



COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CASTLEGAR

Regular Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Castlegar held Monday, June 15, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Forum, 445 – 13th Avenue, Castlegar, B.C.

**MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

Mayor Lawrence Chernoff
Councillor Kevin Chernoff
Councillor Russ Hearne
Councillor Bernie Krueckl
Councillor Deb McIntosh
Councillor Gordon Turner

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councillor Kirk Duff

ALSO PRESENT:

John Malcolm, Chief Administrative Officer
Andre Buss, Director of Finance
Chris Barlow, Deputy Director of Transportation and Civic Works
Carolyn Rempel, Director of Corporate Services
Gerry Rempel, Fire Chief
Kristin Aasen, Sustainability Management Facilitator
Public and Media

CALL TO ORDER:

There being a quorum present, the Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**AGENDA:
310-09**

Moved and seconded,
that the agenda be approved as presented. Carried.

DELEGATIONS:

- MR. DON SIMPSON,
BDO DUNWOODY RE:
2008 ANNUAL
FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Don Simpson, the City's auditor, presented the City of Castlegar's audited financial statements for 2008 and advised that the audited financial statements accurately reflect, in all material aspects, the City's financial position as of December 31, 2008.

Mayor Chernoff called for questions from the public regarding the 2008 Annual Municipal Report.

A member of the public requested clarification on how the implementation of the new accounting standard for tangible capital assets will affect the City's financial position. Mr. Simpson explained that the City must now show depreciation on infrastructure assets which could potentially change the City's financial position as shown on financial statements.

Mr. Simpson thanked Mr. Andre Buss, Director of Finance and his staff, for their assistance during the audit process.

Mayor Chernoff thanked Mr. Simpson for attending the meeting and presenting the City's audited financial statements.

- MS. TERRI
MACDONLAD, INVEST
KOOTENAY & MS. LISA
ERVEN, COMMUNITY
FUTURES

Ms. MacDonald and Ms. Erven attended the meeting to provide Council with an update on the activities of Invest Kootenay and Community Futures. Ms. MacDonald and Ms. Erven provided:

- an overview of the Invest Kootenay Partnership including rationale, history and regional research;
- an update on strategic priorities and local actions;
- information on Invest Kootenay key players including community partners and advisory groups, first point of contact representatives, coordinator, community connectors and ambassadors;

- information on success measuring; and
- an update on recent activities.

Mayor Chernoff thanked Ms. MacDonald and Ms. Erven for their presentation.

- MR. MARC SAVOIE,
MS. LORI THOMPSON,
& MS. BARB IHLEN,
REPRESENTING
CASTLEGAR SOCIETY
FOR SEARCH AND
RESCUE

Mr. Savoie, Ms. Thompson and Ms. Ihlen attended the meeting to present information to Council regarding the Castlegar Society for Search and Rescue.

Mr. Savoie, Ms. Thompson and Ms. Ihlen provided information on the history of the Society and summarized for Council the services provided by the Society. Ms. Ihlen reviewed for Council information on their Society's volunteer members, the training requirements and the Society's equipment cache. Ms. Ihlen advised Council that the Society receives no annual funding from any level of government and are totally reliant on donations from organizations and individuals. CSAR's maintenance and fixed costs such as insurance and training have increased over the past three years and CSAR now requires sustainable funding to ensure its services are maintained and available to outside agencies and the public. The Castlegar Search and Rescue Society is requesting on-going financial assistance from the City in order to reduce or eliminate the fixed costs that they are incurring. The Society is hoping that providing financial support will be a regional effort with support from the regional areas as well as the City.

Council expressed appreciation for the services provided by the Search and Rescue Society and Mayor Chernoff thanked Mr. Savoie, Ms. Thompson and Ms. Ihlen for their presentation.

MINUTES:

- 311-09
- REGULAR MEETING
- JUNE 1, 2009

Moved and seconded,
that the minutes of the regular meeting held June 1, 2009, be approved as presented. Carried.

- 312-09
- PUBLIC HEARING
- JUNE 2, 2009

Moved and seconded,
that the minutes of the public hearing held June 2, 2009, be approved as presented. Carried.

**REPORTS:
COMMUNITY
WELLNESS & SOCIAL
SERVICES:**

- 313-09
- AKBLG 2010
CONFERENCE
(#09-142)

Moved and seconded,
that all members of City Council, Mr. John Malcolm, Mrs. Carolyn Rempel, Mrs. Nicole Brown and Ms. Kristin Aasen, be appointed to the City of Castlegar Association of Kootenay Boundary Local Governments 2010 Conference Organizing Committee. Carried.

