

THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTROSE

REGULAR MEETING #03-08

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the Village of Montrose held in the Council Chambers on January 21, 2008.

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

Absent Nil

CALL TO ORDER

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

AGENDA

Agenda Moved by Councillor Welsh
Seconded by Councillor Parker

That the agenda for Regular Meeting #03-08 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

Youth Justice Mr. Stephen Hill and Ms. Jennifer Sirges representing the Greater Trail Youth Justice Committee made a presentation to Council updating them on the activities of the organization in 2007 and where Council would like to see the Committee in the next years. Their presentation included a handout of statistics from 1997 to 2007 regarding a breakdown of those referred to the program.

Some questions raised included what the impacts of the Committee has on the Village of Montrose, what impacts the program has on the residents of the Village, what are the things that Council like about the program? Mr. Hill stressed that the Committee is an all-volunteer committee with limited stipends from the Attorney General and local RCMP Detachment.

However, the need for a paid full part-time coordinator is likely to be considered in the future for approximately 15 to 20 hours. Therefore a preliminary funding request form all local municipalities would be \$1.00 per person per year.

Mr. Hill also inquired about the current relationship between the Village of Montrose and Traffic Fines Sharing through the province - where do they go, and could a portion of funds go towards the future request of \$1.00 per person per year?

The CAO advised that the Village currently does not receive any Traffic Fines Sharing form the province, but that might likely change due to the fact that the village now contributes to policing.

A brief question and answer period followed. Council then thanked Mr. Hill and Ms. Sirges for their presentation.

LeRoi Foundation Mr. Forest Drinnan representing the LeRoi Community Foundation made a presentation to Council regarding what the foundation did.

Mr. Drinnan stated that the foundation was requesting funding for advancing education, preventing unhealthy lifestyles, relieving suffering in elderly people, supporting both programs and dispersal to local organizations that are deemed worthy, and implementing local community programming. However, it was noted that only the interest received on grants is given out as donations to all worthy organizations. Finally, Mr. Drinnan expressed that the LeRoi Foundation will model themselves after the Vancouver Foundation.

A brief question and answer period followed. Council then thanked Mr. Drinnan for his presentation.

MINUTES

Meeting #01-08

Moved by Councillor Welsh
Seconded by Councillor Parker

That the Minutes of Regular Meeting #01-08 of January 07, 2008, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved by Councillor Cook
Seconded by Councillor Welsh

That the Consent Calendar including:

- (1) BC Assessment – 2008 Assessment Roll Highlights, and
- (2) BCSPCA – Animal Control Summary Data for December 2007

be accepted as circulated.

CARRIED

MOTIONS & SUBMISSIONS

Chief Election Officer

Draft Resolution - Appointment of 2008 Election Officers.

Moved by Councillor Schmidt
Seconded by Councillor Parker

That, pursuant to sections 41(1) and (2) of the *Local Government Act*, Bryan Teasdale be appointed Chief Election Officer for conducting the 2008 general local elections with power to appoint other election officials as required for the administration and conduct of the 2008 general local elections, and

That Amy Gurnett be appointed Deputy Chief Election Officer for the 2008 general local elections.

1-03-08

CARRIED

REFERRALS FROM PRIOR MEETINGS

CMON

A letter from the Columbia Mountain Open Network requesting a cash injection from its members in the amount of \$1.25 per capita to allow CMON to meet its obligations and continue its operation for the next three months.

The Mayor declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting at 7:35 p.m., and the CAO advised that Councillor Schmidt was the Acting Mayor and would assume the Chair.

Both Councillors Welsh and Parker requested that Council defer this item until the Village gets more information from CMON. There was a consensus of Council to refer this matter to a future meeting and obtain more information.

BFWD CAO – Revised draft letter of understanding to the Beaver Falls Waterworks District outlining the terms and conditions in respect to the rental of the Parks Building.

Moved by Councillor Cook
Seconded by Councillor Parker

That Council approve the revised draft letter of understanding by deleting item "I" and that it be sent to the Beaver Falls Waterworks District to finalize the agreement.

2-03-08 CARRIED

The Mayor returned to the meeting and assumed the Chair at 7:37 p.m.

REFERRALS FROM DELEGATIONS

Youth Justice Council differed this issue until the Trail Youth Justice Committee makes a formal request for funding, and requested the CAO to look into Traffic Fine Revenue sharing and the ability of the Village.

LeRoi Foundation Council accepted the offer of the LeRoi Foundation to distribute materials on the organization by way of pamphlet-letter at the Village's Municipal Office front desk.

CORRESPONDENCE

BCGEU A letter and accompanying CD from the British Columbia Government and Service Union Employees Union regarding information on highway maintenance specifications in BC, and a draft resolution calling on the Ministry of Transportation to enhance monitoring and reporting of highway maintenance performance.

ACKNOWLEDGED

REPORTS & MEMORANDA

Comm. Hall Painting CAO – Memorandum summarizing proposals received by the Village to paint the interior of the Community Hall.

ACKNOWLEDGED

Moved by Councillor Schmidt
Seconded by Councillor Parker

That Council approve the quote from Summit Painting Company in the amount of FOUR THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED and FOUR dollars, inclusive of GST to complete the painting of the Community Hall, and further, that the Chief Administrative Officer have authority to negotiate any additional work with Summit Painting if necessary.

