

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS
AGENDA – REGULAR MEETING**

**Monday, February 15, 2016, at 7:00 pm
7217 - 4th Street, Council Chambers City Hall**

| | <u>ITEM</u> | <u>SUBJECT MATTER</u> | <u>RECOMMENDATION</u> |
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| 1. | <u>CALL TO ORDER</u> | | |
| 2. | <u>ADOPTION OF AGENDA</u> | | |
| | a) Adopt agenda | February 15th, 2016, Regular Meeting agenda | THAT Council adopts the February 15th, 2016, Regular Meeting agenda as presented. |
| 3. | <u>MINUTES</u> | | |
| | a) Adopt minutes Special Meeting To Go In-Camera Minutes - January 25th - Not Yet Adopted | January 25th, 2016, Special to go In-Camera Meeting minutes | THAT Council adopts the January 25th, 2016, Special to go In-Camera minutes as presented. |
| | b) Adopt minutes Regular Meeting Minutes - January 25th - Not Yet Adopted | January 25th, 2016, Regular Meeting minutes | THAT Council adopts the January 25th, 2016, Regular Meeting minutes as presented. |
| 4. | <u>REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS</u> | | |
| 5. | <u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</u> | | |
| | a) Corporate Services UNFINISHED BUS - RFD - AKBLG Resolutions | AKBLG proposed resolutions for 2016 for Council's consideration | THAT Council receives, discusses and adopts the final resolutions, as presented or modified thereof, and further directs staff to submit those resolutions, prior to the deadline of February 26th, 2016, as adopted by City Council, to the Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments (AKBLG) for those members' consideration and vote at the AKBLG Annual General meeting held in April 2016. |
| 6. | <u>REPORTS, QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL</u> | | |
| | a) Corporate Officer's Report RFD - Proc. Bylaw-CAO - Rpts., Questions, & Inquiries from Council Council Reports - Councillor Thompson Council Reports - Councillor Butler Council Reports - Councillor Hammett | Written reports of Council | THAT all written reports of Council be received. |

7. **REPORT FROM COUNCIL'S
REPRESENTATIVE TO THE REGIONAL
DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY**

- a) Corporate Officer's Report
[RFD - Proc. Bylaw-Council - RDKB
Council's Rep.](#)

Verbal report from Council's
representative to the
Regional District of Kootenay
Boundary

THAT Mayor Konrad's report
on the activities of the
Regional District of Kootenay
Boundary, given verbally at
this meeting be received.

8. **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR
DECISIONS**

- a) Manager of Development and
Engineering
[RFD - Mgr. of Dev. & Eng. - Saini
Rezoning for 3rd reading](#)

To amend the current Zoning
Bylaw by rezoning property
located at 6401 Highway #3
from the current TC (Tourist
Commercial) zone to the HC
(Highway Commercial) zone

THAT Council gives third
reading to the "City of Grand
Forks Zoning Amendment
Bylaw No. 1606-A4, 2016".

- b) Manager of Development &
Engineering Services
[RFD - Mgr. of Dev. & Eng. - Early
Budget Approval for 5th Street Water
Main](#)

Early budget approval for 5th
Street Water Main
Replacement

THAT Council provides early
budget approval for the 5th
Street Water Main
Replacement Project, Option
#2, estimated to cost
\$575,000 to be funded from
the Community Works Gas
Tax Fund.

- c) Manager of Operations
[RFD - Mgr. of Operations - Early
Budget Approval for 3rd Street Sewer
Main](#)

Early budget approval for 3rd
Street Sewer Main Repair

THAT Council provides early
budget approval for the 3rd
Street Sewer Main Repair
Project with an estimated cost
of \$150,000 to be funded
from Capital Reserves.

- d) Manager of Operations
[RFD - Mgr. of Operations - Early
Budget Approval for Well #3](#)

Early budget approval for
Well #3 Pump and Motor with
VFD and Building
Modifications

THAT Council provides early
budget approval for the Well
#3 Pump and Motor with VFD
and Building Modifications
Project with an estimated cost
of \$100,000 to be funded
from Capital Reserves.

9. **REQUESTS ARISING FROM
CORRESPONDENCE**

10. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

- a) Tyra van Leur
[Van Leur, Tyra re Scholarship
Receipient Thank You](#)

Letter of 'Thank You' from
Tyra for receiving the City of
Grand Forks Scholarship

THAT Council receives the
Letter from Tyra van Leur and
notes Thank You for 2015
Scholarship Program.

- b) Letter from the City of Port Coquitlam
[SOII - 2016 FCM Resolution-Build
Canada Grant Fund](#)

The City of Port Coquitlam is
requesting that all BC Local
Governments consider
endorsing their 2016 FCM
Resolution with regard to
Build Canada Grant Funding

THAT Council receives the
information provided from the
City of Port Coquitlam
regarding 2016 FCM
Resolution - Build Canada
Grant Funding for discussion

and decision.

- c) Deputy Manager of Operations
[Communication - Dep. Mgr. of Op. -
Letter to RDKB regarding Airport
funding](#)

Proposed draft
correspondence with regard
to requested financial support
for the airport, from the
Regional District of Kootenay
Boundary

THAT Council receives the
draft correspondence from
the Deputy Manager of
Operations with regard to
seeking financial support for
the municipal airport, from the
Regional District of Kootenay
Boundary, for discussion
purposes.

11. **BYLAWS**

12. **LATE ITEMS**

13. **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE
MEDIA**

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

SPECIAL MEETING TO GO IN-CAMERA
MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2016

NOT ADOPTED
SUBJECT TO CHANGE

PRESENT: MAYOR FRANK KONRAD
COUNCILLOR JULIA BUTLER
COUNCILLOR CHRIS HAMMETT
COUNCILLOR NEIL KROG
COUNCILLOR COLLEEN ROSS
COUNCILLOR CHRISTINE THOMPSON

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
CORPORATE OFFICER
MANAGER OF DEVELOPMENT & ENGINEERING

D. Allin
D. Heinrich
D. Sheets

GALLERY – Scott Shepherd of Urban Systems Present

1. CALL TO ORDER

- a) The Mayor called the meeting to order at 11:25 am

2. IN-CAMERA RESOLUTION

Resolution required to go into an In-Camera meeting

- a) Adopt resolution as per section 90 as follows:

MOTION: THOMPSON / HAMMETT

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL CONVENE AN IN-CAMERA MEETING AS OUTLINED UNDER SECTION 90 OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER TO DISCUSS MATTERS IN A CLOSED MEETING WHICH ARE SUBJECT TO SECTION 90 (1) (a), PERSONAL INFORMATION ABOUT AN IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL WHO HOLDS OR IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR A POSITION AS AN OFFICER , EMPLOYEE, OR AGENT OF THE MUNICIPALITY OR ANOTHER POSITION APPOINTED BY THE MUNICIPALITY; AND SECTION 90 (1) (e), THE ACQUISITION, DISPOSITION OR EXPROPRIATION OF LAND OR IMPROVEMENTS, IF THE COUNCIL CONSIDERS THAT DISCLOSURE COULD REASONABLY BE EXPECTED TO HARM THE INTERESTS OF THE MUNICIPALITY. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT PERSONS, OTHER THAN MEMBERS, OFFICERS, OR OTHER PERSONS TO WHOM COUNCIL MAY DEEM NECESSARY TO CONDUCT CITY BUSINESS, WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM THE IN-CAMERA MEETING.

CARRIED.

3. **LATE ITEMS**

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

a) The meeting was adjourned at 11:26 AM

MOTION: THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT the meeting was adjourned at 11:26 AM

NOT ADOPTED
SUBJECT TO CHANGE

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

MAYOR FRANK KONRAD

CORPORATE OFFICER - DIANE HEINRICH

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2016

PRESENT: MAYOR FRANK KONRAD
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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
CORPORATE OFFICER
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
MANAGER OF DEVELOPMENT & ENGINEERING
DEPUTY MANAGER OF OPERATIONS

D. Allin
D. Heinrich
R. Shepherd
D. Sheets
D. Drexler

GALLERY

1. CALL TO ORDER

- a) The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Mayor advised that he was amending the agenda to remove an item and to include a late item:

1. To amend the Regular Meeting to remove Item 11 (b) regarding Council's consideration to give third reading to Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1606-A4, 2016;
2. To add, as a Late Item to the Council Reports section: Councillor Ross to give Council a brief update on the forestry issue that she has been working on.

