



CITY OF GREENWOOD
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on December 11, 2023

PRESENT Mayor J. Bolt
Councillors: C. Huisman, CJ Rhodes, G. Shaw, J. McLean.

NOT PRESENT Tracy Thomas, CAO

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA **Motion: J. McLean/ C. Rhodes**
(363-23) THAT the December 11, 2023 regular council agenda be adopted.
Carried

ADOPTION OF MINUTES **Motion: G. Shaw/ C. Huisman**
(364-23) THAT the minutes of November 14, 2023 Regular Council Meeting be adopted.
Carried

Motion: C. Rhodes/ C. Huisman
(365-23) THAT the minutes of the November 28, 2023 Inaugural Council Meeting be adopted.
Carried

Motion: C. Rhodes/ J. McLean
(366-23) THAT the minutes of the November 28, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes be adopted.
Carried

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION **Motion: C. Rhodes/ J. McLean**
(367-23) That Council accepts all correspondence as information.
Carried

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION **None.**

COUNCILLOR’S REPORTS

Clint Huisman: Verbal report presented

CJ Rhodes: Verbal report presented

Jessica McLean: Verbal report presented – On File

Gerry Shaw: Verbal report presented

MAYOR’S REPORT: Verbal report presented

ADMINISTRATION REPORT: No Report presented

(368-23) **Motion: J. McLean/ C. Rhodes**
THAT Council receive the reports as information. **Carried**

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
REPORTS**

(369-23) **Motion: C. Huisman/ C. Rhodes**
THAT Council receive the cash disbursement accounts payable report in the amount of \$61,204.15 for the period of November 24, 2023 to December 7, 2023. **Carried**

**NEW AND UNFINISHED
BUSINESS**

a. 2024 Board
Appointments.

J. Bolt Moved to stay as the RDKB Board Director
C. Huisman Seconded

Councillor Huisman expressed his support for J. Bolt as RDKB Board Director and expressed the want for more going forward, more reporting and doing more to keep all Council involved.

Councillor Rhodes asked Council if there is anyone else that is interested in this position.

Councillor Shaw expressed his interest in the position as well as put together a discussion on why Councillor Shaw would like this position.

Councillor Rhodes asked a question on procedure, “if one or more member has shown interest should there not be a debate so it is all inclusive because there is more than one person interested and there is no way to handle this with a single motion”.

Mayor Bolt then expressed how Council had a discussion on this at the previous Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Councillor Rhodes acknowledged the discussion at the COTW but urged Council and Mayor to open the Motion to any Council interested.

Mayor Bolt agreed.

Councillor Rhodes expressed that he thought the previous motion made by Mayor Bolt should be rescinded.

Mayor Bolt questioned which motion.

Councillor Rhodes expressed that Council needs to include the full scope of what we're doing here.

Mayor Bolt stated "now were debating it".

Councillor Rhodes stated "I don't want to be argumentative about it. It should be a nomination process I would think, and it should go through the board."

Councillor Rhodes stated "Mayor Bolt has nominated himself and Councillor Huisman seconded and I think we should do that with everyone and then we can vote on."

Mayor Bolt stated he didn't know how this works.

Councillor Rhodes stated "if we progress with your motion right now there is nobody else included in it, I think it is just that simple."

Councillor McLean stated "how I see it is if Mayor Bolt makes a motion and Clint seconds it, its open for discussion, whereas if we voted on it right after and there is someone opposed we can say why were opposed."

C. Rhodes asked, "what if they're not, then Mayor Bolt would be the one that we elect."

Councillor Shaw stated "I think perhaps what Councillor Rhodes is looking at is the opportunity for the discussion versus if we have it has where you motion and second now it is either approved or defeated. Whereas if there was an opportunity for discussing the opportunity like for example, when we talk about the Liaisons and positions we talk openly and we candidly talk about that next and where those positions sit and why. Whereas this one was not even really given an opportunity to talk about it, it's just being voted on and then moving on to the next thing right. And one of the big things for me is when there is a process we should not feel uncomfortable to ask questions or to put our position forward and I feel like when it comes to this position it always feels like a very contentious thing whereas it should be more about openness and transparency, talk about the reasons why and then have a debate about those things at the table, I feel as if we never have the option to do that, it always feels like a very uncomfortable conversation, and I have seen in the past a lot of backroom talk about it rather than being able to sit here and candidly promote yourself or promote someone else for the reasons that you feel are there, right."

