



Special Meeting of Council Agenda September 8, 2020

A **Special Meeting of Council** will be held electronically via Zoom live meeting, Castlegar, B.C. commencing at **3:30 p.m.**

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1 CALL TO ORDER (3:30 p.m.)

2 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

3 FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES (CHAIR MCFADDIN / DEPUTY HEATON-SHERSTOBIFF)

- (a) **Castlegar and District Recreation Complex Upgrades – Grant Opportunity.**
Report 20-139 to be distributed at the meeting.

4 CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Letter from the City of Rossland requesting Columbia Basin Trust consider making Climate Change a priority in their new Strategic Plan.

5 NEXT MEETING

Monday, September 14, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. for Committee of the Whole Meeting followed by the Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. by Zoom Live Meeting.

6 QUESTION PERIOD

7 ADJOURNMENT

Given under my hand this 3rd day of September, 2020 and posted in accordance with Section 127 of the *Community Charter*.

Tracey Butler
Director of Corporate Services



File No: 0110.05(2020)

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

September 3, 2020

Dear Chair Carver, Columbia Basin Trust Board Members, and CEO Johnny Strilaeff;

It was with great excitement that I reviewed the Trust's draft Strategic Plan. There are some excellent ideas and focus areas included that will provide needed resources to critical areas. However, there was one very large gap that jumped out: There is no mention of climate change. As this is the overwhelming crisis of our age, it is extremely important that the Trust continue to promote action in this area.

The Trust has, for over a decade, been a progressive leader in assisting communities and non-profit groups to mitigate and adapt to climate change. So much excellent, initial work has been done, but much of it has yet to be implemented. The Climate Action Initiatives were just the start, not the end of this process. This is an opportunity that cannot be missed! Climate change impacts every aspect of our existence; not just environmental concerns but the viability of our economic resiliency and our social cohesiveness. Climate change challenges run through every initiative in the Trust's portfolio.

Climate change is a global issue, and addressing it goes far beyond any municipal government mandate. Our communities need significant help that only outside funding can address. In previous conversations about the Trust's new strategic plan, it did not occur to me that this important area was being dropped from the Trust's plans.

As an example, there are nine West Kootenay local governments who have pledged to rely on 100% renewable energy by 2050. Over the last year, we had invaluable coordination from the Eco-Society to bring us all together and create the plan that will soon be adopted by our respective Councils. However, even after adoption, the hard work of implementation would be greatly enhanced by ongoing coordination from the Eco-Society but the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' funding ends in December 2020. None of these small communities can take on this role. This would be an excellent opportunity for the Trust to help us reach this worthy goal. This project would make an ideal pilot project for other Basin collaborations and we will be delighted to share our process as well as our finished 100% Renewable Energy Plan.

There are so many excellent climate related projects in communities throughout the Columbia Basin that are worthy and would be eligible for the Trust's support as long as climate change is considered a top priority in the new strategic plan. I am very curious to learn what is CBT will do to enable effective climate action by local governments. We are the order of government in Canada that has the potential to affect more than 50% of national emissions.

Thank you for your serious consideration of this request and many thanks for the ongoing and essential support the Columbia Basin Trust provides to all of the Basin communities.

Best regards,

Mayor Kathy Moore