- a) Adopt agenda
January 25th, 2016, Regular Meeting agenda

MOTION: KROG / BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the January 25th, 2016, Regular Meeting, as amended.
CARRIED.

3. **MINUTES**

- a) Adopt minutes
January 11th, 2016, Special to go In-Camera minutes

NOT ADOPTED
SUBJECT TO CHANGE

MOTION: THOMPSON / BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the January 11th, 2016, Special to go In-Camera minutes as presented.

CARRIED.

- b) Adopt minutes
January 11th, 2016, Public Hearing Meeting minutes.

MOTION: THOMPSON / BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the January 11th, 2016, Public Hearing Meeting minutes as presented.

CARRIED.

- c) Adopt minutes
January 11th, 2016, Regular Meeting minutes

MOTION: THOMPSON / BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the January 11th, 2016, Regular Meeting minutes as presented.

CARRIED.

4. **REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

6. **REPORTS, QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

- a) Corporate Officer's Report
Written reports of Council

COUNCILLOR ROSS - Spoke with regard to the forestry initiative and advised that

she would like to display some graphics to Council at the next meeting. Councillor Ross advised that she has asked for an extension to the initiative for public comment, and further commented that no notices were sent to the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary and to the City of Grand Forks. She spoke of the threat to the Granby Grizzly population. She reported she has received over 100 emails with regard to the BC forest watch, and that she would like to put forward a motion at the next meeting as well. She advised that she has a call in and an email to the UBCM regarding any past resolutions regarding the forestry issue so that her resolution does not duplicate prior resolutions.

COUNCILLOR BUTLER - Spoke with regard to her prior request for legal fees information and asked that the Chief Administrative Officer disclose this information to Council. Other members of Council advised that Staff is currently working on the budgeting process and that this information will be made available at a later time.

MOTION: THOMPSON / ROSS

RESOLVED THAT all written & verbal reports of Council be received.

CARRIED.

7. REPORT FROM COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY

- a) Corporate Officer's Report
Verbal report from Council's representative to the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary.

The Mayor reported on his attendance at the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary meeting on January 13th, and that the major issues were regarding budget matters, solid waste management, and reuse sites regarding the relocation or closing of those sites.

He further reported on his attendance on January 21st at a Boundary Economic Development Committee meeting, and that Margaret Rotvold was appointed as the Director for this committee. He advised that the major discussion ensued around the area's trails regarding surfacing, expanding, and better lobbying to higher levels of government.

The Mayor spoke about the Hockeyville Kraft initiative for the area.

MOTION: BUTLER / HAMMETT

RESOLVED THAT Mayor Konrad's report on the activities of the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary, given verbally at this meeting be received.

CARRIED.

MOTION: HAMMETT / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT Council endorses the Hockeyville Kraft initiative, and directs Staff to pursue the initiative for the City of Grand Forks.

CARRIED.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS

- a) Chief Financial Officer
Funding for ladder truck purchase

The Chief Financial Officer spoke with regard to the options for financing for the Fire Truck. She advised that it would be wise to keep the equipment reserve in case of emergency and to finance the amount through the Municipal Finance Authority.

MOTION: THOMPSON / HAMMETT

RESOLVED THAT Council finances the 2015 Rosenbauer 101' Cobra Platform Fire Truck through the Municipal Finance Authority Equipment Financing Program for \$722,518.58, under Section 175 of the Community Charter for a maximum of five years with no right of renewal.

CARRIED.

Councillor Butler opposed the motion.

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- b) Manager of Development & Engineering Services
BC Conservation Foundation (BCCF) - WildSafeBC Program for 2016

MOTION: HAMMETT / ROSS

RESOLVED THAT Council supports staff proceeding with preparing the application for a WildSafeBC Community Coordinator for the 2016 season.

CARRIED.

9. REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Deputy Corporate Officer/Communications
Memorandum regarding the Municipal and Regional District Tax (MRDT)

Councillor Hammett wished to clarify that it is Grand Forks and Christina Lake who are the participants to this initiative, but it is not regional.

MOTION: KROG / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT Council receives the information obtained by staff from Cavan Gates regarding the percentage of accommodators within the City of Grand Forks that were

in favour of the tax and bring back to Council for decision at the Regular Meeting on January 25th, 2016.

CARRIED.

MOTION: HAMMETT / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT the City of Grand Forks endorses the implementation of the Municipal Regional District Tax for the City of Grand Forks.

CARRIED.

NOT ADOPTED
SUBJECT TO CHANGE

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

- a) Chief Financial Officer
BC Assessment 2015 Supplementary Update

The Chief Financial Officer spoke with regard to BC Assessment Supplementary Update. She advised that the City should look at a contingency reserve to offset changes to the roll. She advised that she could bring it forward for Council's consideration in the 2016 budgeting process.

MOTION: KROG / BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT Council receives for information the memorandum from the Chief Financial Officer regarding the BC Assessment 2015 Supplementary Update.

CARRIED.

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- b) Deputy Manager of Operations
Memorandum regarding the Campground Policy No. 1206 and Campground Bylaw No. 1812 and amendments

The Deputy Manager of Operations spoke with regard to complaints received with regard to Campground usage and proposed changes, as presented for Council's review.

MOTION: KROG / BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT Council receives for information the memorandum from the Deputy Manager of Operations regarding the Campground Policy No. 1206 and Campground Bylaw No. 1812 and amendments.

CARRIED.

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- c) Monthly Highlight Reports from Department Managers
Staff request for Council to receive the monthly activity reports from department managers

The Chief Administrative Officer spoke with regard to the Occupational Health and Safety component of the organization, and advised that this month's focus is on personal protective equipment (PPE), and that the City would be providing safety topics on a monthly basis.

Councillor Butler asked on the status of the City's wells - The Chief Administrative Officer advised that well no. 3 has some challenges with the motor and is currently out of service, and further that the City is looking at options.

NOT ADOPTED
SUBJECT TO CHANGE

MOTION: HAMMETT / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT Council receives the monthly activity reports from department managers.

CARRIED.

11. BYLAWS

- a) Manager of Building Inspections & Bylaw Services
Amendment Bylaw No. 1957 - A4 as it relates to Schedule 4 of the Municipal Ticketing and Information Bylaw No. 1957 (Re: Unsightly Premises Bylaw No. 1962)

MOTION: THOMPSON / KROG

RESOLVED THAT Council gives the amendment Bylaw No. 1957- A4 Final Reading at the January 25th, 2016, Regular Meeting.

CARRIED.

12. LATE ITEMS

13. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA

ROMA HAMILTON - She spoke about legal fees, the possibility of taxes rising with concerns for Senior Citizens on limited incomes.

FIL MAURO - He commented that the legal fees discussion has reoccurred over a couple of meetings now.

BEVERLY TRIPP - She spoke about a past report of Councillor's Butler's pertaining to In-Camera meetings.

DONNA SEMENOFF - She spoke regarding Councillor Butler's report in tonight's agenda

LES JOHNSON - He asked why Councillor Butler is asking for legal fee amounts in correlation to her report in tonight's agenda, and couldn't this be regarded as a conflict of interest.

NOT ADOPTED
SUBJECT TO CHANGE

14. ADJOURNMENT

a) The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm

MOTION: THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:21 pm

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

MAYOR FRANK KONRAD

CORPORATE OFFICER – DIANE HEINRICH

REQUEST FOR DECISION

— REGULAR MEETING —



To: Mayor and Council

From: Corporate Services

Date: February 4th, 2016

Subject: AKBLG Final Resolutions for 2016- UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Recommendation: **RESOLVED THAT Council receives, discusses and adopts the final resolutions, as presented or modified thereof, and further directs Staff to submit those resolutions, prior to the deadline of February 26th, 2016, as adopted by City Council, to the Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments (AKBLG) for those members' consideration and vote at the AKBLG Annual General Meeting held in April 2016.**

BACKGROUND: Annually, the Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments (AKBLG) submits to their perspective municipalities, the opportunity to put forward resolutions that address issues of a broader spectrum for the Kootenay-Boundary region for the membership's consideration. Each motion is brought forward to the membership at their Annual General Meeting and voted upon. Those resolutions that are passed by the membership, are forwarded onto the UBCM (Union of British Columbia Municipalities), in the fall, for that membership consideration at a province wide vote.

Over the last few Council meetings, members of Council have discussed issues that Council could consider to forward as resolutions to the AKBLG. The attached documentation depicts the proposed resolutions and background data that Council would consider as submissions to the 2016 AKBLG Annual General Meeting.