Mayor Bolt stated to Councillor Shaw that he is welcome to promote himself right now.

G. Shaw stated "Well the only problem is because we have a mover and a seconder it's no relevance to this motion to say anything,

right.”

Mayor Bolt stated to Councillor Shaw that “you just said that you wanted to put your name forward.”

Councillor Shaw stated “you can’t because this is already a motion and second on the table, it’s for discussion, this motion either gets defeated or it gets approved and the only other way it would be done is if you guys amended the motion to allow other people to put there name forward as well.”

Mayor Bolt stated “if this Motion gets defeated then we have *inaudible*”.

Councillor Shaw stated, “Well I know but, again, we can debate all of that with just a fair assessment at the table and discuss all that and that’s all I’m getting at.”

Councillor Rhodes stated “in all fairness to all interested parties they have to be nominated, correct, and with the motion we have on the floor right now we have already gone past that. I would suggest that we withdraw the motion and then make a proper one to allow all interested Council members the opportunity to participate in it and then they can be part of the debate. I don’t know anything about Councillor Shaw, I know recent stuff, I would like to know more and without this focus on the motion we have on the floor right now, we would never hear from the other one and the hazard is it could be approved without his input at all.”

Mayor Bolt stated *inaudible* “I can rescind my motion if you’d like and I’d like to put my name forward and if Councillor Shaw wants to put his name forward.”

Councillor Rhodes stated “So I think there has to be a formal nomination.”

Mayor Bolt stated “I don’t think that in our Council Procedure Bylaw”.

Councillor Rhodes stated “But you already did it, you already nominated somebody, so how do we get input from another interested party”.

Mayor Bolt stated “Councillor Shaw is nominating himself too”.

Councillor Shaw stated “I’d probably wait for somebody else to”.

Councillor Shaw stated “I didn’t nominate myself, I said I would like the position and I would like to give an opportunity to say why I want this position.”

Mayor Bolt stated “right, I have rescinded my motion”.

Councillor Shaw stated "I would like to read what I got here."

Councillor Shaw then spoke about why he is interested in the Board Director Position for the RDKB. – on File.

Mayor Bolt then spoke about why he wants to stay on as Board Director for the RDKB.

Councillor Rhodes stated, "Mayor Bolt, only because I am a stickler for procedures but I think we have a motion on the table that we have to deal with".

Mayor Bolt expressed that he had rescinded his motion.

Councillor Rhodes stated, "well that would require a motion as well, I believe."

Councillor Huisman asked the question "Can anybody make that motion Councillor Rhodes or does it have to come from the original".

Councillor Rhodes stated "I am not sure".

Councillor McLean stated "I feel like anybody can make the motion".

Councillor Shaw stated "he said he would, it was his motion to rescind".

Councillor Rhodes stated "My point only is that you need to introduce another."

Councillor McLean stated "another motion?".

Motion: J. Bolt/ C. Huisman

THAT Mayor bolt moves to rescind his motion that he stays on as Board Director for the RDKB.

(370-23)

Carried

Councillor Huisman asked the question "Can I make a motion for all individuals that are interested in the position as a Board member for the RDKB to step forward and identify themselves."

Mayor Bolt stated, "I would like to put my name forward as the Mayor of Greenwood."

Councillor Shaw put his name forward.

Councillor Rhodes Seconded the motion.

Councillor Huisman stated "All in favor, oh sorry"

Mayor Bolt asked Councillor Huisman "who is seconding?"

Councillor Rhodes raised his hand and stated to Mayor Bolt that Councillor Rhodes seconded.

Councillor Huisman stated to Mayor Bolt “Seconding my motion”.

Councillor McLean asked the question “So now what, we can just vote, this is getting pretty uncomfortable”.

Councillor Rhodes stated, “well this is why you have nominations, somebody from Council should nominate and then we vote on it”.

Statement from a resident in the audience *inaudible*

Mayor Bolt expressed to the resident that they do not have a Corporate Officer here right now.

Resident in audience then asked Council why they can't ask a former CAO.

Mayor Bolt stated, “I guess we could ask a former CAO, Wendy Higashi.”

Former CAO who attended as resident stated “I think Council needs to look at their Bylaws, somewhere in a Bylaw, there is a Bylaw that states a procedure Bylaw and there's something in that, that states, The Mayor as the first right of refusal on that position, its somewhere, it happened when Councillor Lang was in, when *inaudible*, they read the refusal and decided on a different person.”

