THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLDSTREAM

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council
of the District of Coldstream held Monday, June 27, 2005
in the Municipal Hall Council Chambers
9901 Kalamalka Road, Coldstream, BC

CALL TO ORDER: Acting Mayor Hackman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Postill (as entered in the minutes)
Councillors Corner, Dirk, Hackman,
McClean, Taylor, Williams

ALSO PRESENT: G. Betts, Chief Administrative Officer
W. Kay, Director of Corporate Administration
C. Broderick, Development Services Officer
D. Kutney, Director of Operational Services
K. Leeder, Community Policing Co-ordinator
C. Lord, Director of Financial Administration

Lawrie Skolrood representing the Fire Commissioner, presented a 20-year Exemplary Medal to
Chief Leo Lecavalier for his years of service with the Coldstream Fire Department.

In recognition of Chief Lecavalier’s service with the Coldstream Fire Department, Acting Mayor
Hackman presented Chief Lecavalier with sincere thanks from Council and the community and
gave a gift certificate on behalf of Council.

1. DELEGATIONS
   a. Sensitive Ecosystem Inventories

Susan Latimer, Ministry of Environment and Carmen Wong, Allan Brooks
Nature Centre, were present to speak to a project being undertaken by the
Ministry of Environment in partnership with the Allan Brooks Nature Centre and
other local governments, with respect to sensitive ecosystem inventories.

Ms Latimer explained to Council that their next focus will be on Coldstream and
East Hill areas, which will identify grassland sensitive ecosystems. The
information gathered will allow for terrain mapping, SEI mapping, and
preliminary conservation analysis. She also advised Council that the Ministry is
currently preparing a Best Management Practice Guide for development.
Ms Wong advised Council the cost of the air photo interpretation, the first phase of the project, is approximately $13,000 and the second phase being field checks, is approximately $50,000.

Ms Latimer and Ms Wong requested Council consideration in funding the sensitive ecosystem inventories project in Coldstream.

b. **Proposed Sidewalk – Cunliffe Road**

Mr. Topf of 7203 Cunliffe Road, spoke in opposition to the proposed sidewalk on the east side of Cunliffe Road. Mr. Topf suggested that the sidewalk should be placed on the west side of Cunliffe Road, making it safer for children and pedestrians to walk and less expensive to the Coldstream taxpayers.

Mr. Pecyna of 11810 Marwood Place, spoke in opposition to the proposed sidewalk on the east side of Cunliffe Road. Mr. Pecyna provided to Council photographs of the current landscaping of properties located on the east side of Cunliffe Road, advising Council that he believes there is not sufficient road allowance available to construct the sidewalk on the east side of the road and Council should consider constructing the sidewalk on the west side of the road, providing a safer environment to walk along.

Mr. Pecyna advised Council that he felt there should have been discussions with the property owners prior to a notice being delivered advising of the proposed sidewalk, and one week later their properties being staked out. He suggested that a mutual agreement could be obtained from the property owners and the District of Coldstream.

Mr. Kiss of 12601 Kidston Road, suggested a policy be developed for transportation issues within the municipality, including sidewalk installation. He enquired as to how priorities are set, and whether the policy still exists with respect to the local improvement process for service level upgrades. Mr. Kiss advised Council that there are many areas within the municipality that are busy and have no sidewalks in place.

c. **Leisure Activities on Middleton Mountain**

The following residents spoke in support of increased leisure activities on Middleton Mountain: Ingrid Neumann, Frank Hamilton, Sandi Tapping, Ross Parsons, and Brian Bain.

Residents of Middleton Mountain referred to Section 9 – Parks, Open Space and Trails, within the Coldstream Official Community Plan, and stated they were encouraged by the policies and objectives set out in The Plan.
The residents representing Middleton Mountain have proposed the following goals:

- establishment of neighbourhood “Tot Lots” as described in the Official Community Plan
- improved access to trails and green spaces on Middleton Mountain
- acquisition and completion of new trails and green spaces on Middleton Mountain as per the Official Community Plan
- dedication of open space on Middleton Mountain as per the Official Community Plan
- dedication of funds to ensure the future purchase of land for trails and open spaces

The residents of Middleton Mountain would like to establish a working group with Coldstream Staff and Council to accomplish their goals and to discuss the following objectives and solutions:

- create tot lots in Phase 6 and Phase 8 of The Highlands Development
- reinstate and develop easements for trails and pathways on Middleton Mountain
- protect open spaces in perpetuity for parkland and hiking trails (e.g. create a hiking trail that wraps around Middleton Mountain)
- establish a reserve fund for parks and trails with an annual amount of $100,000 placed in the fund annually
- develop and publish a pamphlet and a website page to inform the public of the parks and trails in Coldstream
- develop and approve a policy regulation for the provision of Tot Lots and trail easements in future subdivision plans.