Benefits or Impacts of the Recommendation:

General: Council's adopted resolutions would be considered and voted upon at the Annual General Meeting of the AKBLG

Strategic Impact: The attached resolutions are in alignment with Council's strategic plan as it pertains to Community Livability and Fiscal Accountability

Financial: The presented resolutions could have a direct or indirect financial impact.

Policy/Legislation: Council's prerogative to adopt resolutions

Attachments: 1. Notice of Third/Final Call for Resolutions instructions from the AKBLG; 2. Proposed Resolution and background information from Councillor Thompson regarding annual legislated Tax Sale; and

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3) Proposed Resolution and background information from Councillor Butler regarding protection of Water Resources from privatization.

Recommendation:

RESOLVED THAT Council receives, discusses and adopts the final resolutions, as presented or modified thereof, and further directs Staff to submit those resolutions, prior to the deadline of February 26th, 2016, as adopted by City Council, to the Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments (AKBLG) for those members' consideration and vote at the AKBLG Annual General Meeting held in April 2016.

OPTIONS:

- 1. RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE STAFF REPORT.**
- 2. RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DOES NOT ACCEPT THE STAFF REPORT.**

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|  Department Head or CAO |  Chief Administrative Officer |
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RECEIVED

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THE CORPORATION OF
THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

790 Shakespeare Street, Trail BC V1R 2B4
Cell 250-231-0404 | Email akblg@shaw.ca

TO: All AKBLG Members

FROM: Arlene Parkinson, Secretary/Treasurer

DATE: January 22, 2016

**RE: NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
and THIRD/FINAL CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS 2016**

The 2016 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Association of Kootenay & Boundary Local Governments will be held **April 27, 28 and 29, 2016 and will be hosted by the City of Kimberley.**

Pursuant to Section 10 of your Constitution, this is the **THIRD AND FINAL CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS** for the Annual General Meeting. If there is an issue of concern to your Local Government, which cannot be resolved at the local level, please submit it to the Association in the form of a Resolution.

We will be circulating the resolution package for perusal by delegates prior to the convention. Please make note of the deadline date. ***All resolutions must be received at this office no later than Monday, February 26, 2016.*** Resolutions received after this date will be held over until the next Annual General Meeting.

The Executive will receive Special Resolutions no later than 10:00 a.m., Thursday, April 28, 2016, at the AGM provided that there are 100 copies of each resolution. A Special Resolution requires a two thirds vote in support of consideration prior to being introduced onto the floor of the AGM.

Background material and a brief statement of any previous action taken by the member should support each draft Resolution. Each Resolution may be submitted electronically to akblg@shaw.ca and should be on the letterhead of the Local Government submitting it with a short heading to designate the subject of the Resolution. **Please include the Mover and the Seconder of the Resolution in order to facilitate communications between the Resolutions Committee and the members.**

The Resolution may not contain more than two "Whereas" clauses.

FILE CODE
WES- Notice of Annual General
& AG - Mtg. & Third & Final Call
for Resolutions



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Please do not hesitate to contact me at the above email address if you have any questions or concerns.

I have included below the updated section from the AKBLG Constitution.

Thank you

Arlene Parkinson
Secretary Treasurer

PART 10 ANNUAL MEETING RESOLUTIONS

- 10.1 Notice of the 'Call for Resolutions' shall be sent to all Members in November of each year.
- 10.2 The President shall appoint a Resolution Committee. The Committee shall consist of three (3) members of the Executive. The Committee shall elect a Chair from amongst its members.
- 10.3 The role of the Resolution Committee is to examine, comment and make a recommendation on all resolutions submitted to the Annual General Meeting, after it has received comment back from UBCM.
- 10.4 Ordinary Resolutions
- (1) Each resolution shall be prepared on a separate sheet of 8 1/2" by 11" paper under the name of the sponsoring Member and shall bear a short descriptive title;
 - (2) Each resolution shall be endorsed by the sponsoring Member.
 - (3) All resolutions of the Association shall be deemed to be of a local (regional) nature unless specifically indicated by the sponsor that the resolution is to be handled at the Provincial Government level.
- 10.5 Late and Special Resolutions
- (i) Resolutions that are not received in accordance with the deadline outlined in 10.7 below shall be categorized as follows:
 - (a) Late Resolution
 - (b) Special Resolution
 - (ii) A Late Resolution shall be held over until the next Annual General Meeting



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(iii) A Special Resolution shall be determined by the Resolutions Committee, as being any resolution pertaining to a new issue that has arisen between the deadline outlined in 10.7 below and the Annual General Meeting.

(iv) A Special Resolution requires a two thirds vote in support of consideration prior to being introduced onto the floor of the Annual General Meeting, and may only be introduced after all Ordinary Resolutions have been considered or if two thirds of the Delegates present determine to hear the resolution immediately.

- 10.6 The Executive will cause the resolutions to be printed and circulated to Members by way of the Delegate packages.
- 10.7 All resolutions, along with supportive, background information, shall be sent to the Secretary-Treasurer sixty (60) days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting.
- 10.8 The Chair of the Resolution Committee will call for discussions from the floor.
- 10.9 Any amendment and any motion to withdraw any resolution from consideration of the meeting must be moved and seconded from the floor.
- 10.10 Voting on resolutions shall be by show of voting cards or electronic voting equipment. The resolution shall pass based upon a majority vote of the voting Delegates.
- 10.11 Any resolution that has been voted on cannot be brought to the floor again until the following Annual General Meeting.
- 10.12 Any Member may submit a resolution direct to the Union of BC Municipalities without need of endorsement of the Association.
- 10.13 The host Member shall have equipment available to reproduce copies of any Special Resolutions in the event that the sponsor has not been able to supply sufficient copies for the Delegates. The sponsor of the resolution will be responsible to cover any photocopying costs.
- 10.14 Resolutions for the amendment of the Constitution and Bylaws or any other purpose, shall in the first instance, be referred to the Resolution Committee to report thereon to the Annual General Meeting, unless a two-thirds vote of those Delegates present dispense with the rule.
- 10.15 At the Annual General Meeting, Delegates will prioritize resolutions by means of an equitable voting process that identifies those deemed highest priority by the Association. Resolutions endorsed but not identified as high priority will also be submitted to the Union of BC Municipalities by the Association (see 10.12).

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Councillor Christine Thompson
RE: Municipal Tax Sales
DATE: February 15, 2016

As a former Tax Collector, I have personal knowledge of the time and expense it costs a municipality to conduct a tax sale. In 2011, I prepared and our City submitted a resolution to the AKBLG relative to amending the Local Government Act by repealing Sections 420 to 427 and replacing them with provisions similar to those of the Surveyor of Taxes Forfeiture Cycle with an assurance that any unredeemed properties would revert to the municipality. This resolution was endorsed by both the AKBLG and the UBCM. The City did not receive notification of the Province's response until February 2012. At that time, I was not a member of our City Council, and the Province had requested specific examples of where a change in the legislation would benefit municipalities. Nothing was forwarded to them. Attached to this Memorandum are copies of my original resolution and the response from the Province.

It is my firm belief that the municipal tax sale procedures are onerous and costly and that changes need to be implemented. Inasmuch as too much time has gone by to submit specific examples of how amendments to the Local Government Act would benefit municipalities, I am proposing Council endorse and submit the following resolution to the AKBLG:

WHEREAS in 1998 the Province surveyed Municipal Tax Collectors to obtain information on the effectiveness of Tax Sale and comments on the process, and

WHEREAS the Tax Sale process is both onerous and costly to municipalities,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia be requested to conduct a survey of Municipal Tax Collectors in 2016 to obtain current information on the effectiveness of Tax Sale and their comments on the process.

Respectfully,

C. Thompson

**2011 B119 REPEAL SECTIONS 420-427 OF THE LOCAL
GOVERNMENT ACT**

Grand Forks

WHEREAS administration of Sections 420 to 427 of the Local Government Act is onerous and costly to local governments;

AND WHEREAS the provisions of the Surveyor of Taxes Forfeiture Cycle are clear, concise and do not provide for the involvement of third parties:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM petition the Province of British Columbia to repeal Sections 420 to 427 of the Local Government Act and replace it with provisions similar to those of the Surveyor of Taxes Forfeiture Cycle, and that those provisions ensure that any unredeemed properties revert to the municipality.

