



## COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CASTLEGAR

### Regular Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Castlegar held Monday, October 20, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Forum, 445 – 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Castlegar, B.C.

**MEMBERS  
PRESENT:**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Nil

**ALSO PRESENT:**

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

**CALL TO ORDER:**

There being a quorum present, the Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**AGENDA:  
560-08**

Moved and seconded,  
that the agenda be approved as amended by adding under  
"Transportation and Civic Works Reports",  
1. the verbal report regarding Twin Rivers Estates Access;  
2. the verbal report regarding storm drainage at Stellar Place,  
and,

by moving item #121, the letter from Elena Salekin, regarding their request for repairs to sidewalks around the Rota Villa, from Correspondence to Transportation and Civic Works Reports.

Carried.

**DELEGATIONS:**

- MS. MARILYN  
LUSCOMBE,  
PRESIDENT, SELKIRK  
COLLEGE RE:

Ms. Luscombe, President of Selkirk College appeared before Council to make a presentation to the City in recognition and appreciation for the 42 year relationship between the City and Selkirk College. Ms. Luscombe congratulated the City on the opening of the new City Hall and presented Mayor Chernoff with a framed photo of Selkirk College for display in the new building. Ms. Luscombe thanked the City for the support given to Selkirk College over the years.

- MR. DALE  
LITTLEJOHN, ENERGY  
ACTION AWARD

Mr. Dale Littlejohn appeared before Council to congratulate the City on being this year's recipient of the Community Energy Association's Energy Action Award. Mr. Littlejohn extended congratulations to City Council, staff and the citizens of Castlegar in winning this award in the Corporate Operations category in recognition of energy efficiencies in the new City Hall and other innovation across City operations. Mr. Littlejohn expressed appreciation for the City's leadership in this area. Mr. Littlejohn also acknowledged the loss of a municipal leader in the area of climate change with the recent passing of Mr. Calvin Kruk, Mayor of City of Dawson Creek.

Mr. Littlejohn thanked Council for their past and continued efforts in energy and climate initiatives.

- MR. JIM CROCKETT,  
MS. AUDREY  
POLOVNIKOFF –  
CASTLEGAR &  
DISTRICT  
RECREATION  
DEPARTMENT

Mr. Jim Crockett, Recreation Director and Ms. Audrey Polovnikoff, Arts, Cultural & Recreation Programmer for the Castlegar & District Recreation Department attended the meeting to provide Council with an update on programs and projects undertaken at the Community Complex.

Mr. Crockett provided information to Council regarding:

- the governance structure of the Castlegar & District Recreation Department;
- the administrative structure of the department;
- staff structure of the department;
- 2008 project highlights including the Leisure Access Program which will be implemented soon, programming additions and improvements; marketing and promotion efforts over the past year; renovations, improvements and signage at the Community Complex building and improvements to the concession and concession area;
- future planning and building assessments to be completed.

Mr. Crockett reported that the Recreation Department had a successful and rewarding year and is set up nicely for the future. Mr. Crockett acknowledged the efforts of the Recreation Department staff over the past year. Mr. Crockett also thanked the Recreation Commission and the City of Castlegar for their support.

Mr. Crockett and Ms. Polovnikoff extended an invitation to Council members to attend the Open House at the Community Complex on Wednesday, October 29, 2008 beginning at 5:30 p.m..

Council thanked Mr. Crockett and Ms. Polovnikoff for their presentation and congratulated them on a successful year for the Recreation Department.

- MS. SANDRA  
MCCREIGHT -  
GENETICALLY-  
ENGINEERED (G.E.)  
FREE KOOTENAYS

Ms. Sandy McCreight introduced Mr. Jon Steinman and Ms. Kim Charlesworth from the Genetically-Engineered (GE) Free Kootenay Campaign.

Ms. Charlesworth spoke to a resolution for the City of Castlegar to be free of genetically-engineered plants and trees. They also wished to provide additional information to City Council on this matter.

In response to questions from Council Mr. Steinman advised that this is a "farmer-friendly" campaign and advised that this campaign does not want to further harm struggling farmers. The Campaign is investigating alternatives for those farmers presently growing generally-engineered crops.

Mr. Steinman and Ms. Charlesworth agreed that this is a very complex issue and agreed to provide Council with additional information on this subject.

