

THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTROSE

**REGULAR MEETING # 26-03**

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the Village of Montrose held in the Council Chambers on November 18, 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 Welsh

That the revised agenda for Regular Meeting # 26-03 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

**DELEGATIONS**

M. Como Mr. M. Como made a presentation to Council on resolutions adopted by the Montrose Citizens Association on the topics of funds expended on the school property, an offer to participate on a promotional committee, taxation for promotional programs, and contract tendering.

**MINUTES**

Meeting # 25-03 Moved by Councillor Welsh  
Seconded by Councillor Parker

That the Minutes of Regular Meeting # 25-03 of November 4, 2003, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Moved by Councillor Benzer  
Seconded by Councillor Parker

That the Consent Calendar including:

- (1) Commissionaires – Bylaw Enforcement Report – Oct/03;
  - (2) Min. of Industry – Misc. Announcements;
  - (3) UBCM – Bill 75;
  - (4) UBCM – In The House;
  - (5) Hon. A. Rock – Ethics Issues;
  - (6) Service Review Notes – Oct/21/03;
  - (7) FCM – Members' Advisory;
  - (8) RDKB – Commission Minutes – Oct/21/03;
  - (9) RDKB – Board Minutes – Oct/2/03, and
  - (10) SD # 20 – Nov/3/03 Minutes
- be accepted as circulated.

CARRIED

Council directed that requests be sent to Telus and Shaw# 2 to advise Council on their intentions for broadband internet service in Montrose.

### **MOTIONS & SUBMISSIONS**

Nil

### **REFERRALS FROM PRIOR MEETINGS**

AKBM

First Call for AGM 2004 resolutions, and draft resolution on park forest maintenance.

Moved by Councillor Benzer  
Seconded by Councillor Parker

WHEREAS provincial policy does not permit the removal of standing dead trees and windblown trees, or the removal of timber to create fireguards, from provincial parks and

WHEREAS this level of environmental protection leads to the accumulation of fuel, exposing provincial parks themselves and adjacent forest and communities to an ever greater fire risk with consequential human, environmental, and economic loss,

BE IT RESOLVED that the government of British Columbia be petitioned to reconsider the parks forest management policy to

- a) encourage the clean-up of blow-down timber and standing dead timber, and
- b) permit the construction of fire breaks

to minimize the risk of fire damage to parks and adjacent areas.

CARRIED

### **REFERRALS FROM DELEGATIONS**

M. Como

Council directed that copies of procurement policies be sent to the Montrose Citizens Association.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

BVYBC

A request from the Beaver Valley Youth Bowling Council for a contribution towards the purchase of new shirts for young bowlers.

Moved by Councillor Parker  
Seconded by Councillor Schmidt

That a donation of \$50 for the Beaver Valley Youth Bowling Council be approved.

DEFEATED

MCA

Notice to Council of the formation of the Montrose Citizens Association.

Acknowledged

SD # 20

A letter from Mr. L. Gray, Superintendent of Schools, on the public consultation process concerning the future of the area's middle schools.

Acknowledged

Scouts

An invitation from the Trail Rossland District Scout Association to the Annual General Meeting on Nov/26/03.

Acknowledged

UBCM

An advertising notice from the UBCM for Local Government Planners and Wall Calendars.

- Local Government Planners were requested for all members of Council.
- MPRA A letter from Mr. S. Polak, President, Municipal Pension Retirees Association, expressing concerns over changes to pension health benefits.  
Acknowledged
- Fortis Notice Aquila Networks Canada and Fortis Inc. on the acquisition of Aquila's utility holdings by Fortis.  
Acknowledged
- Terasen An update from the Gas Franchise/Operating Agreement Committee.  
Acknowledged
- CFIB A report from Mr. J. Nugent, Policy Analyst, Canadian Federation of Independent Business, on property tax inequities in British Columbia.  
Acknowledged
- RDKB Notice of the rescheduling of waste management and recreation service review meetings to December 4, 2003.  
Acknowledged
- Coquitlam Request for support on a resolution concerning the age of consent.  
Acknowledged
- Comm. Chest A request for a donation from the Montrose Community Chest toward the Breakfast with Santa event.  
Moved by Councillor Benzer  
Seconded by Councillor Parker  
That a donation of \$75 be approved for the Montrose Community Chest for the Breakfast with Santa event.  
CARRIED
- New Denver Copy of a letter from the Village of New Denver to the Union of BC Municipalities concerning the governance of the Columbia Basin Trust.  
Acknowledged
- SD # 20 A notice from School Board #20 that the Montrose School property will be listed for sale on Dec/1/03, depending on decisions made by Council within the next two weeks.  
Moved by Councillor Schmidt  
Seconded by Councillor Parker  
That SD #20 be asked to donate school to the Village of Montrose to return it to the citizens who supported the school for 50 years.  
DEFEATED
- REPORTS & MEMORANDA**
- Paving Urban Systems Ltd. – A report with recommendation concerning deductions for deficiencies from the 2003 Cantex paving contract.

Moved by Councillor Benzer  
Seconded by Councillor Parker

That the Urban Systems Ltd. recommendation for a \$5,476 holdback on the 2003 Cantex paving contract be approved, and that payment in the amount of \$50,403.20 be authorized.

