



COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CASTLEGAR

Regular Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Castlegar held Monday, February 4, 2008 at 7:00 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 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA:

60-08

Moved and seconded,
that the agenda be amended by including an announcement regarding the Doukhobor Discovery Centre 2008 Anniversary under Cultural and Civic Pride. Carried.

DELEGATIONS:

- CASTLEGAR
FESTIVAL SOCIETY
RE: SUNFEST 2008

Mr. Ron Armbruster and Mr. Mike Johnston, of the Castlegar Festival Society, appeared before Council.

Mr. Armbruster stated the Sunfest 2007 was a success. He reviewed the Castlegar Festival Society Financial Report for the year ending October 31, 2007. A surplus in the amount of \$7,100 was noted, which was partly due to cancellation of a band for the parade.

Mr. Armbruster stated that Sunfest 2008 would be held June 6th to 8th inclusive. Planned events include the Festival in the Park, the parade, entertainment and fireworks at Selkirk College, the Lawn Mower Races, the Lion's Family Day and the Rotary Pancake Breakfast. The budget for the parade will be increased in 2008 to allow funding for invitations to be extended to additional bands.

The Castlegar Festival Society will forward a letter to the City requesting a parade permit and use of the Millennium Walkway (Geronazzo Pits) for the lawnmower races and use of Kinsmen Park for the Festival in the Park.

On behalf of the Castlegar Festival Society, Mr. Armbruster requested financial assistance from the City for costs associated with insurance for the Sunfest event.

Mr. Armbruster thanked corporate sponsors of the Sunfest event with specific mention to the City of Castlegar civic works department for their assistance and the media for their coverage over the Sunfest weekend.

61-08
- CASTLEGAR
FESTIVAL SOCIETY
FINANCIAL
ASSISTANCE

Moved and seconded,
that the request from the Castlegar Festival Society, for financial assistance for costs associated with provision of insurance to hold the Sunfest event, be referred to the Finance and Corporate Services Committee for review and recommendation. Carried.

- CASTLEGAR &
DISTRICT COMMUNITY
SERVICES SOCIETY
RE: SENORS
INFORMATION PILOT
PROJECT

Ms. Rona Park and Ms. Sandi McCreight of the Castlegar & District Community Services Society, presented information to Council regarding the Senior Information Pilot Project.

Ms. Park advised that funding for the project was awarded through the Union of British Columbia Municipalities to the City and the Community Services Society to develop a comprehensive, easy-to-read, guidebook for seniors. The Community Services Society worked with the Seniors Advisory Committee throughout the development of the guidebook.

The guidebook is available to those age 55 and over and contains information including government, private and business services. Castlegar & District Community Services have been established as the primary contact for guidebook distribution. Feedback from the community has been positive.

Castlegar & District Community Services plan to hold semi-annual Seniors Resource Fairs, with the first fair planned in 2009.

Council congratulated Castlegar & District Community Services Society for their success in the development, content and distribution of the guidebook.

MINUTES:

62-08
- REGULAR MEETING
- JANUARY 21, 2008

Moved and seconded,
that the minutes of the regular meeting held January 21, 2008, be approved as presented. Carried.

63-08
- SPECIAL MEETING
- JANUARY 28, 2008

Moved and seconded,
that the minutes of the special meeting held January 28, 2008, be approved as presented. Carried.

**REPORTS:
COMMUNITY
WELLNESS:**

64-08
- KOOTENAY
COLUMBIA SENIORS
HOUSING
COOPERATIVE
MINUTES OF
DIRECTORS MEETING
- JANUARY 23, 2008

Moved and seconded,
that the minutes of the Kootenay Columbia Seniors Housing Cooperative Directors meeting held January 23, 2008, be received for information. Carried.

65-08
- CASTLEGAR &
DISTRICT LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
- JANUARY 14, 2008

Moved and seconded,
that the minutes of the Castlegar & District Library Board meeting held January 14, 2008, be received for information. Carried.

**CULTURAL AND CIVIC
PRIDE:**

66-08
- CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE MINUTES
- JANUARY 24, 2008

Moved and seconded,
that the minutes of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meeting held January 24, 2008, be received for information. Carried.

67-08
- DOUKHOBOR
DISCOVERY CENTRE –
2008 ANNIVERSARY

Moved and seconded,
that the letter dated January 28, 2008 from The Honourable John Baird, P.C., M.P. to Mr. Larry Ewashen, Curator, The Doukhobor Discovery Centre regarding Peter Vasilevich Verigin as a person of national historic significance and the Migration of the Doukhobors to British Columbia as a national historic event, be received for information. Carried.