CONVENTION DECISION: **ENDORSED**

PROVINCIAL RESPONSE

Ministry of Community, Sport & Cultural Development

The Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development (Ministry) surveyed municipal tax collectors in 1998 to obtain information on the effectiveness of tax sale and their comments on the process. The results showed that very few properties typically go to tax sale and that the process is highly successful in bringing in uncollected taxes and averting transfer of title to a third-party purchaser.

However, in March 2001, the Ministry issued a Discussion Paper on the tax collection and tax sale process. It presented a number of options for modifying the current system, including adopting a forfeiture model. Responses to the options presented were mixed, with no consensus that forfeiture should replace the current system.

The Ministry then examined the possibility of making small changes to the existing process to address some of the perceived shortcomings. Upon further review, the Ministry concluded that these changes would not provide sufficient improvement to the system and might have unintended consequences.

Specific examples of situations of where and how the Surveyor of Taxes Forfeiture Cycle provisions would benefit municipalities versus s.420 – s.427 of the Local Government Act would be useful in order for the Ministry to consider the need for and feasibility of legislative change.

COPY

THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS REQUEST FOR COUNCIL DECISION

DATE : February 4, 2011

TOPIC : Proposed Resolutions to Association of Kootenay Boundary Municipalities (AKBLG)

PROPOSAL : Various municipal issues of provincial and national interests

PROPOSED BY : Councillor Thompson

SUMMARY:

Attached is a proposed resolution brought forward by Councillor Thompson for consideration at the Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments annual conference to be held in April in Kimberley. Prior to being forwarded to the Association for consideration, this proposed resolution must be adopted by Council. Should this resolution be adopted and forwarded to AKBLG and be successful at the conference in April, it will be forwarded to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities conference in September. The resolution involves petitioning the Province to modify the Local Government Tax Sale requirements by implementing provisions which are similar to those of the Surveyor of Taxes Forfeiture Cycle.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Option 1: Council considers the proposed resolution for submission to AKBLG and determines if the issue regarding provisions for tax sales are a priority for Council.

OPTIONS AND ALTERNATIVES:

Option 1: Council considers the proposed resolution regarding tax sale provisions: This resolution intends that the province would be petitioned to repeal the existing tax sale provisions contained in the Local Government Act and replace them with provisions similar to those contained in the Surveyor of Taxes Forfeiture Cycle. If endorsed by the members of AKBLG, the resolutions will be forwarded to UBCM and FCM for provincial and national endorsements and accordingly will be forwarded to the two levels of governments for actions and responses back to UBCM and FCM.

Option 2: Receive the proposed resolution. Council may not wish to submit this resolution, as it does not rank in priorities over other issues facing the City.

BENEFITS, DISADVANTAGES AND NEGATIVE IMPACTS:

Option 1: Council considers the proposed resolution regarding tax sale provisions. The procedures in dealing with delinquent taxes and annual tax sales are laid out in the Local Government Act. It should be noted that the Local Government Act does not identify all of the expectations and precedents that have been set through common law and litigation cases. These have led to increased risk and costs to the municipalities.

An advantage to this option is that Council may lead the way for change at the provincial level that would see municipalities deal with delinquent taxes in relatively the same manner as the province deals with delinquent taxes for those properties in rural areas. It would also mitigate the risks to the municipalities that can occur when the municipality has to deal with both the Purchaser and the "Owner" of properties subject to Tax Sales. There is really no disadvantage to this option.

Option 2: Council receives the proposed resolution: Council may not wish to submit this resolution, as it does not rank in priorities over other issues facing the City.

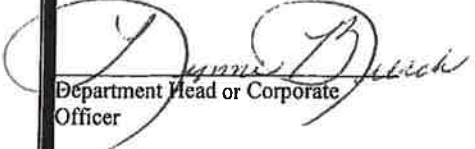
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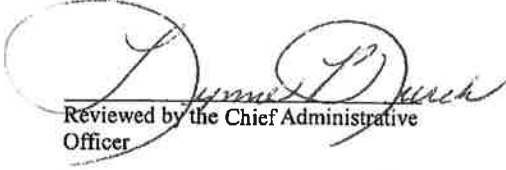
COSTS AND BUDGET IMPACT - REVENUE GENERATION :

Tax sales are generally costly for the municipality. The proposed resolution seeks to simplify the process and thereby reducing the cost in dealing with delinquent property taxes.

LEGISLATIVE IMPACTS, PRECEDENTS, POLICIES :

Council has past practice of submitting resolutions for consideration at the Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments Association annual meeting. The proposed resolution is within the legislation and authority of the Provincial Government.


Department Head or Corporate
Officer


Reviewed by the Chief Administrative
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Councillor Christine Thompson

DATE: February 3, 2011

SUBJECT: Delinquent Property Taxes

Our staff sold a property at the 2008 Annual Tax Sale due to delinquent taxes. As a result of the failure on the part of the property owner (in this case a limited company) to redeem the property within the allotted time, our staff proceeded to the stage of transfer of title to the purchaser. All notifications were sent to the registered owner at the address on record. All procedures as laid out in the Local Government Act were followed.

It was learned after the tax sale had been held, that the property had escheated to the Province because of the failure of the limited company to file required annual reports. However, the Province failed to notify the BC Assessment Authority (BCAA) of this fact; accordingly their records were not changed. (The City relies on the annual assessment roll provided by the BCAA as well as the copies of Certificates of Title sent to the City by the BCAA for information relative to owners and mailing addresses.)

The person(s) who, at the 2008 Annual Tax Sale, purchased this property, sued the City for failure to transfer title, and this matter is currently before the Supreme Court of British Columbia. As of this date, the Judge has rendered no decision.

The procedures in dealing with delinquent taxes and annual tax sales are laid out in the Local Government Act. They are, in my opinion, onerous and costly to local governments. The table below provides the details on tax sale procedures for municipalities governed by the Local Government Act.

| Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 |
|---|--|--|--|
| Property tax notices are issued and are due by the first working day after June 30. | Property tax notices are issued showing current and taxes in arrears and are due by the first working day after June 30. | Property tax notices are issued showing current and taxes in arrears and delinquent taxes and are due by the first working day after June 30. | If property sold for taxes is not redeemed, application is made for transfer to title to the new owner through the Land Registry Office. |
| If unpaid by the first working day after June 30, a 10% penalty is added. | If unpaid by the first working day after June 30, a 10% penalty is added to the current portion only. | If unpaid by the first working day after June 30, a 10% penalty is added to the current portion only and become subject to tax sale. | |
| If taxes remain unpaid on December 31, they become taxes in arrears. | If taxes remain unpaid on December 31, year 2 taxes become taxes in arrears and year 1 taxes become delinquent taxes in arrears. | Each owner of property subject to tax sale is sent a letter advising them of this fact, and, that in order to prevent the property being sold for taxes, only the delinquent taxes plus interest to the date of payment must be paid by 10:00 a.m. the last Monday in September. | |
| | | An advertisement listing each property subject to tax sale and the upset price must be prepared and published twice in a newspaper that circulates in the community. | |

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| Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 |
|--------|--------|---|--------|
| | | If there is no bid the municipality is declared the purchaser. | |
| | | A letter is sent to the owner of record advising that their property has been sold for taxes, and, that they have one year to redeem the property. Failure to do so will result in title to the property being transferred to the purchaser | |
| | | Notification of Tax Sale for each property sold is filed and placed on title at the Land Registry Office. | |
| | | Purchasers of tax sale property, other than the municipality, must be given a certificate of sale. | |

I am sure that you will agree with me that this is an onerous and costly process for local governments.

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The Surveyor of Taxes Forfeiture Cycle as outlined in the table below is much less onerous, does not require advertising, and more importantly, does not involve third parties.

| Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Years 5 & 6 |
|---|--|--|---|--|
| Tax notice issued. | Notice of delinquent taxes issued. | Final delinquent notice issued for year 1 taxes. | One year redemption period continues until November 30. | Delinquent taxes removed from Branch records and replaced with WFC flag January 1. |
| 5% penalty added July 3. | Year 2 tax notice issued. | Year 3 tax notice issued. | Year 4 taxes calculated but no tax notice issued due to prior forfeiture. | Revestment period in effect until November 30 year 6. |
| Notice of overdue taxes issued September 3. | Notice of forfeiture issued October 3. | Final notice of forfeiture issued to owner and chargeholders by certified mail October 3. | Redemption fee reversed due to expiry of redemption period. | Fee of \$535 applied during two year revestment period. |
| 2nd 5% penalty added November 1. | \$75 fee applied if year 1 taxes are not paid. | Date of forfeiture is December 1. Redemption fee of \$267.50 applied. One year redemption period begins. | | |
| Year 1 taxes become delinquent December 31. | Year 2 taxes become delinquent December 31. | | | |

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While the provincial taxes forfeiture cycle takes 6 years to complete (which is 2 years longer than the Local Government Act allows), it is a much cleaner process involving only the taxing authority and the property owner.

