

THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTROSE

REGULAR MEETING # 02-03

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the Village of Montrose held in the Council Chambers on January 21, 2003.

Present: Mayor M. Walsh
Councillor A. Benzer
Councillor G. Parker
Councillor R. Schmidt
Administrator A. Carrel

Absent: Councillor G. Welsh

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Walsh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

Agenda Moved by Councillor Benzer
Seconded by Councillor Parker

That the revised agenda for Regular Meeting # 02-03 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

CCERC Ms. Jane Power made a presentation on the Comprehensive Community Education and Resource Center Society's activities and accomplishments during the past twelve months. Ms. Power served notice that CCERC will hold its AGM on February 27th, 2003.

RCMP Cpl J. Stochmanski, RCMP, made a presentation on the crime statistics for the last quarter of 2002.

MINUTES

Meeting # 01-03 Moved by Councillor Parker
Seconded by Councillor Benzer

That the Minutes of Regular Meeting # 01-03 of January 7, 2003, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved by Councillor Parker
Seconded by Councillor Schmidt

That the Consent Calendar including:

- (1) Hon. G. Abbott – Authority for tax refund;
- (2) Commissionaires – December 2002 Report;
- (3) BC Hydro – LED seasonal lights;
- (4) UBCM – In the House;
- (5) UBCM – 2003 UBCM Membership, and
- (6) UBCM – 2003 Membership Fees

be accepted as circulated.

CARRIED

MOTIONS & SUBMISSIONS

Nil

REFERRALS FROM PRIOR MEETINGS

MYATS Request for bridge financing to acquire skateboard park elements.

Referred to next meeting

AKBM A resolution on small rural schools for consideration at the AKBM convention.

Moved by Councillor Benzer
Seconded by Councillor Parker

WHEREAS schools in small rural municipalities, often underutilized due to the inflexibility of provincial policies, are community assets serving essential educational, cultural and social needs, and

WHEREAS the consolidation of public services for narrowly defined economic reasons is placing the survival of small rural community schools at risk,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities enter into negotiations with the Government of British Columbia to expand the role and use of small rural schools to their full potential for the benefit of citizens and municipalities, and thereby ensure the long-term viability of these essential assets.

CARRIED

REFERRALS FROM DELEGATIONS

Nil

CORRESPONDENCE

Police Costs A memorandum from UBCM Police Cost Task Force Chair, Mr. H. Cunningham, with a status report on the UBCM's police cost for small communities negotiations with the Provincial Government.

Council requested that a letter be drafted to state Council's position.

Vancouver 2010 A letter from Premier G. Campbell asking for ideas for suitable "Olympic Live sites" projects.

Acknowledged

CMON An invitation to attend a community summit on Wednesday, January 29, 2003, in Castlegar on the subject of implementation of the fibre-optic project.

Councillor Schmidt will attend.

PEP A letter from Mr. M. Harrower, Director, Provincial Emergency Program, with an invitation to attend an emergency measures workshop in Castlegar on February 19, 2003.

Councillor Schmidt to attend.

PAC A letter from Ms. C. Cook, Chair, Montrose PAC, requesting Council approval for no-fee access to the Community Hall for PAC's hot lunch program.

Mayor Walsh, being a member of CUPE, the union affected by changes in the school lunch program, declared a conflict of interest and withdrew from Council's deliberations.

Councillor Benzer assumed the chair as Acting Mayor.

Moved by Councillor Schmidt
Seconded by Councillor Parker

That the Montrose PAC request for no-fee access to the Community Hall for the purpose of providing their hot lunch program to Montrose Elementary School students be approved.

CARRIED

Mayor Walsh returned to the meeting.

REPORTS & MEMORANDA

Staff Report

Deputy Clerk – Report on action taken in response to Council Meeting # 01-03 directives.

Councillor Schmidt, being the supplier of goods recommended for purchase by staff, declared a conflict of interest and withdrew from Council’s deliberations.

Moved by Councillor Benzer
Seconded by Councillor Parker

That “Village of Montrose” fridge magnets with emergency phone numbers be purchased for inclusion with the 2003 tax notices.

CARRIED

Councillor Schmidt returned to the meeting.

Moved by Councillor Benzer
Seconded by Councillor Parker

That Erb photography of Fruitvale be contracted to take the Council pictures.

CARRIED

Council directed that staff coordinate the sitting for the Council pictures.

Council directed that the newsletter be produced with the Village’s letterhead.

Financial matters

Accounts Payable
5687-5718

Moved by Councillor Benzer
Seconded by Councillor Parker

That the commitments and expenditures represented by the accounts payable listed below be authorized and that the payment in the amount of THIRTY-ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY-SIX dollars and EIGHT cents be approved:

Payroll direct deposits and cheques # 5687-5718	\$31,196.08
TOTAL NET CURRENT EXPENDITURE	\$31,196.08

CARRIED

BYLAWS

599

Moved by Councillor Parker
Seconded by Councillor Benzer

That Bylaw # 599, cited as the Business Licence Bylaw, be now introduced and read a first time.

CARRIED

Council requested a sampling of business licence rates in other municipalities prior to the consideration of the bylaw’s second reading.

POLICIES

1791

Moved by Councillor Parker
Seconded by Councillor Benzer

That Policy # 1791, cited as the Office Purchasing Policy, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

MEMBER REPORTS & INQUIRIES

Councillor Schmidt

A verbal report on:
a) Attending CMON meeting, and encouraging local residents interested in communications to attend as well.

Councillor Benzer

A verbal report on:
a) RDKB Waste Management Committee’s consideration of contaminated soil deposits;
b) RDKB Recycling and composting report;
c) RDKB Community Services Commission meeting report.

Councillor Parker

A verbal report on:
a) Snowplowing complaint about a damaged fence;
b) CBT Community Initiatives Program application support for MYATS.

Councillor Welsh

No report.

Mayor Walsh

A verbal report on:
a) meeting with Minister of Education on Feb/4/03;
b) municipal credit card

Moved by Councillor Parker
Seconded by Councillor Benzer

That the Village acquire a corporate credit card, and that the card be retained in the Village office.

CARRIED

c) Golden Jubilee Commemorative Medal awards on January 23, 2003. Councillor Schmidt will attend.

Administrator

A verbal report on:
a) Request by the Beaver Falls Water Board for a meeting with Council. Council agreed to meet on Feb/13/03.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councillor Parker the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

I hereby certify the preceding to be a true and correct account of the Regular Meeting #02-03 of Council held on January 21, 2003.

Mayor

Clerk