Councillor Shaw stated “Two things, I'm okay waiting if were not sure, just to be sure, on the other side of this, the Local Government Act states that the Regional position is a voted on, it says right in the act, Community Charter if you look through there is says go to such and such Local Government Act, if you go to the BC website it does say the position is voted on by Council and again when we look at procedures and policies, we went through our Bylaw last week and identified a whole bunch of things that aren't correct in there, its not in there obviously but if it is somewhere else, I'm comfortable looking for it just to make sure that process is followed or if the process is wrong in our Bylaws that we fix them to match the Community Charter and Local Government Act.”

Mayor Bolt stated “you know, I'm fine if you don't want me on the Regional District, lets just vote on it and we don't need to drag this out or whatever”.

Councillor Rhodes states “Once again I'm not being argumentative, but that kind of comment is I mean, we have to deal with this and deal with this correctly and nobody has suggested that you're not wanted”.

Mayor Bolt stated, "I'm not saying that, but were going to vote and see right."

Councillor Rhodes stated, "but you did say it".

Mayor Bolt stated *inaudible*

Councillor Rhodes stated, "Well it is an important matter, and you need to deal with it, we can't just sluff it off and act like it's not there, I mean we have to deal with it and this is how we deal with it and we also have this document from the Regional District."

Former CAO that was in audience as resident stated, "the rules and regulations might be different, so you have to make sure that you don't have a Bylaw you're going against."

Mayor Bolt stated, "Ya we do have a Procedure Bylaw and I read it, and I didn't see anything".

Councillor Rhodes agreed that he didn't see anything in the Procedure Bylaw as well.

Councillor Shaw stated "I think at the end of the day if we did in any Procedures Bylaw that we write, it should say, as long as it doesn't conflict with the Community Charter which is obviously our first line of duty, the Community Charter is what this table runs by so if we make mistakes in our policies and procedures we should make sure that there covered by saying, if in doubt refer back to the Community Charter or Local Government Act."

Councillor McLean stated, "I am good to vote on it now, I don't want to go through this uncomfortable situation again, it's difficult."

Councillor Shaw starts to talk.

Councillor McLean told Councillor Shaw to "Shh".

Councillor McLean stated, "It's difficult because you don't want any bad blood or anything like that and its awkward of course when someone wants it and you vote something else, I would like to just carry on with this."

Councillor Huisman stated "I would like to make a motion that we table this, and we find out the exact Bylaws so that we are 100% compliant and doing the job that we've been elected to do. I feel like this decision can be delayed so that we are 100%. It would be nice to get past this however I want to make sure we're following the rules."

Councillor Shaw stated "And on that note as well, it's probably important that in our polices and procedures Bylaw we put this in place for prior to November because the Regional District has all there voting in November so if your were to have the Board

positions, its important to have a Board member that is instated before, you know put in before that time so probably the first meeting in November to make sure that person meets the requirements of and gets sworn in and all that stuff.”

Mayor Bolt stated, “Were already running late with the RDKB so”.

Councillor Shaw stated “but that’s part of our job is that policy and procedure.”

Councillor Rhodes stated “Well I have read through it and did not see that in there, I have no recollection of any of our Bylaws covering that on there, we have a very definitive document from the Regional District on how to proceed and says what we can and can not do and I think were totally on track to make a decision tonight, I mean I don’t think we have done anything irregular and Mayor Bolt suggested that he has read through it and seen anything unclear.”

Mayor Bolt *inaudible*

Councillor Rhodes stated, “according to this, so everybody has seen this?”

All Council and Mayor Agreed.

Councillor Rhodes stated, “yes we all got it, it clearly says that we’re in charge to do pretty much anything we want”.

Mayor Bolt stated “yeah, Council can Vote, Vote me off Regional District, or vote Gerry off Regional District or Hospital Board, anytime they want.”

Councillor Rhodes stated, “And we can do it in any schedule we want, or any time of the year we want as well.”

Councillor Shaw stated “Yes we can but I mean again just for if we were to make any updates to our polices and procedures it would be nice to put them in there to have them in beginning of November so it can help us for better meetings, that’s all I was pointing out, it doesn’t mean we can’t vote any time, it’s just nice if it was there is all”.

