

THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTROSE

**REGULAR MEETING #08-07**

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the Village of Montrose held in the Council Chambers on March 05, 2007.

Present Mayor A. Benzer  
Councillor R. Schmidt  
Councillor C. Cook  
Councillor G. Parker  
Councillor G. Welsh  
CAO B. Teasdale

Media: Trail Times

Absent Nil

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**AGENDA**

The CAO advised of a late item added to the agenda.

Agenda Moved by Councillor Parker  
Seconded by Councillor Welsh

That the revised agenda for Regular Meeting #08-07 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

**DELEGATIONS**

CCRR Ms. Gail Lavery, Executive Director, F.A.I.R. and Lynn Proulx, director, Sunshine Daycare Centre addressed Council regarding the current status of provincial funding of childcare programs in the Greater Trail area.

Ms. Lavery advised Council that since their presentations to various municipal Councils in the West Kootenays in late January, funding for CCRR programs have reestablished to a certain extent. Ms Lavery also discussed the current situation of FAIR's Childcare Resource and Referral Program (CCRR) and requested a motion of support from Council to protest the provincial government's decision to reduce childcare operating grants and that it be sent to the AKBLG and the UBCM.

Ms. Proulx advised of the impact this funding cut has on local family daycare centres. Ms. Proulx also stated ongoing issues associated with the decision to reduce Daycare Operating Grants.

A question and answer period followed the presentation. Council thanked Ms. Lavery and Ms. Proulx for their presentation.

**MINUTES**

Meeting #06-07 Moved by Councillor Cook  
Seconded by Councillor Schmidt

That the Minutes of Regular Meeting #06-07 of February 19, 2007, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Moved by Councillor Cook

Seconded by Councillor Welsh

That the Consent Calendar including:

- (1) UBCM – Excerpts from the 2007 Provincial Budget,
- (2) AKBLG – January Meeting Minutes,
- (3) BC Commissionaires – January Month-End Report, and
- (4) FortisBC – Notice of acquisition of Terasen Gas

be accepted as circulated.

CARRIED

#### **MOTIONS & SUBMISSIONS**

Nil

#### **REFERRALS FROM PRIOR MEETINGS**

Nil

#### **REFERRALS FROM DELEGATIONS**

CCRR

Moved by Councillor Welsh  
Seconded by Councillor Cook

That the Village of Montrose protest the provincial government's decision to reduce Childcare Operating Grants.

**1-08-07**

CARRIED

Council requested staff to send a letter protesting the provincial government's current actions, and forward it to both the UBCM and AKBLG.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

City of Burnaby

A letter from the City of Burnaby forwarding a staff report from their Director of Finance regarding the Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA).

Acknowledged

CDA

A letter from the Canadian Dental Assistants' Association regarding their concern of draft bylaws from the BC Ministry of Health in respect to the College of Dental Surgeons of BC.

Acknowledged

Minister Richmond

A letter from the Honourable Claude Richmond, the Minister of Employment and Income Assistance regarding the province's 10 by 10 Challenge.

Acknowledged

City of Powell River

A letter from the City of Powell River regarding their position on the training cost and levy for the Police Records Management Environment (PRIME).

Moved by Councillor Parker  
Seconded by Councillor Welsh

That staff further investigate the PRIME levy and training costs issue, what affect it will have on the Village, and report back to Council.

**2-08-07**

CARRIED

Town of Golden

A letter and CD brochure from the Town of Golden regarding AGBLG Conference in April 2007.

Council acknowledged the intent of the Mayor, Councillor Welsh and Councillor Parker to attend the AGBLG Conference.

- UBCM A letter from the UBCM regarding information to assist in preparing 2007 resolutions.  
Acknowledged
- BC in Bloom An invitation from BC Communities in Bloom to participate in the 2007 BC Communities in Bloom program.  
Acknowledged
- Ministry of Community Services A letter from the Ministry of Community Services regarding the successful application for a UBCM Commemorative Scholarship for Mr. Teasdale to assist in studies at Capilano College.  
Acknowledged
- District of Squamish A letter from the District of Squamish regarding their pledge to reduce greenhouse emissions.  
Acknowledged
- Telus An invitation from Telus to participate in the Royal Canadian Legion War Service Recognition Book campaign.  
Acknowledged
- UBCM A fax from UBCM regarding the renewed Fisheries Act and requesting municipalities to provide any feedback on the subject to UBCM.  
Acknowledged
- Air Cadets An invitation from the 531 Royal Canadian Air Cadets Squadron to attend their 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Ceremonial Review and Banquet.  
Council requested that the item be brought back for the first meeting in May.
- Chamber of Commerce An invitation from the Trail and District Chamber of Commerce to attend the 2007 Annual General Meeting.  
Acknowledged
- Village of Pouce Coupe A letter from the Village of Pouce Coupe to Minister Reid regarding their support to the City of Trail's submission to restore funding to child care programs.  
Acknowledged
- Village of Fruitvale A letter from the Village of Fruitvale to Minister Reid regarding their dismay of the provincial government's cuts to operating grants and other funding opportunities to organizations that deliver child care programming.  
Acknowledged
- Communities in Bloom An invitation from the Trail's Community in Bloom program to attend a workshop conference.  
Moved by Councillor Schmidt  
Seconded by Councillor Welsh  
That any Councillor wishing to attend the Communities in Bloom conference in Trail may attend.
- 3-08-07** CARRIED
- CDABC A letter from Ms. Sheryl Haynes, President of the Certified Dental Assistants of BC, following-up the letter sent by CDAA.  
Acknowledged
- UBCM A letter from UBCM regarding a UBCM Member Satisfaction Survey.  
Acknowledged

Katimavik An invitation from Ms. Sarah Benson, Local Katimavik Committee Member, to attend the Welcome Party and Open House festivities.