**FINANCE AND
CORPORATE
SERVICES:**

68-08
- GRANT APPLICATION
- CASTLEGAR LADIES
CURLING TEAM

Moved and seconded,
that Council approve a \$120.00 grant to the Castlegar Ladies Curling Team to assist with the costs associated with attending the 2008 Senior Women's Provincial Curling Championship in Lake Cowichan, BC from February 11 – 16, 2008. Carried.

69-08
- REQUEST FOR
SPONSORSHIP –
KOOTENAY
ROBUSTERS DRAGON
BOAT TEAM

Moved and seconded,
that Council approve a \$250 grant, to be allocated from the City of Castlegar's grants line item, to the Kootenay Robusters Dragon Boat Team, to sponsor a one-quarter page ad in the Kootenay Robusters 2009 calendar. Carried.

70-08
- GRANTS POLICY
AMENDMENT

Moved and seconded,
that the City of Castlegar Policy Directive 3-2 "Grants Policy" be amended as follows by adding paragraph 3, which states that:

"Notwithstanding sections A(1)(g) and (2) of this policy, local non-profit groups or organizations may be entitled to receive a grant to assist with the costs of providing training for staff or volunteers when no other funding is available, or is insufficient to cover these costs." Carried.

71-08
- GRANTS POLICY
AMENDMENT

Moved and seconded,
that the City of Castlegar Policy Directive 3-2 "Grants Policy" be amended as follows by amending the guidelines for travel grants to increase the amount of the grants as follows:

Provincial

- to \$40 per participant to a maximum of \$500, where total travel distance is less than 1,000 kms
- to \$50 per participant to a maximum of \$800, where total travel distance is greater than 1,000 kms.

National

- to \$60 per participant to a maximum of \$900, where total travel distance is less than 1,000 kms.
- to \$80 per participant to a maximum of \$1,200, where total travel distance is greater than 1,000 kms.

International

- to \$100 per participant to a maximum of \$1,500, where total travel distance is less than 1,000 kms.
- to \$120 per participant to a maximum of \$1,800, where total travel distance is greater than 1,000 kms.

Carried.

72-08
- STATEMENT OF
EXPENDITURES 2007

Moved and seconded,
that the City of Castlegar Statement of Expenditures – 2007 dated January 29, 2008, be received for information. Carried.

73-08
- CASTLEGAR
SENIORS ADVISORY
COMMITTEE – FONT &
PRINT SIZE – CITY
DOCUMENTS

Moved and seconded,
that the letter dated January 31, 2008 from the Director of Corporate
Services to Ms. Rona Park, Chair, Castlegar Seniors Advisory
Committee regarding the font and print size of City Documents, be
received for information. Carried.

**PLANNING AND
DEVELOPMENT:**

74-08
- PLANNING AND
DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
- JANUARY 2, 2008

Moved and seconded,
that the minutes of the Planning and Development Committee
meeting held January 2, 2008, be received for information. Carried.

75-08
- HIGHWAY
ENCROACHMENT
AGREEMENT
(GRANDVIEW
HEIGHTS)

Moved and seconded,
that the City of Castlegar enter into a Highway Encroachment
Agreement (Schedule "A" to Bylaw 628) with the Kootenay
Columbia Seniors Housing Cooperative in order to allow the
placement of a sign identifying the Grandview Heights Seniors
Housing Development; and that the Mayor and Director of
Corporate Services be authorized to execute the Highway
Encroachment Agreement. Carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

76-08
- R.C.M.P. MEDIA
ADVISORY RE:
ROBBERY

Moved and seconded,
that the media advisory from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police
regarding an investigation of a robbery, be received for information.
Carried.

77-08
- R.C.M.P. PRESS
RELEASE RE: VICIOUS
DOG ATTACK

Moved and seconded,
that the press release from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police
regarding a vicious dog attack that took place on January 9, 2008,
be received for information. Carried.

78-08
- R.C.M.P. PRESS
RELEASE RE: ITEMS
DROPPED FROM
OVERPASS

Moved and seconded,
that the press release from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police
regarding items dropped from an overpass on January 25, 2008, be
received for information. Carried.

79-08
- R.C.M.P. NEWS
RELEASE RE: TRAFFIC
SAFETY

Moved and seconded,
that the news release from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police
dated January 25, 2008 regarding Traffic Safety, be received for
information. Carried.

80-08
- R.C.M.P. RE: CITY OF
CASTLEGAR CRIME
STATISTICS

Moved and seconded,
that the letter dated January 10, 2008 from the Royal Canadian
Mounted Police regarding the City of Castlegar Crime Statistics for
the 4th Quarter, 2007, October 1 to December 31, 2007 inclusive, be
received for information. Carried.