Mayor Bolt *inaudible*

Councillor Rhodes states “regrettably we do not have another meeting until well into January, *inaudible*

Mayor Bolt *inaudible*

Councillor Shaw states “I would like to put my name forward if somebody would nominate me, I am not comfortable nominating myself.”

Councillor McLean states “I would like to nominate Councillor Shaw.”

Mayor Bolt asked Councillor Huisman if he would nominate Mayor Bolt.

C. Huisman states “yes, John, I will nominate you.”

Councillor McLean told Councillor Rhodes “Good Luck CJ, Good luck”.

Mayor Bolt *inaudible*

Councillor Shaw states “I think from here the procedure would be, we have already gone through our spiels about why we should be on the board, now it would come down to the motion to approve one member or another.”

Councillor Rhodes ask the question “is there a motion on the floor to postpone this to another meeting or?”

Councillor Huisman answered and stated, “I attempted to but it was not seconded”.

Councillor Rhodes said “okay”.

Mayor Bolt stated, “Well I guess I’ll ask the question, all in favor of me staying on the Regional District Board”.

Councillor Shaw asked the question “what are you doing right now?”

Councillor McLean states “I am going to make a motion just to get this done, I motion for Councillor Shaw to sit on the Board of the Regional District the RDKB”.

Councillor Rhodes states “well once again, do we have any motions on the floor that we need to deal with?”

Councillor McLean responded to Councillor Rhodes and answered “no”.

Councillor Rhodes states “Why don’t we say the name and then we vote on it, because they have both been nominated and I think the fair process is to vote.”

Mayor Bolt stated “Yeah, okay well let’s move forward and vote for the Mayor to stay on the Board of RDKB, I guess I can vote for myself I guess. I’ll vote for myself.”

Councillor Huisman states” can I speak about my decision, you have my support to be on the board because of how uncomfortable this is being handled and how you are the one that is suppose to handle

these situations, I support you but I cannot vote for you. I'm sorry John"

Councillor McLean asked Councillor Rhodes who he would like to vote for.

Councillor Shaw then states, "shouldn't it be a show of hands who's in support."

Councillor McLean then agrees with Councillor Shaw and states "Yes I think we should do a show of hands a vote for Mayor Bolt and now a vote for Councillor Shaw".

Mayor Bolt states "I don't really know how this works, I got no support so you didn't second it, so that motion is off the table, so who votes for Gerry Shaw for Regional District".

Councillor McLean, Councillor Shaw, Councillor Huisman and Councillor Rhodes all raised their hands in support of Councillor Shaw.

Mayor Bolt states "Okay Gerry Shaw you're the new RDKB director".

Councillor Shaw states "I think we need to make a motion now for this"

Motion: J. McLean/ C. Huisman

THAT Councillor Shaw is RDKB, sorry he is the Regional District representative.

(371-23)

Carried

Motion: J. McLean/ C. Huisman

THAT Council appoints Councillor J. McLean as the Kootenay Boundary Regional District Hospital Board Director.

(372-23)

Carried

Motion: C. Huisman/ J. McLean

THAT Council appoints Mayor Bolt as the West Boundary Community Forest Board Director.

(373-23)

Carried

Motion: C. Huisman/ G. Shaw

THAT Council appoints C. Huisman as the Alternate for the West Boundary Community Forest.

(374-23)

Carried

THAT Mayor Bolt Appoint the following 1 Year Appointments.

Board of Trade Liaison: C. Rhodes

Senior's Liaison: C. Huisman

Greenwood Volunteer Fire Department Liaison: C. Rhodes

Heritage Development Organization: G. Shaw
Boundary Citizens on Patrol/ Protective Services Committee:
 G. Shaw
Boundary RCMP Consultive Group Liaison: J. Bolt
Parks and Recreation: J. McLean
Greenwood Community Association: C. Huisman
Greenwood Heritage Society: G. Shaw
Greenwood Public Library: J. McLean
Public Works Liaison / Assets: C. Rhodes
Accessibility Committee: C. Huisman
Boundary Country Regional Chamber of Commerce: C. Rhodes
Boundary Invasive Species Society Liaison: J. McLean

- b. Responsible Conduct
Guiding Principles
Policy

Mayor Deferred until next Regular Council Meeting.

Discussion had between Council and Mayor

- c. Council Procedures
Bylaw No. 997, 2022
review

Mayor Deferred until next Regular Council Meeting.