- 314-09
- ACTNOW BC

Moved and seconded,
that the letter from ActNow BC dated May 7, 2009 regarding the GamesTown 2010 Campaign, be received for information. Carried.

Information regarding the Games Town 2010 Contest will be provided to the Castlegar & District Recreation Commission.

CULTURAL AND CIVIC

PRIDE:

- 315-09
- KOOTENAY DOUKHOBOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES

Moved and seconded,
that the minutes of the Kootenay Doukhobor Historical Society meeting held May 7, 2009, be received for information. Carried.

FINANCE AND CORPORATE

SERVICES:

- 316-09
- MINUTES

Moved and seconded,
that the minutes of the Finance & Corporate Services Committee meeting held May 27, 2009, be received for information. Carried.

GRANT REQUEST:

- 317-09
- NATIONAL ABORIGINAL DAY - JUNE 21, 2009 (#09-140)

Moved and seconded,
that Council approve a \$500 grant, out of the City's grants line item, to the Lower Columbia All First Nations Council to assist with the costs of holding the National Aboriginal Day Celebration at Pass Creek Park on June 21, 2009. Carried.

- 318-09
- VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT COMMUNITY SHOWCASE VIDEO PROJECT (#09-143)

Moved and seconded,
that consideration of the Report to Council (#09-143) regarding the Vancouver Airport Community Showcase Video Project, be postponed. Carried.

GREEN:

- 319-09
- KOOTENAY FOOD STRATEGY SOCIETY (KFSS)

Moved and seconded,
that the letter dated June 8, 2009 from the Kootenay Food Strategy (KFSS) regarding the Castlegar Community Garden Site Enhancement Program, be received for information. Carried.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

- 320-09
- MINUTES (#09-134)

Moved and seconded,
that the minutes of the Planning and Development Committee meeting held May 28, 2009, be received for information. Carried.

- 321-09
- BUSINESS LICENCE REPORT (#09-136)

Moved and seconded,
that the Business Licence Report for May, 2009, be received for information. Carried.

- 322-09
- BUILDING PERMIT REPORT (#09-137)

Moved and seconded,
that the Building Permit Report for May, 2009, be received for information. Carried.

- 323-09
- DEVELOPMENT SERVICES MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT (#09-138)

Moved and seconded,
that the Development Services Monthly Activity Report for May, 2009, be received for information. Carried.

- 324-09
- ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Moved and seconded,
that the minutes of the Advisory Planning Commission meeting held May 26, 2009, be received for information. Carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

- 325-09
- MINUTES

Moved and seconded,
that the minutes of the Public Safety Committee meeting held May 6, 2009, be received for information. Carried.

326-09
- TRAFFIC & BYLAW
ENFORCEMENT
MONTHLY ACTIVITY
REPORT (#09-139)

Moved and seconded,
that the Traffic and Bylaw Enforcement Monthly Activity Report for
May, 2009, be received for information. Carried.

**TRANSPORTATION
AND CIVIC WORKS:**
327-09
- MINUTES

Moved and seconded,
that the minutes of the Transportation and Civic Works Committee
meeting held June 9, 2009, be received for information. Carried.

328-09
- CASTLEGAR
AIRPORT REPORT

Moved and seconded,
that the Castlegar Airport Report for May, 2009, be received for
information. Carried.

329-09
- 2ND AVENUE
ENGINEERING AND
DESIGN (#09-141)

Moved and seconded,
that Council instruct staff to proceed with award of the engineering
of upgrades to 2nd Avenue between 27th Street and 1st Avenue for a
total price of \$33,300 plus GST to WSA Engineering and that
Council authorize staff to execute the necessary documents.
Carried.

330-09
- SOUTH SEWAGE
TREATMENT PLANT
HEADWORKS ROOF
RECOMMENDATION
FOR AWARD (#09-145)

Moved and seconded,
that Council award the contract for supply and installation of the
South Sewage Treatment Plant Headworks Roof to Western
Industrial Contractors Ltd. for the sum of \$40,777 plus GST, and
that Council authorize staff to execute the necessary documents.
Carried.