Ms. McCreight advised Council that the Campaign is not requesting the adoption of a bylaw, only a resolution of Council. Ms. McCreight also advised that the Campaign will be requesting support throughout the region and thanked Council for considering this request.

561-08  
- MS. SANDRA  
MCCREIGHT -  
GENETICALLY-  
ENGINEERED (G.E.)  
FREE KOOTENAYS

Moved and seconded,  
WHEREAS, the *Community Charter* grants councils the right and responsibility to impose requirements in relation to:

- the health, safety or protection of persons or property in relation to matters referred to in section 63 (*protection of persons and property*)
- the protection and enhancement of the well-being of its community in relation to the matters referred to in section 64 (*nuisances, disturbances and other objectionable situations*)
- public health
- protection of the natural environment
- animals

WHEREAS, The City of Castlegar's Official Community Plan states under the heading "Environment":

The preservation and enhancement of the quality of the natural environment is a dominating issue in any community. As growth continues, it will be important to carefully integrate the natural and urban components to prevent a decline in the quality of the environment.

WHEREAS, genetically engineered (G.E.) foods have not been adequately tested by any federal agency for long-term impacts on human and environmental health;

WHEREAS, the federal government has yet to fully implement all of the recommendations issued by the Royal Society of Canada for the proper regulation of genetically engineered foods to prevent harm;

WHEREAS, it is currently not possible to prevent genetically engineered seeds and pollen flow from contaminating non-G.E. conventional and organic plants and trees, and wild plants.

WHEREAS, contamination from patented genetically engineered seeds undermines local farmers' independence and exposes them to legal challenges from biotechnology companies;

WHEREAS, the prohibition of genetically engineered plants and trees would ensure the integrity of conventional and organic plants and trees and give local producers access to a developing non-GE market;

WHEREAS, the regulation of genetically engineered plants and trees is a municipal and/or regional affair and in the public interest;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Castlegar hereby opposes the cultivation of genetically engineered plants and trees in the City of Castlegar;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Castlegar agrees to revisit this resolution as pertinent new information becomes available that affects this resolution;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Castlegar shall forward copies of this resolution to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Union of B.C. Municipalities, Interior Health, B.C. Ministry of Health, B.C. Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, B.C. Provincial Health Officer, the Prime Minister of Canada, the

Canadian Food Inspection Agency, Health Canada, CropLife Canada, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, local MLA and MP offices and any interested and related groups.

562-08  
- GENETICALLY-  
ENGINEERED (G.E.)  
FREE KOOTENAYS

Moved and seconded,  
that consideration of the motion be tabled pending the receipt of information, regarding the potential effect or implications of adopting this resolution. Carried.

**MINUTES:**

563-08  
- REGULAR MEETING  
- OCTOBER 6, 2008

Moved and seconded,  
that the minutes of the regular meeting held October 6, 2008, be approved as presented. Carried.

**REPORTS:**

**COMMUNITY  
WELLNESS & SOCIAL  
SERVICES:**

Nil

**CULTURAL AND CIVIC  
PRIDE:**

Nil

**FINANCE AND  
CORPORATE  
SERVICES:**

564-08  
- APPOINTMENT OF  
MUNICIPAL AUDITOR  
(#08-194)

Moved and seconded,  
that BDO Dunwoody LLP is appointed auditor of the City of Castlegar and further, that BDO Dunwoody LLP is appointed to perform the audit for the year ended December 31, 2008. Carried.

565-08  
- REVISED 2008  
BUDGET AND FIVE  
YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN  
(#08-195)

Moved and seconded,  
that Council adopt the 2008 budget as amended, and further that Council consider giving three readings to Bylaw 1096, the bylaw to adopt the amended 2008 to 2012 financial plan.

Carried.

566-08  
- BUSINESS LICENCE  
REPORT  
- SEPTEMBER, 2008  
(#08-189)

Moved and seconded,  
that the Business Licence Report for September 2008, be received for information. Carried.

567-08  
- BUILDING PERMIT  
REPORT  
- SEPTEMBER, 2008  
(#08-190)

Moved and seconded,  
that the Building Permit Report for September, 2008, be received for information. Carried.