Accordingly, I put forward the following resolution, to be sent to the Association of Kootenay Boundary Local Governments for consideration at the 2011 annual conference:

WHEREAS administration of Sections 420 to 427 of the Local Government Act is onerous and costly to local governments; and

WHEREAS the provisions of the Surveyor of Taxes Forfeiture Cycle are clear, concise and do not provide for the involvement third parties ,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the UBCM petition the Province of British Columbia to repeal Sections 420 to 427 of the Local Government Act and replace it with provisions similar to those of the Surveyor of Taxes Forfeiture Cycle, and that those provisions ensure that any unredeemed properties revert to the municipality.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Christine Thompson,
Councillor

Draft motion for AKBLG:

Water - A Public Trust
Julia Butler
Councillor
City of Grand Forks

Whereas the privatization of water resources is becoming commonplace worldwide and
Whereas privatization can lead to decreased access for the public, increased prices and decreased
product and service quality,

Therefore let it be resolved that The City of Grand Forks urges the provincial government to take steps
to protect the aquifers and public infrastructure of BC from purchase by private or corporate interests.

Council for Canadians: <http://canadians.org/blog/saint-john-and-regina-take-note-global-trend-toward-water-remunicipalisation>

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Saint John and Regina take note, the global trend is toward water remunicipalisation

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As Saint John, New Brunswick and Regina, Saskatchewan pursue public-private partnerships for their drinking water and wastewater systems, a new report says that the global trend is in the other direction toward public ownership instead. The report - [Here to stay: Water remunicipalisation as a global trend](http://www.tni.org/sites/www.tni.org/files/download/heretostay-en.pdf) (<http://www.tni.org/sites/www.tni.org/files/download/heretostay-en.pdf>) published by the Public Services International Research Unit, Multinationals Observatory and the Transnational Institute - highlights that there has been at least 180 cases of remunicipalisation in 35 countries over the last 15 years.

Amsterdam-based Transnational Institute researcher Satoko Kishimoto says, "Despite more than three decades of relentless promotion of privatisation and public-private partnerships by international financial institutions and national governments, this experiment has clearly failed to deliver its promises and is leading many cities to seek to take public control over water and sanitation management."

The report reveals, "The factors leading to water remunicipalisation are similar worldwide. The false promises of water privatisation that have led to remunicipalisation include: poor performance of private companies (e.g. in Dar es Salaam, Accra, Maputo), under-investment (e.g. Berlin, Buenos Aires), disputes over operational costs and price increases (e.g. Almaty, Maputo, Indianapolis), soaring water bills (e.g. Berlin, Kuala Lumpur), difficulties in monitoring private operators (e.g. Atlanta), lack of financial transparency (e.g. Grenoble, Paris, Berlin), workforce cuts and poor service quality (e.g. Atlanta, Indianapolis)."

And it warns governments like those in Saint John and Regina to avoid entering P3s. It notes, "Policy makers and public officials who are considering transferring the management of water services to the private sector should consider the risks and learn from the mistakes of other local authorities. Rather than bringing the promised private sector efficiency and innovation, water privatisation and PPPs almost systematically produce negative long-term consequences for local communities and their governments. Terminating unsatisfactory private contracts before their expiry is not easy due to the risk of paying multi-million compensations."

The Council of Canadians has called on Saint John city council to not pursue a P3 model for its new [drinking water treatment plant](http://canadians.org/node/9363) (<http://canadians.org/node/9363>) and for Regina city council to abandon its plans for a [P3 wastewater treatment plant](http://canadians.org/blog/barlow-opposes-p3-regina) (<http://canadians.org/blog/barlow-opposes-p3-regina>). Many of the names of the corporate bidders for these systems in [Saint John](http://canadians.org/blog/corporate-bidders-saint-johns-drinking-water-system-announced) (<http://canadians.org/blog/corporate-bidders-saint-johns-drinking-water-system-announced>) and [Regina](http://canadians.org/blog/corporations-seeking-operate-reginas-wastewater-system) (<http://canadians.org/blog/corporations-seeking-operate-reginas-wastewater-system>) can also be found in this report that lists cities where global remunicipalisations have occurred.

We are also concerned that the Harper government is both [requiring P3s](http://canadians.org/blog/harpers-building-canada-fund-rules-mean-local-p3-fightbacks-trade-disciplines-cities) (<http://canadians.org/blog/harpers-building-canada-fund-rules-mean-local-p3-fightbacks-trade-disciplines-cities>) for critical municipal infrastructure and seeking the conclusion of the 'free trade' agreement with Europe. We have [highlighted](http://canadians.org/media/canada-eu-trade-deal-sell-out-or-celebration-public-needs-veto-massive-corporate-rights-treaty) (<http://canadians.org/media/canada-eu-trade-deal-sell-out-or-celebration-public-needs-veto-massive-corporate-rights-treaty>) that leaked documents have shown that the Harper government was unwilling to exclude drinking water, sanitation and other water-related services from the investment chapter of the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement. That provision would essentially lock in existing privatizations and encourage more private delivery of water services.

To read the 16-page report *Here to stay: Water remunicipalisation as a global trend*, please click [here](http://www.tni.org/sites/www.tni.org/files/download/heretostay-en.pdf) (<http://www.tni.org/sites/www.tni.org/files/download/heretostay-en.pdf>).

In response to this, the Bolivian government promised to reverse the price hike. They never did. So, in February 2000, La Coordinadora organized a peaceful march demanding the retraction of the Drinking Water and Sanitation Law, the termination of the water contract, the participation of citizens in creating a water resource law, and the cancellation of ordinances allowing privatization. Slogans such as "Water Is God's Gift and Not A Merchandise" and "Water Is Life" were used by the protesters. These demands were strongly rejected by the government. The following April, the government declared martial law to try and silence the water protests. Activists were arrested, protesters were killed, and the media was censored. After only a day of martial law, three protesters had been killed, including a 17-year old boy who was shot in the head by soldiers in Cochabamba. Over 30 people had been injured through conflicts with the military and the leaders had been jailed (some were flown to a remote location in the jungle of Bolivia).

The people finally won on April 10, 2000 when Aguas del Tunari and Bechtel left Bolivia and the government was forced to revoke its water privatization legislation. The water company Servico Municipal del Aqua Potable y Alcantarillado (SEMAPO) along with the debts, was handed over to the workers and the people. In the summer of 2000, La Coordinadora held public hearings to start democratic planning and management. However, the Bolivian government and Bechtel continued to harass and threaten activists of La Coordinadora, trying their best to undermine the process. In November 2001, Bechtel filed a lawsuit against Bolivia, demanding \$25 million in compensation for its lost opportunity for future profits.

Currently, this lawsuit is being heard by the International Center for the Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), an international tribunal housed at the World Bank in Washington DC, that holds all of its meetings in private. Bechtel was able to file the case with ICSD under a Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT) between the Netherlands and Bolivia. Even though Bechtel is a U.S. corporation, its subsidiary founded a presence in the Netherlands in order to exploit this treaty. Because of the secrecy of the hearings, the Center for International Environmental Law and Earthjustice filed a request in August 2002 to open these proceedings to the public of Bolivia. However, in February 2003 the ICSD sided with Bechtel, announcing that it would not allow the media or public to have any part in or even witness the meetings. Not only is the World Bank forcing its programs and ideas on the people of Bolivia, but it is also preventing the affected people from participating in a matter that directly affects their lives. As of May 2004, there has been no verdict on the lawsuit.

Bechtel Strikes Back at Bolivia

<http://www.altemet.org/story.html?StoryID=14525>

URGENT ACTION: supports demands that Bechtel drop suit against Bolivia

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Bechtel in the new Iraq

Today, Bechtel is spreading its water privatization elsewhere, aided by war. Within a month after the 2003 invasion of Iraq, Bechtel acquired a \$680 million contract for "rebuilding" Iraq. As Vandana Shiva writes in her article Bechtel And Blood For Water: War As An Excuse For Enlarging Corporate Rule, "The U.S. led war first bombed out Iraq's hospitals, bridges, water works, and now U.S. corporations are harvesting profits from 'reconstructing' a society after its deliberate destruction. Blood was not just shed for oil, but also for control over water and other vital services. . . war has become a convenient excuse for enlarging corporate rule. If W.T.O. is not enough, use war."