R.D.C.K. REPORT:

331-09
- CASTLEGAR &
DISTRICT
RECREATION
COMMISSION
MINUTES

Moved and seconded,
that the minutes of the Castlegar & District Recreation Commission
meeting held June 9, 2009, be received for information. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

332-09

Moved and seconded,
that the correspondence from the BC Coalition of People with
Disabilities regarding Use of Cell Phones and Other Handheld
Devices While Operating a Motor Vehicle; Ms. Shelly Stetsko
regarding the Proposed Expansion of Soccer Field; Union of B.C.
Municipalities, Local Government Program Services regarding the
2009 West Nile Virus Risk Reduction Initiative – Base Funding; Mr.
Joe Cressy, Polaris Institute and Ms. Claudia Ferris, Toxic Free
Canada regarding Bottled Water; The Honourable Steven Point,
Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia Appreciation Letter; Arrow
Yacht Club, Mr. Dale Wright, Mr. John Kitchener regarding the
Allendale Sewage Outflow into Arrow Lake; Fortis BC regarding
FortisB.C.'s Resource Planning Initiative; U.B.C.M. regarding
Resolutions Submission and Debate; Royal Canadian Mounted
Police regarding Police Activities; and U.B.C.M. regarding
Appointment of the Honourable Bill Bennett as Minister of
Community and Rural Development, be received for information.
Carried.

333-09
- CROSSWALK ON 37TH
STREET

Moved and seconded,
that the correspondence dated June 5, 2009 from Mr. Gordon
Kavaloff regarding a request for a crosswalk on 37th Street, be
referred to the Transportation and Civic Works Committee for
review. Carried.

334-09
- 7TH AVENUE
CONSTRUCTION

Moved and seconded,
that the correspondence dated June 11, 2009 from Mr. Steve Sanders regarding the 7th Avenue sidewalk installation, be referred to Mr. Chris Cochran, Director of Transportation and Civic Works and Mr. Chris Barlow, Deputy Director of Transportation and Civic Works for response. Carried.

335-09
- KOOTENAY
PERFORMING &
VISUAL ARTS SOCIETY

Moved and seconded,
that the Council provide a letter of support to the Kootenay Performing and Visual Arts Society in support of their efforts to secure the property commonly known as "Indian Flats" as the location of their theatre and convention centre project; and

that a copy of the letter be forwarded to the Regional District of Central Kootenay. Carried.

336-09
- CASTLEGAR
SOCIETY FOR SEARCH
AND RESCUE

Moved and seconded,
that the report from the Castlegar Society for Search & Rescue, be referred to the Finance and Corporate Services Committee for discussion and a report to Council. Carried.

REPORTS OTHER:

337-09
- STRATEGIC
PRIORITIES CHART

Moved and seconded,
that the City of Castlegar Strategic Priorities Chart developed at the Strategic Planning session held February 16 and 17, 2009, be received for information. Carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Nil

**NEW & UNFINISHED
BUSINESS:**

Nil

BYLAWS:

338-09
- BYLAW 1108,
- 3RD READING

Moved and seconded,
that Bylaw 1108, Zoning Amendment Bylaw (3805 Columbia Avenue), be read a third time. Carried.

339-09
- BYLAW 1107
- 3RD READING

Moved and seconded,
that Bylaw 1107, Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw (3805 Columbia Avenue), be read a third time. Carried.

340-09
- BYLAW 1107
- ADOPTION

Moved and seconded,
that Bylaw 1107, Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw (3805 Columbia Avenue), be adopted. Carried.

341-09
- BYLAW 1109
- ADOPTION

Moved and seconded,
that Bylaw 1109, Subdivision and Development Amendment Bylaw, be adopted. Carried.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Regular Meeting, July 13, 2009, 7:00 p.m. at the Community Forum, 445-13th Avenue, Castlegar, B.C.

NOTICE OF MOTION:

Nil

QUESTION PERIOD:

- RUDIGER KLAUS

Mr. Clauss requested that the City look at installing more garbage bins around the City, particularly on Columbia Avenue.

Mr. Clauss also requested that the City send a letter on behalf of the Search and Rescue Society urging the provincial government to provide insurance coverage for Search and Rescue Societies.

- CAROL SHYPITKA

Ms. Shypitka asked if there is a City policy for helping individuals in immediate need due to extenuating circumstances. Councillor McIntosh advised that individuals can be referred to the food bank, or to the police if an emergency shelter or safe home is required.

ADJOURNMENT:

342-09

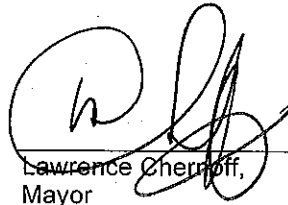
Moved and seconded,
that the meeting adjourn at 8:46 P.M.

Carried.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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Carolyn Rempel,
Director of Corporate Services



Lawrence Chernoff,
Mayor