- d. Concession Policy
Review

Mayor Deferred until next Regular Council Meeting.

- e. Committee of the Whole
Discussion

Mayor Deferred until next Regular Council Meeting.

- f. Action Tracker
Discussion

Mayor Deferred until next Regular Council Meeting.

BYLAWS

a. Bylaw No. 1011, 2023
Utilities Billing and
Payment Schedule.

(375-23)

Motion: G. Shaw/ C. Huisman

THAT Council give Fourth and Final Readings to Bylaw No. 1011,
2023 Utilities Billing and Payment Schedule.

Carried

b. Bylaw No. 1012, 2024
Revenue Anticipation
Borrowing Bylaw

(376-23)

Motion: G. Shaw/ C. Rhodes

THAT Council give First, Second and Third Readings to Bylaw No.
1012, 2024 Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw.

Carried

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

None.

QUESTION PERIOD

Resident asked the question “Is there any light at the end of the tunnel with a CAO coming to work, where is the city in that, your short staffed in the office and you need help here with meetings. What is the status of the CAO?”

Mayor Bolt stated, “we’re still working on that.”

Resident asked the question “Has there been any indication at all that, coming into the New Year we will have a CAO?”

Mayor Bolt stated, “I’m hoping so.”

Resident asked the question “Are we currently paying this CAO right now?”

Mayor Bolted stated “That falls under Land, Legal and Labor. As it falls under Labor, I can’t answer that.”

Resident asked, “How do we get that answer?”

Mayor Bolt stated *inaudible*

Resident asked the question, “We can’t know if a staff member, if there is currently a salary going out for a position within the city.”

Mayor Bolted stated, “No, Not right now.”

Resident stated, “we’re not allowed to know? It’s not in a budget somewhere, that information is never going to be released?”

Mayor Bolt stated, “Oh, it will be. But right now it can’t be released.”

Resident asked the question, “But we did hire a CAO?”

Mayor Bolt stated, “Yes.”

Resident asked the question, “Do we currently have a CAO whose just not working at this time?”

Mayor Bolt stated, “Correct”.

Councillor Rhodes stated that the city is now recruiting, and the response has been quite unfavorable, and we are also in the final recruitment process for a part time individual for office functions.

Resident asked the question, “But we have still hired a CAO recently for that position?”

Mayor Bolt stated, “Right now we are looking for temporary CAO”.

Resident’s question is *inaudible*.

Mayor Bolt stated, “I can’t speak on our CAO at this time, I’m sorry.”

Resident asked the question, “Okay so the position is being recruited for as a temporary position?”

Mayor Bolt stated, “Yes, actually we’re just looking for a temporary Corporate Officer”.

Councillor Huisman stated, “Not a temporary CAO.”

Councillor Shaw stated, “I would just like to add that we are very hopeful for in the New Year that things are going to switch around here. We cannot discuss any issues to do with Land, Legal and Labor but the scope of everything looks like in the New Year we should be getting some answers to where we stand.”

Councillor Huisman commented “The current status in the office, we are below the numbers we should be at, because of Rhonda and Brooklyn that City Hall is able to stay open, they are taking on work that is above their scope, the learning curve is steep and their managing it very well, I want to commend them for supporting us as Council and supporting our community and there is just two of them so we are quite fortunate to have these people.”

Resident asked the question, “Do you know why we’re having these problems of staff not staying, like what is happening that is causing staff such a difficult time, employing people in this community and City Hall.”

Mayor Bolt stated, “I can’t speak to it right now.”

Resident asked, “I’m not asking you to give out specifics, Although specifics have been given to me, inappropriately, by you in the past, so I’m quite surprised, perhaps the fact were not sitting in the legion right now is the reason I’m not finding out but I’m just curious out of a general overall scope, why this is happening?”

Resident asked the question, “What happened with that Lady who just walked in earlier and just was saying don’t ever contact me again, what was that in reference to?”

Mayor Bolt stated, “I didn’t get the note, so I’m not going to comment”.

Further discussions had with residents in crowd regarding Building concerns, Bylaw Enforcement and Water connections.

IN-CAMERA

No Motion.


ADJOURNMENT

Motion: J. Bolt

THAT Council adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 8:31 pm.

(377-23)

Carried



Mayor

Certified Correct



Chief Administrative Officer