George Shultz was Secretary of State under Ronald Reagan and previously was the president of Bechtel. He is now a board member and senior counselor for the corporation. He was chairman of the pro-war Committee for the Liberation of Iraq and wrote in a op-ed article in the *Washington Post* September 2002 that "A strong foundation exists for immediate military action against Hussein and for a multilateral effort to re-

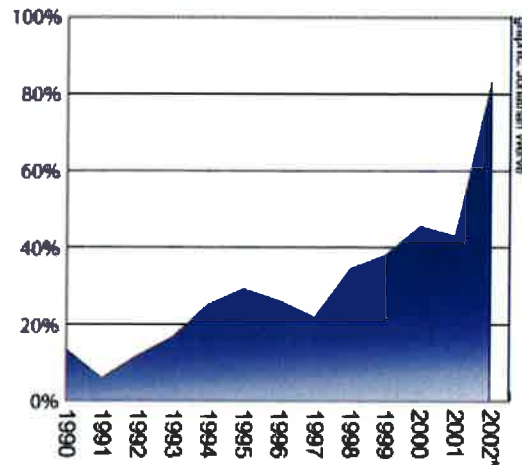
he is gone."

Because Bechtel is a privately held company, without public stock trading, it does not have to reveal many of its operations. Bechtel is responsible for over 19,000 projects in 140 countries on all continents, and is involved in over 200 water and wastewater treatment plants around the world. It was involved in the [Dabhol plant](#) in India with Enron, and is now involved in water privatization of Coimbatore/Tirrupur as part of a consortium with Mahindra and Mahindra, United International North West Water. The contract has not yet been made public, as is the case with other privatization contracts.

Conclusion

The rush to privatize water continues unencumbered, despite its unpopularity among residents worldwide who are affected by it. Countries faced with large debts are forced by the World Bank and IMF to privatize water. Water deregulation is a common demand of the World Bank and IMF as part of their loan conditions. In 2000, out of 40 IMF loans distributed through the International Finance Corporation, 12 had requirements of partial or full privatization of water supplies. They also insisted on the creation of policies to stimulate "full cost recovery" and the elimination of subsidies. African governments, such as Ghana, increasingly give in to pressures for water privatization. In Ghana, the World Bank and IMF policies forced the sale of water at market rate, requiring the poor to spend up to 50 percent of their earnings on water purchases. As Vandana Shiva writes in *Water Wars*, "The water crisis is the most pervasive, most severe, and most invisible dimension of the ecological devastation of the earth."

Percent of water loans requiring privatization by year



*Data from Jan. 1, 2002 through Nov. 1, 2002

Source: World Bank and Center for Public Integrity analysis

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Water Privatization Conflicts

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Part of [Water is Life](#), a class website on water privatization and commodification, produced by students of Geography 378 ([International Environmental Problems & Policy](#)) at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, USA, Spring 2004.

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In her book *Water Wars*, the Indian author Vandana Shiva lists nine principles underpinning water democracy. At least two of these principles are directly compromised by the privatization of water. Point number four states that "Water must be free for sustenance needs. Since nature gives water to us free of cost, buying and selling it for profit violates our inherent right to nature's gift and denies the poor of their human rights." When private companies try to make large profits through high water prices, it denies the poor the inalienable right to the most necessary substance for life. In accordance with this fact, point number seven states, "Water is a commons. . . It cannot be owned as private property and sold as a commodity." How can one justify claiming water as their own through contractual agreement while letting another human being go thirsty? Water is a commons because it is the basis of all life. Water rights are natural rights and thus are usufructuary rights, meaning that water can be used, but not owned. As far fetched as water ownership may seem, it is happening at an increasing rate around the globe.

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Currently there is a rush to privatize water services around the world. The World Bank and International Monetary Fund (IMF) are pushing for the privatization of water services by European and U.S.-based companies. They are pushing privatization through stipulations in trade agreements and loan conditions to developing countries. These privatization programs started in the early 1990's and have since emerged in India, Bolivia, Chile, Argentina, Nigeria, Mexico, Malaysia, Australia, and the Philippines, to name a few. In Chile, the World Bank imposed a loan condition to guarantee a 33 percent profit margin to the French company Suez Lyonnaise des Eaux while the company insisted on a margin of 35 percent.

This privatization of services is only the first step toward the privatization of all aspects of water. Through this new globalization and privatization of water resources, there is an effort to replace collective ownership of water sources with corporate control. This effort is being met with increasing opposition. Supporters of privatization say that it has a great track record of success, increasing the efficiency, quality, reliability and affordability of

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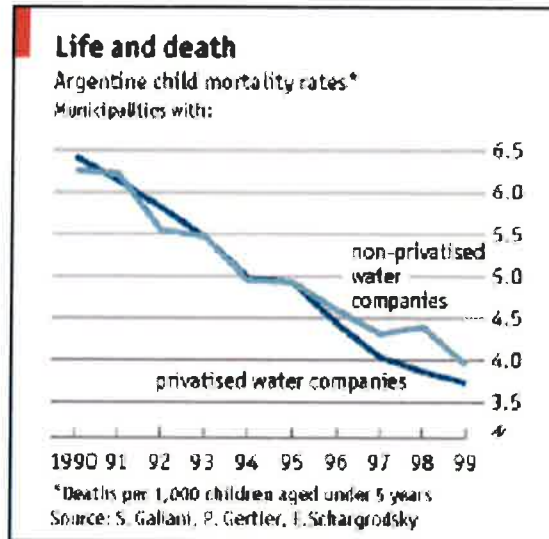
services to the population.

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Yet the industry has a track record of hazards and failures. For example, private companies most often violate standards of operation, and engage in price fixing without many consequences. This leads to [water stress](#) among the poor populations of these areas, causing people to drink water that is often very contaminated and hazardous to their health (even though case studies have shown that privatized water can be very contaminated as well).

Rising Prices and Deteriorating Water Quality

Australia - In 1998, the water in Sydney, was contaminated with high levels of giardia and cryptosporidium shortly after its water was overtaken by Suez Lyonnaise des Eaux.

Canada - At least seven people died as a result of E. coli bacteria in Walkerton, Ontario, after water testing had been privatized by A&L Labs. The company treated the test results as "confidential intellectual property" and did not make them public.

Morocco - Consumers saw the price of water increase threefold after the water service was privatized in Casablanca.

Argentina - When a Suez Lyonnaise des Eaux subsidiary purchased the state-run water company Obras Sanitarias de la Nacion, water rates doubled but water quality deteriorated. The company was forced to leave the country when residents refused to pay their bills.

Britain - Water and sewage bills increased 67 percent between 1989 and 1995. The rate at which people's services were disconnected rose by 177 percent.

New Zealand - Citizens took to the streets to protest the commercialization of water.

South Africa - Water became inaccessible, unaffordable, and unsafe after the water supply was privatized by Suez Lyonnaise des Eaux in Johannesburg. Cholera infections became widespread and thousands of people were disconnected from their supply of water.

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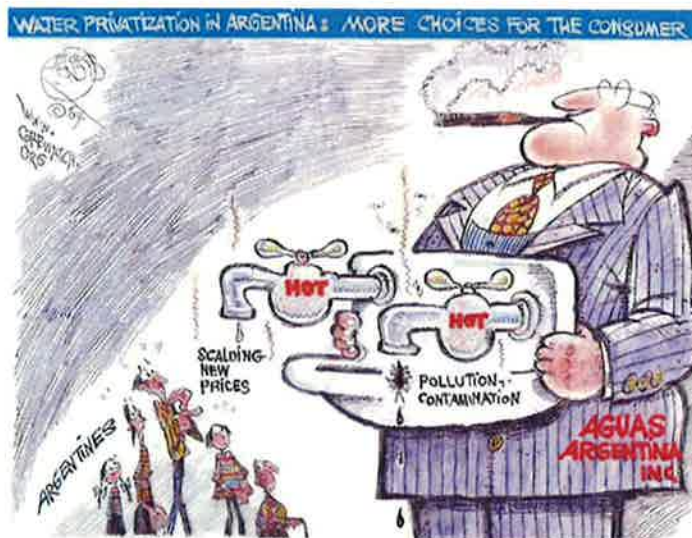
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As is already evident, once these private water giants take over water services, prices skyrocket. After privatization, customer fees in France increased 150 percent while the water quality declined. In a French government report, it was revealed that over 5.2 million people had received “bacterially unacceptable water”. In Subic Bay, a former U.S. naval base in the Philippines, Biwater increased water rates by 400 percent. Water rates in England increased by 450 percent while company profits soared by 692 percent. CEO salaries for the private corporations behind the water supply increased by an astonishing 708 percent. As one can expect with such high price fixing, service disconnection increased by 50 percent. Meanwhile, the British Medical Association condemned water privatization for its health effects because dysentery increased six-fold. Many of these examples of the failures of water privatization are occurring in developed countries, but the most severe effects have been on the developing world. The high rises in pricing along with deteriorating water quality because of water privatization has led to much public scrutiny and uprisings by affected communities around the world.