3-03-08 CARRIED

Services Agreement CAO – Draft agreement between the Village of Montrose and Mr. Larry Fitzpatrick regarding the provision of general municipal services for the year 2008.

ACKNOWLEDGED

Moved by Councillor Parker
Seconded by Councillor Cook

That Council approve the draft municipal services agreement between the Village of Montrose and Mr. Larry Fitzpatrick.

4-03-08 CARRIED

Financial Matters

Accounts Payable Moved by Councillor Schmidt

#8937 - 8961 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, TWO HUNDRED and SEVENTEEN dollars and THIRTY cents be approved:

Cheques #8937-8961 and payroll direct deposits \$23,217.30.

5-03-08 CARRIED

Nov. Reconciliation Deputy Clerk – Financial reconciliation report for November 2007.

ACKNOWLEDGED

Dec. Reconciliation Deputy Clerk – Financial reconciliation report for December 2007.

ACKNOWLEDGED

BYLAWS

Nil

POLICIES

#0100 Policy Audit Policy

Moved by Councillor Schmidt
Seconded by Councillor Parker

That Policy #0100, cited as the Policy Audit Policy, be confirmed unchanged.

6-03-08 CARRIED

#0360 Recreation Commission Appointment Policy

Moved by Councillor Schmidt
Seconded by Councillor Parker

That Policy #0360, cited as the Recreation Commission Appointment Policy, be confirmed unchanged.

7-03-08 CARRIED

#0430 Post Office Bulletin Board Policy

Moved by Councillor Schmidt
Seconded by Councillor Parker

That Policy #0430, cited as the Post Office Bulletin Board Policy, be confirmed unchanged.

8-03-08 CARRIED

#0550 Council Representation Policy

Moved by Councillor Schmidt
Seconded by Councillor Parker

That Policy #0550, cited as the Council Representation Policy, be confirmed unchanged.

9-03-08 CARRIED

#0580 Council Meeting Information Policy

Moved by Councillor Schmidt
Seconded by Councillor Parker

That Policy #0580, cited as the Council Meeting Information Policy, be confirmed unchanged.

10-03-08 CARRIED

#2660 Council-Staff Relations Policy

Moved by Councillor Schmidt
Seconded by Councillor Parker

That Policy #2660, cited as the Council-Staff Relations Policy, be confirmed unchanged.

11-03-08

CARRIED

#1850

Grants Policy

Summary Report - 2007 allocation of grants to organizations and individuals table.

ACKNOWLEDGED

MEMBER REPORTS & INQUIRIES

Councillor Schmidt

Committee Report

1. Reported on upcoming Chamber of Commerce meeting,
2. Missed last Youth Justice Committee, and
3. Nothing currently on BV Cenotaph.

Member Inquiry

1. None.

Councillor Cook

Committee Report

1. Recreation Commission Report,

Moved by Councillor Welsh

Seconded by Councillor Parker

That the Community Hall not be opened for Halloween events scheduled by the Montrose Recreation Commission.

12-03-08

CARRIED

Member Inquiry

None.

Councillor Parker

Committee Report

None.

Member Inquiry

1. Requested that Council reduce the rate for the hall rental for upcoming BV Nighthawks event,

Councillor Welsh declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Schmidt

Seconded by Councillor Cook

That Council waive the Community Hall rental fee to the Beaver Valley Nighthawks for their upcoming BV Nighthawk Country dance.

13-03-08

CARRIED

Councillor Welsh returned to the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Councillor Welsh

Committee Report

1. Reported on Regional District matters, including recent fire Service review reports from the Fire Underwriters Survey. He also reported that he is now the Chair of the Greater Trail Services Commission.
2. Reported on new Active Communities event in the Beaver Valley, and that the Village now has pedometers at the municipal office.

Moved by Councillor Cook

Seconded by Councillor Parker

That Council endorse the BV Steps Out ActNowBC Activity Challenge.

13-03-08 CARRIED

Member Inquiry

None.

Mayor Benzer

Committee Report

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

1. Upcoming Shaw meeting in early February, open invitation to Council to attend,
2. Bargaining Committee meeting,
3. Upcoming Act Know Forum,
4. Recent CMON Meetings,
5. Recent LCCDT Meetings,
6. Recent AKBLG Meeting, and
7. Reviewed Regional Recreation Mediation status.

Member Inquiry

1. Recent inquires about the use of the old elementary school for commercial storage,

The CAO advised that staff will look into the matter further.

2. Upcoming Selkirk College event.

CAO

A Verbal Report on:

1. Advised Council that the sale of closed portion of 8th Street has been finalized,
2. Updated Council as to the current staffing status of the Public Works Department, and
3. Request from the City of Trail to confirm that the Montrose Community Hall would be available to the City of Trail during an emergency.

Moved by Councillor Parker
Seconded by Councillor Cook

That Council grant permission to the City of Trail to list and use the Montrose Community Hall for the purposes of a reception and registration centre for evacuees in the event of an emergency.

14-20-08 CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Parker moved adjournment at 8:42 p.m.

I hereby certify the preceding to be a true and correct account of the Regular Meeting #03-08 of Council held on January 21, 2008.

Mayor

Corporate Officer