

THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTROSE

REGULAR MEETING # 28-03

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the Village of Montrose held in the Council Chambers on December 15, 2003.

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

Absent: Nil

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 agenda for Regular Meeting # 28-03 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

Nil

MINUTES

Meeting # 27-03 Moved by Councillor Welsh
Seconded by Councillor Benzer
That the Minutes of Regular Meeting # 27-03 of December 2, 2003, be approved as circulated.
CARRIED

CoW Meeting Moved by Councillor Parker
Seconded by Councillor Welsh
That the Minutes of the Committee-of-the-Whole of December 9, 2003, be approved as circulated.
CARRIED

CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved by Councillor Schmidt
Seconded by Councillor Welsh

That the Consent Calendar including:
(1) Commissionaires – November 2003 Report;
(2) UBCM – Forest Policy Feedback;
(3) UBCM – FCM Rural Forum;
(4) RDKB – Contaminated Soil Delivery;
(5) UBCM – Meat Inspection Regulations;
(6) SD # 20 – Board Update;
(7) AKBM – Executive Meeting;
(8) Montrose Community Chest – Thank You;
(9) Min of Forest – Fire Smart Manual;
(10) Terasen Gas – Operating Agreement Update;
(11) ReMax – Season's Greetings;
(12) Building Inspector – November 2003 Report;

- (13) FCM – Prime Minister Swearing In;
 (14) SD # 20 – Inaugural Meeting – Dec/1/03, and
 (15) SD # 20 – Regular Meeting – Dec/1/03
 be accepted as circulated.

CARRIED

Council requested that the condition of the Cottonwood tree at 365-8th Avenue be examined.

MOTIONS & SUBMISSIONS

Nil

REFERRALS FROM PRIOR MEETINGS

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| Energy Savings | Urban Systems Ltd. – First report on the study to optimize utility charges in the water system.

Council requested a summary of the USL Energy Savings report. |
| Aquila | Aquila Networks Canada – an information package on the utility company's preliminary 2004 revenue requirements.

Acknowledged |
| Water Lands | Administrator – A report on the land tenure of the water infrastructure.

Acknowledged |

REFERRALS FROM DELEGATIONS

Nil

CORRESPONDENCE

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| SD # 20 | A letter from School Board # 20 with an explanation on power billing errors at Trail Middle School.

Acknowledged |
| LCCDT | Copy of a presentation from the Lower Columbia Community Development Team to the J.L. Crowe Feasibility Study.

Acknowledged |
| Aquila | A letter from Aquila Networks Canada Inc. with an offer to assist the Village's capital planning under the PowerSense program.

Council directed that the Aquila PowerSense program be brought to the attention of Urban Systems Ltd. with reference to the wells improvement and the energy conservation projects. |
| MIA | A letter from the Municipal Insurance Association asking for support for the UBCM/MIA position on civil liability.

Moved by Councillor Schmidt
Seconded by Councillor Benzer

That Council endorse the UBCM-MIA Joint Task Force recommendations on civil liability.

CARRIED |
| City of Trail | A letter from the City of Trail expressing concern over the slow progress in the Lower Columbia Governance Review.

Acknowledged |
| Fort St. John | A letter from the City of Fort St. John asking for support for a resolution on alternative justice program funding grants.