Water Wars

http://www.thirdworldtraveler.com/Vandana_Shiva/Water_Wars_VShiva.html

Paying for privatization: higher prices, lower employment

www.psinu.org/reports/2000-03-W-Hprice.doc

Bechtel in Cochabamba, Bolivia

Probably the most well known example of the global conflict over water privatization is the case of Cochabamba, Bolivia. It is a shining example of the conflict over the privatization of water services, a victory for the people opposing privatization, and the persistence of the water giants to make money any way they can. Cochabamba lies in a semidesert region of Bolivia, making water a scarce and precious resource. However, in 1999 the World Bank recommended privatization of Cochabamba's municipal water supply company, Servicio Municipal del Agua Potable y Alcantarillado (SENIAPA). "Bank officials directly threatened to withhold \$600 million in international debt relief if Bolivia didn't privatize Cochabamba's public water system." <http://www.altemet.org/story.html?StoryID=14525> This was to be done through a concession to one of Bechtel's subsidiaries - International Water. Bechtel is a U.S. corporation based in San Francisco. This corporate giant is not even welcome in its hometown of San Francisco. In June, 2002 the Board of Supervisors in San Francisco voted to cancel a \$45 million program management contract awarded to Bechtel for the reconstruction of the Hetch Hetchy public water system. This vote took place after an investigation by the *San Francisco Bay Guardian*, a local alternative weekly newspaper, exposed that at least \$5 million dollars of nearly \$8 million paid out to Bechtel for its first year of service was a complete waste of money. In one case, Bechtel took a city database of projects, resorted the information, changed the data into a different format, and sold it back to the city for almost \$500,000.

Bechtel vs. Bolivia: The Bolivian Water Revolt

<http://www.democracvtr.org/bechtel/>

Bolivia's Water War Victory

http://www.thirdworldtraveler.com/South_America/Bolivia_WaterWarVictory.html

Bechtel's Water Wars

<http://www.corpwatch.org/issues/PID.jsp?articleid=6670>



<http://www.oilempire.us/water.html>

In response to the World Bank recommendation, the Bolivian Congress passed the Drinking Water and Sanitation Law in October 1999, allowing privatization and ending government subsidies to municipal utilities. Soon after International Water took over the water services in Cochabamba, the monthly water bill reached \$20 in a city where the minimum wage is less than \$100 a month. These increases forced some of the poorest families in to literally choose between food and water (\$20 is nearly the cost of feeding a family of five for two weeks). For more information on the these price hikes, see <http://www.democracvtr.org/bechtel/waterbills/index.htm> In response to these price increases, an alliance of the citizens of Cochabamba called La Coordinadora de Defensa del Agua y de la Vida (The Coalition in Defense of Water and Life) was formed in January 2000. Through mass mobilization, the alliance shut down the city for four days. Within a month of this, millions of Bolivians marched to Cochabamba and held a general strike, stopping all transportation. The protesters then issued the Cochabamba Declaration, which called for the protection of universal water rights for all citizens.

Bolivia's Water War Victory

http://www.thirdworldtraveler.com/South_America/Bolivia_WaterWarVictory.html

Bechtel vs. Bolivia: The Bolivian Water Revolt <http://www.democracvtr.org/bechtel/>



www.americas.org/.../WaterCartel2.htm

REQUEST FOR DECISION

— REGULAR MEETING —



To: Mayor and Council
From: Procedure Bylaw / Chief Administrative Officer
Date: February 15th, 2016
Subject: Reports, Questions and Inquiries from the Members of Council
Recommendation: **RESOLVED THAT ALL WRITTEN REPORTS SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, BE RECEIVED.**

BACKGROUND: Under the City's Procedures Bylaw No. 1946, 2013, the Order of Business permits the members of Council to report to the Community on issues, bring community issues for discussion and initiate action through motions of Council, ask questions on matters pertaining to the City Operations and inquire on any issues and reports.

Benefits or Impacts of the Recommendation:

General: The main advantage of using this approach is to bring the matter before Council on behalf of constituents. Immediate action might result in inordinate amount of resource inadvertently directed without specific approval in the financial plan.

Strategic Impact: Members of Council may ask questions, seek clarification and report on issues.

Policy/Legislation: The Procedure Bylaw is the governing document setting out the Order of Business at a Council meeting.

Recommendation: **RESOLVED THAT ALL WRITTEN REPORTS SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, BE RECEIVED.**

- OPTIONS:**
- 1. RESOLVED THAT ALL WRITTEN REPORTS SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, BE RECEIVED**
 - 2. RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DOES NOT RECEIVE THE REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.**

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Councillor Christine Thompson

DATE: February 15, 2016

SUBJECT: Report to Council

Saturday, January 30th, I attended a luncheon at the Omega Restaurant with our MLA Linda Larsen. Colleen Misner, our MLA's Executive Assistant spoke about the many areas of assistance to constituents that can be provided through her office. Regina Burroughs, our local Government Agent gave a presentation about the many services provided through the Agency. Of particular note is her success in working with the Federal Government to have one of their agents come to Grand Forks and work out of the Government Agent's office to provide our residents with assistance in areas such as an application for a Social Insurance Number, Pension Applications, and Employment Insurance Applications, to name a few. Connie Marchal from the Boundary Women's Coalition talked about the Women's Transition Housing Project that they are working on. This project, when built, will allow abused women and children with safe housing for up to 24 months. The last presenters were Cynthia Garnett and Melanie Shenstone from Boundary Families and Individual Services Society who gave a presentation on the services they provide to expectant mothers and young families, including pre-natal and the many supports available to young mothers.

The City's Family Day Celebrations were held on Saturday, February 6th. I thoroughly enjoyed serving Hot Chocolate to the young and not-so-young and hearing the many praises for the activities that they could participate in. And, the weather was great. Not freezing cold as in year one. Not pouring rain as in year two. As I said to some, third year lucky. Our staff (Sarah Winton, Delores Sheets, and Daniel Drexler) did an excellent job in organizing this event and I want to acknowledge them for doing so. Also many thanks to the public works employees who helped in the set up and take down. I don't know all their names and if I did, I would certainly include them in my report.

Respectfully,

Christine Thompson,
Councillor

Councillor's Report

Feb 15, 2016

Julia Butler

On Jan 27th I attended the capital budget workshop. I really feel this is the most important time of year when we plan out the expenditures of tax dollars. There are many projects from last year still underway but council was presented with new options as well for 2016. These include: pump and motor replacement for well #3, 3rd St sewer main repair, 5th St water main replacement, GIS Phase 2, public works yard fuel tanks, international dump truck, roofing repairs, electrical substation and the Silver Kettle Sidewalk.

Although at the bottom of the list, council seemed clear that they were interested in making the Silver Kettle Sidewalk a priority this year. Even though it was in last year's budget, the project was never started and I hope that this year we can get this important piece of infrastructure in place, not only for the residents of Silver Kettle but also for the other complexes on that street.

The possibility of building a new substation and becoming a transmitter of power is an interesting idea. It would see the city paying less for power from Fortis but I am concerned as to where the 2.2 million for the project will come from. The possibility of increased rates to residents to realize full cost recovery, or borrowing the money, does not seem like a good plan. Right now Fortis owns the substation but has recently been told that it is in a flood plain and they either need to lift it or move it. Option 3 would see Grand Forks pay for the project. In order to find out if this is a good idea or not, council is being asked to undertake a \$50 000 study.

Within the budget there is always transfers between funds. Money from the slag fund could be transferred to different funds but I'd like to make sure that the slag fund remains only for capital/legacy projects within Grand Forks. It was not originally set up for other purposes.

