have stated that they will no longer fund CMON and questioned how much time the City of Castlegar is prepared to continue with CMON?
Mayor Chernoff responded that the new board had been appointed in December, 2007 and that the City would know more once the business plan is developed.

Mr. John Malcolm, Chief Administrative Officer, added that this is a significant issue and the City should not limit our plans. At this time, it would be artificial to put a timeline on this.

Mr. McMullen asked if the City would be asking for preferred creditor status?
Mayor Chernoff replied that, as a group, all members may choose to do so.

Mr. McMullen asked if the City of Castlegar has a limit to the amount of money they will fund to CMON?

Mayor Chernoff responded that, as stated earlier, we have not yet reached that stage in the process.

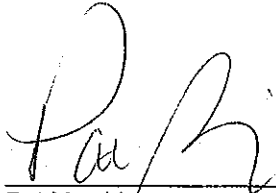
ADJOURNMENT:

53-08

Moved and seconded,
that the meeting adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

Carried.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Pat Mawhinney,
Director of Corporate Services

Lawrence Chernoff,
Mayor