Acknowledged |

- AKBM A second call for resolutions from the Association of Kootenay Boundary Municipalities.
Acknowledged
- MFA A letter from the Municipal Finance Authority to inform Council of a \$41,895.94 refund on the Village's Issue # 23 debenture...
Acknowledged
- RDKB A letter from the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary concerning the postponements of the sub-regional recreation service review.
Acknowledged
- West Vancouver Copy of a letter to the Premier on the subject of Bill 75, the Significant Projects Streamlining Act.
Acknowledged
- Min. of CSE A letter from the Minister of Competition, Science and Enterprise explaining the objectives of Bill 75, the *Significant Projects Streamlining Act*.
Acknowledged
- North Vancouver A letter from the City of North Vancouver with information on a resolution opposing the sale of BC Rail.
Acknowledged
- Port McNeil Copy of a letter to the Attorney General of Canada on the subject of Age of Consent.
Acknowledged
- LCCDT Notice of an anticipated newspaper article on the area in the Vancouver Sun.
Acknowledged
- Telus A letter from Telus advising Council that no solid plans are in place for High Speed Internet expansion to Montrose in 2004.
Moved by Councillor Benzer
Seconded by Councillor Parker
That a letter be written to Telus requesting that, in consideration of the availability of High Speed Internet in nearby Fruitvale and Trail, the Village of Montrose be placed on the Telus High Speed Internet Expansion Plans for 2004.
CARRIED
- RDKB An e-mail response from the RDKB Resource Recovery Coordinator on the membership of the Waste Management Plan Review Public Advisory Committee.
Acknowledged
- No-Fault Liability A letter from the Coalition Against No-Fault In BC to provide information on the negative effects of proposed changes to civil liability laws in BC.
Acknowledged
- REPORTS & MEMORANDA**
- Water Mains A report from Levelton Engineering Ltd. on the remaining useful life of the Village's asbestos-cement water mains.
Acknowledged

Urban Systems A report from Urban Systems Ltd. with an evaluation and considerations following the Levelton report on the Village's asbestos-cement water mains.

Council directed that the replacement of asbestos-cement water mains be incorporate in paving plan.

Staff Report Deputy Clerk – A report on action take by staff in response to Council directives from Meeting # 27-03 of December 2, 2003.

Council directed that the hall rental be advertised in the Pennywise publication.

Moved by Councillor Welsh
Seconded by Councillor Benzer

That 10 cleaning racks c/w 10 dozen Libby wine stemware glasses be purchased for the Community Hall.

CARRIED

Council directed that the Council pictures in Council Chambers be displayed in two offset rows.

Council referred the volunteer dinner matter for consideration to the regular meeting of April 6, 2004.

Council referred consideration for the Thérèse Gasgrain Volunteer Award nominations to the next regular meeting.

Financial Matters

Accounts Payable # 6239-6263 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 TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED and SEVENTY-TWO dollars and FIFTY-THREE cents be approved:

Payroll direct deposits and cheques # 6239-6263	\$ 23,172.53
TOTAL NET CURRENT EXPENDITURE	\$ 23,172.53

CARRIED

Council requested a report on the circumstances leading to the installation of electric heaters in the pump house and lift station (Cheque # 6254).

BYLAWS

Nil

POLICIES

Service Policy Administrator – Explanatory note on draft policy #1792 to govern the evaluation of the performance of continuous service providers.

1792 Moved by Councillor Parker
Seconded by Councillor Benzer

That Policy # 1792, being the Continuous Services Policy, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

MEMBER REPORTS & INQUIRIES

Councillor Schmidt A verbal report on:

- More clean-up of fallen trees needed behind post office;
- CMON project with SD # 20 signed;

c) Suggestion for annual multi-council picnic/gathering. Council directed that draft letter of invitation be prepared.

Councillor Benzer A verbal report on:

a) RDKB Commission meeting.

Councillor Parker No report.

Councillor Welsh No report.

Mayor Walsh A verbal report on:

a) EMCON meeting on highway maintenance;

b) Complaint by Mr. M. Barta about drainage at 624 – 5th Street. Council directed that a draft response be prepared;

c) Confirmation of Vancouver Foundation donation of \$20,000 for MYATS. Council expressed appreciation for the support the Village of Montrose has received from the Vancouver Foundation in recent years.

Administrator A verbal report on:

a) Administration services being provided to the Village of Salmo.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councillor Parker the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

I hereby certify the preceding to be a true and correct account of the Regular Meeting #28-03 of Council held on December 15, 2003.

Mayor

Clerk