Craig Broderick, Development Services Officer, and Al McNiven, Greater Vernon Parks and Recreation Manager, advised Council of steps taken to date with respect to parks, open spaces, tot lots and trails, to be developed in the future on Middleton Mountain.

d. Commercial Tree Fruit Growers – Industry Update

Mr. Sardina and the President of the BC Fruit Growers’ Association were present to speak to their letter, dated June 21, 2005, providing an update on the Fruit Growing industry.

Mr. Sardina requested Council’s support with the continuation of the SIR Program, to protect against the coddling moth.

Mayor Postill entered the meeting at 7:55 p.m. and assumed the Chair.
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Corner, seconded by McClean,

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Minutes of Council, held Monday, June 13, 2005

Moved by Corner, seconded by Williams,

THAT the Regular Meeting Minutes of Council, held Monday, June 13, 2005, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. REPORT OF CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

a. Mosquito Control (Endangered Species Inventory)

Moved by Corner, seconded by Williams,

THAT the report from the Director of Operational Services, dated June 17, 2005, and the letter from Rob Eggert, dated June 20, 2005, regarding mosquito control (endangered species inventory), be received;

AND THAT a copy of the Director of Operational Services Report, dated June 17, 2005, be provided to Susan Latimer, Ministry of Environment, for comment;
AND THAT the EBA report along with the Director of Operational Services Report, be provided to residents requesting a copy, with a copy being sent to the residents who initially sent letters to Mayor and Council;

AND THAT the residents be encouraged to send letters to their local MLA, Tom Christensen and the Ministry of Health, stating their concerns;

AND THAT the Ministry of Health be contacted and requested that they provide information to the residents on the proper elimination of mosquito breeding habitat;

AND THAT staff be instructed to contact EBA to have them dip for mosquitoes throughout the summer months;

AND FURTHER THAT no further action be taken by staff until a response is received from Susan Latimer, Ministry of Environment.

CARRIED

b. Statement of Financial Information – for the year ended December 31, 2004
   • Report from Director of Financial Administration, dated June 15, 2005

Moved by Hackman, seconded by McClean,

THAT the report from the Director of Financial Administration, dated June 15, 2005, regarding the Statement of Financial Information – for the year ended December 31, 2004, be received;

AND THAT the report be made available to the public.

CARRIED

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nil

6. GREATER VERNON SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Nil
7. CORRESPONDENCE

a. ACTION

(1) **Sensitive Ecosystem Inventories**
- Email from Susan Latimer, Ministry of Environment, and Carmen Wong, Allan Brooks Nature Centre, dated June 8, 2005

Moved by Taylor, seconded by Corner,

**THAT** the email from Susan Latimer, Ministry of Environment and Carmen Wong, Allan Brooks Nature Centre, dated June 8, 2005, regarding sensitive ecosystem inventories, be received;

AND **THAT** the Development Services Officer bring forward a report and recommendation on planning priorities for 2005 and 2006, inclusive of a proposed budget with respect to those priorities and where the Sensitive Ecosystem Inventory fits within those priorities.

**CARRIED**

(2) **Commercial Tree Fruit Growers – Industry Update**
- Letter from The British Columbia Fruit Growers’ Association, dated June 8, 2005

Moved by McClean, seconded by Taylor,

**THAT** the letter and presentation from The British Columbia Fruit Growers’ Association, dated June 8, 2005, be received for information.

**CARRIED**
(3) **Proposed Sidewalk – Cunliffe Road**

- Letter from Urban Systems, dated June 21, 2005
- Petition from residents of Upper Cunliffe Road, dated June 13, 2005

Moved by Dirk, seconded by McClean,

THAT the letter from Urban Systems, dated June 21, 2005, and petition from residents of Upper Cunliffe Road, dated June 13, 2005, regarding the proposed sidewalk on Cunliffe Road, be received;

AND THAT no further action is taken with respect to the proposed sidewalk until such time as further information is provided to Council by Urban Systems and a meeting held with concerned parties.