**TRANSPORTATION
AND CIVIC WORKS:**

81-08
- OLD CITY HALL –
DEMOLITION AWARD

Moved and seconded,
that Council award the tender for demolition of the Old City Hall to
Napp Enterprises Ltd. for a total cost of \$61,000 plus GST. Further,
it is recommended that Council authorize staff to execute the
necessary documents. Carried.

82-08
- OWNERSHIP OF
BLUEBERRY BRIDGE

Moved and seconded,
that the memorandum from Chris Cochran, Director of Transportation and Civic Works regarding the Ownership of Blueberry Bridge, be received for information and that a copy of the memorandum be sent to Ms. Bev George for information of those living in the Blueberry Creek area.

Carried.

R.D.C.K. REPORT:

83-08
- TEMPORARY
APPOINTMENT OF
ALTERNATE
DIRECTOR TO THE
BOARD OF THE
R.D.C.K.

Moved and seconded,
that Councillor Kirk Duff be appointed as Alternate Director to the Board of the Regional District of Central Kootenay for the time period of February 5 to 29, 2008, for the purposes of attending the upcoming Regional District of Central Kootenay board meeting to be held February 9, 2008.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

84-08

Moved and seconded,
that the information from the Celebrate Canada Committee for B.C. regarding Celebrate Canada 2008, the letter from the Nelson and District Chamber of Commerce regarding the Invitation to Breakfast with Silken Laumann – The Power of Play: Building Better Communities; the resolution from the City of Ottawa regarding Hotel Room Tax; the e-mail correspondence from the Emergency and Health Services Commission regarding BC Ambulance Services – Interior and Northern BC Communications Centre; the letter from the Vancouver Humane Society regarding the Resolution Opposing Battery Cage Egg Production; the memorandum from the Union of B.C. Municipalities, Local Government Program Services regarding the Traffic Safety Pilot Project; the news release from Columbia Basin Trust regarding the Environmental Initiatives Program; and the School District No. 20 (Kootenay-Columbia) news update from January 28, 2008, be received for information.

Carried.

Councillor Chernoff read aloud the memorandum from the Union of B.C. Municipalities, Local Government Program Services regarding the Traffic Safety Pilot Project and thanked the media for covering this pilot project.

85-08
- CELEBRATE CANADA
COMMITTEE FOR BC

Moved and seconded,
that the announcement from Warren Smith, LL.B. President Celebrate Canada Committee for British Columbia, regarding funding available for 2008 community-based celebrations, be forwarded to the Castlegar Festival Society and the Doukhobor Discovery Centre for this information.

Carried.

REPORTS OTHER:

Nil

MAYOR'S REPORT:

86-08
- BID FOR F.C.M.
BOARD OF
DIRECTORS MEETING

Moved and seconded,
that a letter be forwarded to Mayor John Dooley of the City of Nelson, stating support of City of Nelson's bid to host the fall 2010 Federation of Canadian Municipalities Board of Directors Meeting.

Carried.

87-08
- MAYOR CHERNOFF'S
VERBAL REPORT

Moved and seconded,
that the verbal report from Mayor Chernoff regarding events attended from January 18 to February 1, 2008, including the Columbia Basin Trust Board of Directors Meeting, the Regional District of Central Kootenay Board Meeting, the 2007 Columbia River Brigade – David Thompson Voyageur and the Columbia

Mountain Open Network Board of Directors Meeting, be received for information. Carried.

NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

BYLAWS:

- 88-08
- BYLAW 1077
- COMPLEX SNOW DUMP USE BYLAW
- ADOPTION

Nil

Moved and seconded,
that Bylaw 1077, Complex Snow Dump Use Bylaw, be adopted. Carried.

- 89-08
- BYLAW 1078
- RECORDS RETENTION AND DISPOSITION AMENDING BYLAW
- ADOPTION

Moved and seconded,
that Bylaw 1078, Records Retention and Disposition Amending Bylaw, be adopted. Carried.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Regular Meeting – February 18, 2008 at the Community Forum, 445 – 13th Avenue, Castlegar, B.C.

NOTICE OF MOTION:

Nil

QUESTION PERIOD:

Mayor Chernoff welcomed Francisco Canjura, of the Castlegar News, to Castlegar.

Ms. Darlene Kalawsky asked if the \$200,000 budgeted for the Spirit Square included demolition of the old city hall?

Mr. Phil Markin, Director of Development Services responded that demolition of the old city hall was not included in the budget for the Spirit Square.

Ms. Kalawsky asked when more information would be available regarding the Spirit Square.

Mr. Markin responded that more information would be available following a meeting with the consultant this week.

ADJOURNMENT:


90-08

Moved and seconded,
that the meeting adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Carried.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Pat Mawhinney,
Director of Corporate Services



Lawrence Chernoff,
Mayor