

THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTROSE

REGULAR MEETING #01-06

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the Village of Montrose held in the Council Chambers on January 9, 2006.

Present Mayor A. Benzer
Councillor C. Cook
Councillor G. Parker
Councillor R. Schmidt
Councillor G. Welsh
Administrator A. Carrel

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 #01-06 be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

RDKB Director M. Christensen, Services Commission Chair, and Mr. J. MacLean, CAO, attended the meeting to discuss matters relating to Council's sub-regional recreation service withdrawal motion, fire hydrant maintenance, and broadband Internet service.

MINUTES

Public Hearing Moved by Councillor Welsh
Seconded by Councillor Cook
That the Minutes of the Public Hearing in the matter of Bylaw #639 of December 19, 2005, be approved as circulated.
CARRIED

Meeting #37-05 Moved by Councillor Welsh
Seconded by Councillor Parker
That the Minutes of Regular Meeting #37-05 of December 19, 2005, be approved as circulated.
CARRIED

CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved by Councillor Schmidt
Seconded by Councillor Parker
That the Consent Calendar including:
(1) Fortis BC – Rate Increase;
(2) MIABC – Risk Management Tidbits, and
(3) UBCM – 2006 Membership
be accepted as circulated.
CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Welsh
Seconded by Councillor Parker
That the Village maintain its UBCM membership.

1-01-06 CARRIED

MOTIONS & SUBMISSIONS

Nil

REFERRALS FROM PRIOR MEETINGS

Chamber of Comm.

A motion tabled at Meeting #37-05.

Moved by Councillor Schmidt
Seconded by Councillor Parker

That the Village become a member of the Trail & District Chamber of Commerce in 2006.

2-01-06

CARRIED

UBCM

A draft resolution for submission to the UBCM to provide for time off during municipal elections.

Moved by Councillor Parker
Seconded by Councillor Cook

WHEREAS municipal elections are as essential as are provincial and federal elections to democratic governance, and

WHEREAS provincial and federal laws guarantee electors adequate time to participate in provincial and federal elections,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of British Columbia be petitioned to amend Division 9 of Part 3 of the *Local Government Act* to include a voting opportunity entitlement equal to that provided by section 74 of the *Election Act* [RSBC 1996] Chapter 106.

3-01-06

CARRIED

REFERRALS FROM DELEGATIONS

RDKB

Moved by Councillor Schmidt
Seconded by Councillor Parker

That a staff report be prepared on the consequences of placing the sub-regional recreation services mediation process in abeyance.

The motion was withdrawn by the mover with the consent of the seconder.

Moved by Councillor Welsh
Seconded by Councillor Parker

That a letter be written to Minister Chong asking that the mediation deadline be extended to August 31, 2006, to assist the participants to resolve the issues.

Moved by Councillor Schmidt
Seconded by Councillor Parker

That the motion be tabled to next meeting to receive a staff report on consequences.

4-01-06

The tabling motion was DEFEATED

5-01-06

The motion CARRIED

Councillors Schmidt & Parker voted in opposition to the motion.

Moved by Councillor Schmidt
Seconded by Councillor Parker

That a staff report be prepared on the implications of the request to extend the deadline for mediation.

6-01-06

DEFEATED

CORRESPONDENCE

Music Festival

A request from the Nelson Musical Festival Association for financial support for the 2006 Kootenay Festival of the Arts.

Moved by Councillor Welsh
Seconded by Councillor Schmidt

That \$50 be contributed to the 2006 Kootenay Festival of the Arts.

7-01-06

CARRIED

Fruitvale

Copy of a letter from the Village of Fruitvale to the Minister of Community Services expressing an interest in a presentation by the Ministry on the regional services mediation process.

Acknowledged

Winter Games

A letter from Greater Trail 2006 BC Winter Games Society advising Council of the Community Champions recognition for the Village of Montrose.

Acknowledged

UBCM

A report from the UBCM on UBCM-Administered Provincial Programs.

Council requested a follow-up on the tourism plan initiative.

G. Thornton

A proposal from Grant Thornton LLP for the development Tourism Industry Development Program for the Village.

Acknowledged

BCAA

A letter from the BC Assessment Authority presenting an overview of the new assessment roll.

Acknowledged

Wenman

A letter of resignation from Mr. Bill Wenman, Municipal Emergency Coordinator.

Referred to the February 6, 2006, meeting.

Council requested that a letter be send to the RDKB to state the importance of having the emergency planning process underway by February 8, 2006.

AKBLG

A notice for the 2006 Annual General Meeting and a call for resolutions from the Association of Kootenay Boundary Local Governments.

Council directed that the voting time resolution be forwarded to the AKBLG.

Trail Times

A request from the Trail Daily Times to place a newspaper distribution point at the fire hall.

Moved by Councillor Welsh
Seconded by Councillor Schmidt

That the request to place a newspaper distribution point at the fire hall be approved, and that the maintenance of the distribution point be monitored.

8-01-06

CARRIED

REPORTS & MEMORANDA

Assessments

Administrator – Memorandum reporting changes to the assessment roll for taxation in 2006.

Acknowledged

Rec Mediation

Administrator – Memorandum with recommendations for the nomination of a mediator in the Sub-Regional Recreation Mediation.

Acknowledged

Staff Reports Deputy Clerk – A report on communications regarding high speed internet service; 50th Anniversary events of “Ukrainian Borscht Luncheon and “Robbie Burns Night.”

Acknowledged

Financial Matters

Accounts Payable
#7483-7525

Moved by Councillor Welsh
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 ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED and TWENTY-THREE dollars and TWENTY-SIX cents be approved:

Cheques #7483-7525 and payroll direct deposits \$ 133,623.26

9-01-06

CARRIED

2006 Budget

Administrator – 2006 Provisional Budget (Draft #6)

Council directed that the budget be referred to the regular meeting of February 6, 2006, for further consideration.

BYLAWS

Nil

POLICIES

Nil

MEMBER REPORTS & INQUIRIES

Councillor Schmidt

No report.

Councillor Cook

No report.

Councillor Parker

A verbal report on:

- a) Lights CCERC Building and Community Hall (West) are out;
- b) Depressions in pavement in the areas of 420 – 9th Ave, MY-ATS Park, and 500 block of 9th.

Councillor Welsh

A written report on:

- a) RDKB matters;

Verbal report on:

- b) request from Trail Daily Times for Council column;
- c) Success by 6 - Councillor Cook will represent Council.

Mayor Benzer

A written report on:

- a) Address confusion on two properties;
- b) AKBLG meeting;
- c) 50th Anniversary functions

Moved by Councillor Welsh
Seconded by Councillor Parker

That a note of appreciation be sent to the 50th Anniversary Committee for success of the first event.

10-01-06

CARRIED

- d) School Board Meeting;
- e) Reflectors on barricades on 4th by Community Hall;
- f) Letters to the editor representing a Council view should be signed by the Mayor.

Administrator

No report.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councillor Parker the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

I hereby certify the preceding to be a true and correct account of the Regular Meeting #01-06 of Council held on January 9, 2006.

Mayor

Clerk