CARRIED

(4) **Leisure Activities on Middleton Mountain**

- Letter from residents of Middleton Mountain, dated June 8, 2005

Moved by Corner, seconded by McClean,

THAT the letter from residents of Middleton Mountain, dated June 8, 2005, regarding leisure activities on Middleton Mountain, be received;

AND THAT the Development Services Officer meet with the residents group from Middleton Mountain to discuss the goals they have presented; to investigate what is achievable; to develop realistic timeframes to accomplish the goals; include in the discussions the opening of walkways; and to prepare a proposed budget to be brought forward to Council at a future meeting.

CARRIED

(5) **Shunting of Trains**

- Letter from residents of Guildford Court, dated June 3, 2005

Moved by McClean, seconded by Taylor,

THAT the letter from residents of Guildford Court, dated June 3, 2005, regarding the shunting of trains, be received;
AND THAT Mayor Postill respond to the letter providing an update on Council’s efforts to date, on a proposal to move the shunting yard from the current location, and advising that railways are exempt from municipal noise bylaws.

CARRIED

(6) Coldstream Valley Estates – Park Development

● Letter from Mr. & Mrs. Wallace, dated June 16, 2005
● Letter from Erin Wallace, dated June 16, 2005

Moved by McClean, seconded by Corner,

THAT the letter from Mr. & Mrs. Wallace, dated June 16, 2005, and the letter from Erin Wallace, dated June 16, 2005, regarding Coldstream Valley Estates – Park Development, be received;

AND THAT the letters be referred to GVSC to request the park site be developed, and that they provide a timeline to Council.

CARRIED

(7) Establishment of Standards for the BC Home and Property Inspection Industry

● Letter from Canadian Association of Home & Property Inspectors (BC), dated June 14, 2005

Moved by Corner, seconded by McClean,

THAT the letter from the Canadian Association of Home & Property Inspectors (BC), dated June 14, 2005, regarding establishment of standards for the BC Home and Property Inspection Industry, be received for information.

CARRIED
8. **Request to Film at Coldstream Cemetery**
   - Fax from Zomcon Motion Picture Division Inc., dated June 10, 2005

   Moved by Dirk, seconded by Corner,

   THAT the fax from Zomcon Motion Picture Division Inc., dated June 10, 2005, regarding a request to film at the Coldstream Cemetery, be received;

   AND THAT Zomcon Motion Picture Division Inc. be advised that Council has denied their request to film at the Coldstream Cemetery.

   CARRIED

9. Moved by McClean, seconded by Corner,

   THAT the following items be received for information:

   a. **Request for Public Inquiry into the Investigation of the Air India Bombings**
      - Letter from City of Vernon, dated May 30, 2005

   b. **New Cabinet Announced**
      - Fax from UBCM, dated June 22, 2005

   c. **Riparian Areas Regulation**
      - Fax from UBCM, dated June 17, 2005
      - Letter to Minister of Water, Land and Air Protection, dated June 17, 2005

   CARRIED

10. **2005 Resolutions Deadline – June 30th**
    - Fax from UBCM, dated June 30, 2005

    Moved by McClean, seconded by Hackman,

    THAT the fax from UBCM, dated June 30, 2005, regarding the 2005 Resolutions Deadline – June 30th, be received;
AND THAT if there are any members of Council wishing to bring forward a resolution to the upcoming UBCM Convention, that they advise the Director of Corporate Administration.

CARRIED

(11) **West Nile Virus**
- Fax from UBCM, dated June 7, 2005

Moved by McClean, seconded by Taylor,

THAT the fax from UBCM, dated June 7, 2005, regarding West Nile Virus, be received for information.

CARRIED

(12) **Indoor Soccer Facility**
**Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 2050, 2005**
- Letter from Regional District of North Okanagan, dated June 9, 2005

Moved by Corner, seconded by McClean,

THAT the letter from the Regional District of North Okanagan, dated June 9, 2005, regarding Indoor Soccer Facility Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 2050, 2005, be received for information.

CARRIED

(13) **Highway 6 Safety**
- Email from France Boucher, dated June 15, 2005

Moved by Dirk, seconded by Taylor,

THAT the email from France Boucher, dated June 15, 2005, regarding Highway 6 safety, be received;

AND THAT Mayor Postill once again lobby the Minister of Transportation for funding to upgrade Highway 6, and our local MLA;
AND THAT a meeting be arranged at the upcoming UBCM with the Minister of Transportation;

AND FURTHER THAT the Minister of Transportation be advised that Coldstream Council has been unsuccessful to date in meeting with the local Committee on Transportation, encouraging him to look into why the Committee has not met in approximately two years.