568-08  
- DEVELOPMENT  
SERVICES MONTHLY  
ACTIVITY REPORT  
- SEPTEMBER, 2008  
(#08-191)

Moved and seconded,  
that the Development Services Monthly Activity Report for September, 2008, be received for information. Carried.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

569-08  
- TRAFFIC AND BYLAW  
ENFORCEMENT  
MONTHLY ACTIVITY  
REPORT  
- SEPTEMBER, 2008  
(#08-192)

Moved and seconded,  
that the Traffic and Bylaw Enforcement Monthly Activity Report for September, 2008, be received for information. Carried.

570-08  
- EMERGENCY  
SERVICES MONTHLY  
REPORT  
- SEPTEMBER, 2008  
(#08-197)

Moved and seconded,  
that the Emergency Services Monthly Report for September, 2008,  
be received for information. Carried.

**TRANSPORTATION  
AND CIVIC WORKS:**

571-08  
- TRANSPORTATION  
AND CIVIC WORKS  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES

Moved and seconded,  
that the minutes of the Transportation and Civic Works Committee  
meeting held October 14, 2008, be received for information. Carried.

- STORM DRAIN AT  
STELLAR PLACE

Mr. John Malcolm, Chief Administrative Officer provided a verbal  
report to Council regarding recent discussions with the Ministry of  
Transportation regarding the storm drainage at Stellar Place.

The Ministry of Transportation is reviewing the matter and will  
follow-up with City staff.

572-08  
- ROTA VILLA  
REQUEST FOR  
SIDEWALK REPAIR

Moved and seconded,  
that the letter from the Rota Villa regarding repair to sidewalks  
around the Rota Villa, be referred to the Transportation and Civic  
Works Committee and Budget Committee for consideration.

Carried.

**R.D.C.K. REPORT:**

573-08  
- REGIONAL DISTRICT  
OF CENTRAL  
KOOTENAY TRASH TO  
TREASURE DAY

Moved and seconded,  
that the letter from the Regional District of Central Kootenay dated  
October 6, 2008 regarding Trash to Treasure Day to be held on  
Saturday, October 25, 2008, be received for information. Carried.

Mayor Chernoff reminded everyone that the Regional District "Trash  
2 Treasure Day" will be held on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. Citizens  
are encouraged to participate in this recycling program which has  
proven successful over the past two years.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

574-08  
- MINISTRY OF  
FORESTS AND RANGE  
RE: REMOVAL OF  
PRIVATE LAND FROM  
TREE FARM LICENCE  
23

Moved and seconded,  
that e-mail correspondence dated October 14, 2008 from the  
Ministry of Forests and Range regarding the Removal of Private  
Land from Tree Farm Licence 23, be received for information.

Carried.

**REPORTS OTHER:**

Nil

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Nil

**NEW & UNFINISHED  
BUSINESS:**

Nil

**BYLAWS:**

575-08  
- BYLAW 1096  
- 2008-2012 FINANCIAL  
PLAN  
- 1<sup>ST</sup> READING

Moved and seconded,  
that Bylaw 1096, 2008-2012 Financial Plan Bylaw, be read a first  
time by title. Carried.

576-08  
- BYLAW 1096  
- 2008-2012 FINANCIAL  
PLAN  
- 2<sup>ND</sup> READING

Moved and seconded,  
that Bylaw 1096, 2008-2012 Financial Plan Bylaw, be read a  
second time by content. Carried.

577-08  
- BYLAW 1096  
- 2008-2012 FINANCIAL  
PLAN  
- 3<sup>RD</sup> READING

Moved and seconded,  
that Bylaw 1096, 2008-2012 Financial Plan Bylaw, be read a third  
time. Carried.

**NEXT MEETINGS:**

Regular Meeting, November 3, 2008, 7:00 p.m. at the Community  
Forum, 445-13<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Castlegar, B.C.

**NOTICE OF MOTION:**

Nil

**QUESTION PERIOD:**

Nil

**ADJOURNMENT:**

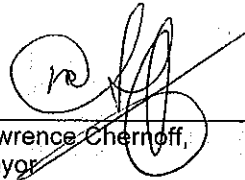
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Moved and seconded,  
that the meeting adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Carried.

**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**



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Carolyn Rempel,  
Director of Corporate Services



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Lawrence Chernoff,  
Mayor