Council acknowledged the intent of Councillor Welsh to attend the festivity.

Teck Cominco A notice from Teck Cominco regarding the hosting of an update session for local City Councils in mid-March that will focus on Trail Operations' highlights for the year to date.

Council acknowledged the intent of the Mayor, Councillor Welsh and Councillor Schmidt to attend the update session.

KSYSA A letter from Mr. Douglas Swanson of the Kootenay South Youth Soccer Association requesting a letter of support from the Village to help with their application to host the Girls Provincial "B" tournament in 2008.

Moved by Councillor Welsh  
Seconded by Councillor Cook

That the Village of Montrose write a letter of support to the Kootenay South Youth Soccer Association in respect to their efforts in hosting the 2008 Girls Provincial "B" tournament

#### **4-08-07**

CARRIED

Ministry of Community Services

A notice from the Ministry of Community Services regarding an upcoming workshop on Integrated Community Sustainability Planning.

Council acknowledged the intent of the CAO to attend the workshop.

UBCM

A notice from UBCM regarding a local government meeting in Vancouver on RCMP Contract Discussions: Issues Identified.

Acknowledged

#### **REPORTS & MEMORANDA**

Montrose School

CAO – Memorandum regarding the need to establish a formal agreement between the owner of the former Montrose School property and the Village regarding outstanding issues.

Council advised staff to negotiate an agreement for 2007, where the owner would pay the 2007 Utility Fees for the property located at 450 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and in return, the Village will pay a rental fee to the owner in the same amount as stated above to continue using the structures located on the property until December 31, 2007.

Council also directed staff to investigate removing all structures from the subject property.

MATI 3

CAO – Memorandum regarding application to the upcoming MATI 3 course.

Moved by Councillor Schmidt  
Seconded by Councillor Welsh

That Council approve staff to submit an application for Ms. Gurnett to attend the 2007 MATI 3 course.

#### **5-08-07**

CARRIED

Staff Report

Deputy Clerk – Memorandum regarding actions taken in response to last Council Meeting.

Acknowledged

Moved by Councillor Parker  
Seconded by Councillor Welsh

That Council donate twenty (20) 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary youth t-shirts to the Beaver Valley Guides.

**6-08-07**

CARRIED

2007 Workshops

CAO – Memorandum regarding the scheduling of various public consultation/ workshops for the Village in 2007.

Moved by Councillor Schmidt  
Seconded by Councillor Parker

That Council schedule a public consultation session for the 2007-2011 Financial Plan for March 19, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

**7-08-07**

CARRIED

Council also tentatively scheduled the Town Hall Meeting for May 15, 2007 and the Strategic Planning Workshop for November 07, 2007.

**Financial Matters**

Accounts Payable  
#8285-8309

Moved by Councillor Cook  
Seconded by Councillor Schmidt

That the commitments and expenditures represented by the accounts payable listed below be authorized and that the payment in the amount of TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED and TWENTY-NINE dollars and SEVENTY-SIX cents be approved:

Cheques #8285-8309 and payroll direct deposits \$22,729.76

**9-08-07**

CARRIED

Jan Reconciliation

Deputy Clerk – Financial reconciliation report for January 2007.  
Acknowledged

Financial Report

CAO – Consolidated Financial Report for the forth quarter of 2006.

Acknowledged

**BYLAWS**

Nil

**POLICIES**

#2750

Council reviewed the policy and added the following conditions:

- 1/ That an eligible employee must have worked for a minimum of fifteen (15) *consecutive* years, and
- 2/ That paid leave be noted in *total hours*.

Moved by Councillor Welsh  
Seconded by Councillor Parker

That Policy #2750, cited as the Retirement Bonus Policy, be approved as amended.

**10-08-07**

CARRIED

**MEMBER REPORTS & INQUIRIES**

Councillor Schmidt

Committee Report

None

Member Inquiry

1. Road sinking on 7<sup>th</sup> Ave,
2. Possible additional stop sign on 12<sup>th</sup> Ave across from Frontier Park, and

3. Water Competition Results from the Berkeley Springs Water and the idea of possibly initiating an annual water competition at the AKBLG.

Councillor Cook

Committee Report

Recreation Commission Report – Discussion of general activities undertaken.

Member Inquiry

1. Alarm call regarding Office Building and updating security contact information.

Councillor Parker

Committee Report

None

Member Inquiry

1. Pavement Management System Review, and
2. Milky Water (determination of when and how to measure the problem).

Councillor Welsh

Committee Report

RDKB Report - Discussed new SPCA contract.

Member Inquiry

1. Inquiry regarding building inspections by the Regional District on 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Mayor Benzer

Committee Report

Publicity and Public Relations – A written report on recent activities including:

1. RCMP meeting regarding new call centre,
2. Recent Village of Montrose Seniors Luncheon,
3. Meeting with City of Trail officials regarding development of regional LWMP,
4. 2010 Committee Report,
5. LCCDT Meeting, and
6. Walking Trails meeting with residents from Fruitvale and Montrose regarding extension of Antenna Trail.

Member Inquiry

1. Upcoming Political Forum in Fruitvale with MP Alex Atamenko, and
2. Upcoming meeting with Village of Salmo Council.

CAO

No Report

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councillor Parker moved adjournment at 8:55 p.m.

I hereby certify the preceding to be a true and correct account of the Regular Meeting #08-07 of Council held on March 05, 2007.

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 Mayor

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 Corporate Officer