CARRIED

b. RECEIVE AND FILE

Moved by Corner, seconded by McClean,

THAT the following items be received for information:

1. 2004 Annual Report
   - Letter from The Nature Trust of British Columbia, dated June 2005

2. 2004 Annual Report
   - Report from the office of the Ombudsman, received June 21, 2005

3. Earthquake and Tsunami Smart Manual
   - Letter from Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, dated June 21, 2005

4. 2005 Audited Financial Statements
   - Letter from Okanagan Basin Water Board, dated June 17, 2005

5. 2005 Interim Benchmarking Report
   - Letter from BC Progress Board, dated June 8, 2005

6. Correspondence from Justyna Jonca
   - Email dated June 21, 2005, Re: Senator Fitzpatrick attends the official opening of the Grizzly Wood Products in the Westbank First Nation Community; The Honourable Hedy Fry announces over $600,000 for the Emily Carr Institute of Arts and Design
   - Email dated June 116, 2005, Re: Ministerial Visits; Minister Regan announces reforms to Pacific fisheries
   - Email dated June 14, 2005, Re: Ministerial Visits; Minister Emerson announces investments of $28.3 million in innovative technology in British Columbia
(7) **Correspondence from Interior Health**
- Email dated June 22, 2005, Re: IH Food Services Review Complete
- Email dated June 21, 2005, Re: Issues of Social Inequality to Take Centre Stage
- Email dated June 20, 2005, Re: Put the Bite on West Nile Virus

(8) **Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of the City of Vernon, held Tuesday, May 24, 2005**

(9) **Meeting Minutes of the City of Vernon, held Tuesday, May 24, 2005**

(10) **Meeting Meetings of the Okanagan Basin Water Board, held Tuesday, April 12, 2005**

**CARRIED**

8. **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS**

a. **Councillor Corner**

(1) Greater Vernon Services Commission

b. **Councillor Dirk**

c. **Councillor Hackman**

(1) North Okanagan Regional District

- commercial haulers have been granted permission to take refuse to the landfill at 7:00 am on a trial basis

(a) Executive/Finance

(b) Planning and Building

(c) Solid Waste Plan Monitoring Committee

(d) Regional Services

(2) Okanagan Basin Water Board

(3) Finance Committee
d. Councillor McClean

(1) Regional Transit

(2) Sewer

(3) 9-1-1/Jaws of Life/Emergency Programs/Victim’s Assistance

e. Councillor Taylor

(1) Sewer Committee

● next meeting July 12, 2005

f. Councillor Williams

(1) Okanagan Regional Library

(2) Cultural Facility

● committee has been established to investigate a new cultural facility in the City of Vernon to be built on the former Coldstream Hotel site

● Request for Proposals are being obtained on a strategic action plan

● public open house to be held on Tuesday, July 5

g. Mayor Postill

(1) Greater Vernon Services Commission

9. BYLAWS

Nil

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. Halloween Fireworks – Fire Departments

Moved by Taylor, seconded by McClean,

THAT the previously budgeted amount for the Halloween fireworks displays at both fire halls be increased to $1,000 for each hall;
AND THAT the funds be made available through Council Expenses.

CARRIED

b. Hofer Drive
Lots 1-14, Plan 9664, Sec. 22, Twp. 9, LD 41

A discussion was held on the appropriate zoning for properties located on Hofer Drive.

c. Summer Council Meetings

Moved by Corner, seconded by McClean,

THAT the regularly scheduled Council Meetings of July 25, 2005 and August 22, 2005, be cancelled.

CARRIED

Mayor Postill publicly thanked Greg Betts, Chief Administrative Officer, for his fifteen years of dedicated service to the District of Coldstream, and wished him well with his new position at the Regional District of North Okanagan.

11. Resolution to Adjourn to In-Camera

Moved by McClean, seconded by Taylor,

THAT Council to adjourn to an In-Camera meeting to discuss issues related to:

Section 90(1)(m) of the Community Charter;
Section 90(1)(c) of the Community Charter;
Section 90(1)(e) of the Community Charter;
Section 90(1)(f) of the Community Charter.

CARRIED

The Regular Meeting adjourned to In-Camera at 9:40 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of Council reconvened at 10:57 p.m.
12. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Corner, seconded by Williams,

THAT the Regular Meeting of Council, held Monday, June 27, 2005, be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT

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Director of Corporate Administration   Mayor