CARRIED

- School Administrator – Memorandum proposing a procedure for the development of the school property.  
Acknowledged
- Tree Removal Ms. M. Morch, 610-7<sup>th</sup> Ave – A request to share in the cost of the removal of two trees.  
Council requested additional information on the need for the work, and notification to the Village.
- Budget 2004 Administrator – A draft provisional budget for 2004.  
Moved by Councillor Parker  
Seconded by Councillor Welsh  
That the provisional budget for the fiscal year 2004, balance at \$1,542,827 revenues and expenditures be approved.  
CARRIED
- Lighting Study Shaflik Engineering Ltd. – Lighting audit and study for the community street lights.  
Refer to the regular meeting of January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2004.
- Truck Rental Administrator – Memorandum with recommendation for the extension of the garbage truck rental agreement with the Village of Warfield to June 30, 2004.  
Moved by Councillor Parker  
Seconded by Councillor Benzer  
That the garbage truck rental agreement with the Village of Warfield be extended to June 30, 2004.  
CARRIED
- Waste Mgmt Resource Recovery Coordinator, RDKB – Information concerning appointments to the Plan Advisory Committee.  
Acknowledged
- Water Meters Administrator – Memorandum with recommendations on the returns to the “Water Meter Expression of Interest” survey.  
Moved by Councillor Benzer  
Seconded by Councillor Parker  
That a voluntary water meter rate option not be implemented, and that staff prepare a report for a new flat rate structure for non-residential and external water services.  
CARRIED  
Moved by Councillor Benzer  
Seconded by Councillor Parker  
That the participants in the water meter pilot program be ask for their consent for continued participation in the Village’s water consumption monitoring program.  
CARRIED

Staff Report Deputy Clerk – A report on action take by staff in response to Council directives from Meeting # 25-03 of November 4, 2003.  
Council requested that the Community Hall basement stove breaker be monitored.  
Council requested that an inquiry be made to the school for interest in upgrading the Village's web site.

Coriolis Coriolis Consulting Corp. – A proposal for the marketing of the Montrose school property.  
Moved by Councillor Welsh  
Seconded by Councillor Parker  
That Council propose a joint venture with the School Board for the marketing of the Montrose School as outlined in the Coriolis Consulting Corp. proposal.  
CARRIED  
Councillor Schmidt voted in opposition to the motion

### **Financial Matters**

Accounts Payable # 6189-6217 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 THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED and FIFTY-SEVEN dollars and EIGHTY-FIVE cents be approved:  
Payroll direct deposits and cheques # 6189-6217 \$ 30,657.85  
TOTAL NET CURRENT EXPENDITURE \$ 30,657.85  
CARRIED

### **BYLAWS**

# 607 Moved by Councillor Welsh  
Seconded by Councillor Parker  
That Bylaw # 607, cited as the 2004 Water Service Loan Authorization Bylaw, be now read a third time.  
CARRIED

### **POLICIES**

# 0560 Moved by Councillor Parker  
Seconded by Councillor Welsh  
That Policy # 0560, being the Conference Delegation Policy, be adopted as presented.  
CARRIED

# 7200 Moved by Councillor Parker  
Seconded by Councillor Welsh  
That Policy # 7200, being the Open Burning Policy, be confirmed unchanged.  
CARRIED

# 7400 Moved by Councillor Parker  
Seconded by Councillor Welsh  
That Policy # 7400, being the Vandalism Response Policy, be confirmed unchanged.  
CARRIED

**MEMBER REPORTS & INQUIRIES**

Councillor Schmiadt A verbal report on:  
a) Hall rentals, report on usage;  
b) Report on table replacement, rectangular and round;  
c) Regrets, unable to attend volunteers' dinner.

Councillor Benzer A verbal report on:  
a) RDKB airport advisory committee meeting;  
b) Waneta expansion power project meetings;  
c) RDKB solid waste management 5-year review;  
d) SD # 20 JL Crowe replacement meeting;  
e) Automatic closures at outside washrooms at hall;

Moved by Councillor Benzer  
Seconded by Councillor Welsh

That the Community Futures Development Corporation of Greater Trail be asked to consider the Montrose School site.

CARRIED

Councillor Parker A verbal report on:  
a) MYATS presentation Saturday Nov/22 – 7 p.m.;

Moved by Councillor Benzer  
Seconded by Councillor Welsh

That the Community Hall be donated for the Nov/22/03 MYATS award.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Parker  
Seconded by Councillor Benzer

That the Deputy Clerk be authorized to incur unspecified expenditures for the purpose of the Nov/22/03 MYATS award reception.

CARRIED

Councillor Welsh A verbal report on:  
a) Remembrance Day event.

Mayor Walsh A verbal report on:  
a) Meeting with RCMP Superintendent;  
b) Montrose recreation, need more volunteers;  
c) Fruitvale Poinsettias sale;  
d) Volunteer's Dinner.

Administrator No report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Councillor Parker the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

I hereby certify the preceding to be a true and correct account of the Regular Meeting # 26-03 of Council held on November 18, 2003.

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Mayor

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Clerk