The court case initiated by the city to remove me from office was heard by the judge in the Supreme Court in Vancouver on Feb 1st. Only the lawyers spoke to the judge about the merits of the case. After hearing both sides and taking detailed notes the judge said that he would reserve decision until a later date. When the city lawyer asked that he make a quick decision, the judge informed him that he had a long list of more important cases to attend to first. I'm optimistic that the judge will rule in my favour but saddened when I think of the tax dollars and time wasted. How council will move forward after the decision could be challenging. If I am able to retain my seat, I hope that I won't be censured from in-camera meetings as a form of retaliation. A good robust debate of the issues from all members of council is a healthy part of the decision making process.

The LGLA Leadership Forum took place from Feb 3-5, 2016. Many cities and regional districts from around the province were represented. We were able to take in a lot of speeches, some being more interactive than others. Official notes can be found on the LGLA website but I've also included my notes below at the request of council and for future reference.

Opening – Rhona Martin LGLA President – thanked the sponsors including Fortis

- Wayne Sparrow Chief and Chair of the municipal finance authority performed the Musqueam Indian Band welcome song

- Mayor Richmond – Malcolm Brodie
 - “Go hard on the issues and easy on the people”
 - Go for coffee or a beer after the meeting

3 Dimensional Leadership – Dr Beverly Busson former RCMP Commissioner

Told about her personal history - In 1974 the RCMP started accepting women and she applied much to the chagrin of her old fashioned parents and many of the RCMP. She spoke on earning respect in a man's career, learning to be yourself and earning respect from coworkers. Mark Twain – “Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do.” Humbleness - get over yourself, you are no better than the people you serve.

Ken Cameron – Forum Rapporteur – summarize the forum for us - city planner

Quote – “Municipal institutions constitute the strength of free nations”

SFU Centre for Dialogue – Real citizen engagement and putting the feedback to good use.

4 Things your CAO needs from you before engaging the public

Each table was to come up with one word to describe public engagement.

1. Purpose and how does it add value

Fulfill legal requirements

Help to deliberate between options

Resolve a conflict

Redistribute power

Mobilize action, impart knowledge to get them excited about something

Exchange knowledge and understanding

2. Constraints

Existing policy

Financial

Regulatory

Time

Comfort and ambiguity

3. Roles:

Staff - legislative context, institutional memory

Experts - 3rd party neutrality, fact based info

Elected officials – electoral mandate, fiduciary

Public – options relative to values, represent own interests

Stakeholders – special interests, topic expertise, network/public on the ground experience, mobilization, anchored to view (can't compromise)

4. What is your commitment to the public what is the purpose

Why should they invest their time?

How do they know decisions aren't already made?

What question do you need the answer to?

Everything you do or don't do sends a message.

IAP2 Spectrum (from Auditor Generals Report)

Role Playing

Dog Park with problems

We all picked a role to play – CAO and councillors on different committees

How to engage the public?

4 questions (listed above)

Question: How can we legally have this meeting with a quorum.

Answer: At the COTW – it needs to be public because we are making decisions on how to act.

- Not 1 silver bullet, multiple engagements for different issues
- Fault of the previous administration!

Worksheet to use 4 questions for a real local issue

Vicky Gee – trails

SFU will receive phone calls to consult on these issues.

Selena Robinson NDP – Official Opposition spokesperson for Local Government

Homeless issue got her into local politics

Glenn Brown – Asset Management

Gas Tax (AM is a requirement) comes from New Building Canada Plan

UBCM is the administrator

3 objectives

Productivity and economic growth
Clean environment/ green infrastructure
Strong communities (now includes AM)
3 requirements
Communications, reporting and asset management
Partnership Committee makes strategic framework
Agreement is for 10 yrs, 8 yrs left

Respect for the Office

Pre conference survey results:
Tools needed – conflict resolution, role clarity, tools for CAO evaluation
Don't be overly attached to your way of thinking.
What is my contribution to the thing I complain about?
Keep decorum and proper terminology.
Longer serving councillors need to mentor new ones.
Elected officials need to do an annual CAO performance review (tool kit is being developed by CAMA some links in handouts ie George Cuff)
Roles and responsibilities of staff and elected officials (Community Charter)
Best practices for decision making:

Elected Officials:

Focus on governance not admin
What and why not how

Staff:

Provide advice and implement decisions
Not political, unbiased professional service
Base Cao hiring on merit, knowledge and education
Don't involve staff in your election campaign/ close personal friends
Don't involve staff in critique of fellow council members
Need to shape shift after an election

Respect for Self – juggling work and personal life - Joyanne Landers

Being present in the situation

Recognising things we are juggling

Micro actions are the best way to change habits

Full radical listening

4 ways to change:

Stop, start, do less of something, do more

To change any habit you have to go through a period of feeling weird

Respect for Self – Using Olympic Principles to Guide success

We have a responsibility to take a stand as an individual

What is leadership, what is self-leadership?

Reflective, technical, managerial, analytical, interpersonal skills

Competition is collaboration, cheering for excellence no matter what team

1988 Olympics didn't do well because they were beaten down by politics and other teams using steroids

What are your strengths?

Process goals – periodization

Have a plan and stick to it. Proactive rather than reactive.

Barriers: confronting, problem solving, focus, goals, ruthless, eyes in own boat

Respect for Others – Effectively managing meetings and the public

Scenarios to ask panel of experts – Tables picked from a list of problematic scenarios

Get someone good at HR to save \$ in the long run, too much \$ being wasted on severance packages

Learning to be comfortable with other people's discomfort

Gordon McIntosh – Your personality impact on others

Decorum/rules of engagement

Causes of incivility:

External - social media, misinformation, provincial downloading, uninformed voters, environmental issues, emergency preparedness, amalgamation, arts and culture

Internal – regime change, public scrutiny, council/staff relations, lack of vision, limited funding, system failures, competitive interests, service performance, no priorities, staffing

Personalities – community view, available time, level of interest, personal motive, institutional regard, knowledge bias, governance expectations

= anxious organizations

YOU - health problems, withdrawal, affects personal and family relations, character building, financial, cynicism, extra work to get your point across

COLLEAGUES – resign, (same as above)

ADMINISTRATION – turnover, costs of training, severance,

GOVERNMENT – lack of progress, poor decision making, stagnation,

COMMUNITY – less volunteers, people moving, lack of confidence

Behavioural patterns inventory.

MIA BC – Loose lips sink townships: Risk management tips for reducing liability for your communications

28 years of service 98% of local gov in BC

Liability – bodily injury, property damage, errors and omissions

Covered up to \$40 000 000 per claim

Facilitate non-claim related legal advice

Provide risk management education and training

Casual legal advice for all members of local gov (each city has an MIA liaison)

Liability exposure for elected officials:

negligent misrepresentation- (untrue, misleading or inaccurate, special relationship between the parties and insufficient care before speaking. Did the plaintiff *rely* on what you said AND lose something) Never have a coffee with a developer!

Defamation - (not between councillors and staff or wrongful dismissal) whatever they said had a negative impact on the plaintiff (shunning, lowered estimation in the minds of others), words referred to the plaintiff, must be in public 3 rules before talking to a reporter. Know your message, your message must have 3 points, nothing is off the record

misfeasance in public office - (using your position in an inappropriate way)

BC Assessment – independent

Showed many different stats on the organization

Bill 14: Bullying and Harassment

Workers comp act came out in 2012 contains bill 14

A witness of the behaviour can make a complaint

Employers' duty to health and safety includes bullying and harassment. Must have a policy. Must have reporting, response and enforcing procedures.

Workers have a duty to report safety of others ("workers" does not include elected officials!)

Intention is irrelevant only the effect and if you should have known the effect. Excludes normal management of the workplace as long as it isn't intimidating or humiliating.

Elected officials can't file complaints with Worksafe BC only an internal complaint.

If not dealt with: worksafe complaints, legal action ie constructive dismissal, Human Rights complaints

If the CAO is subject of a complaint there needs to be provisions in the policy of an alternate person

Complaints amongst elected officials must go to an outside investigator because CAO reports to council and would have a conflict.

Human Rights: Sexual, racial harassment

Refuse services normally available to the public or refuse to hire

Can discriminate on physical or mental disability as long as no accommodations could be made to enable the worker to do the job.

FOI – Dr Jay Fedorak (grandfather from GF owned the hotels)

Legislation proclaimed for local gov in 1994

Resolution of council designates the FOI officer

Body of the legislative assembly

Can't use personal email for city business because it has to be stored in Canada.

Don't use city computer for personal business

Legal council or financially risky info is exempt

Can the city pull your files? Employee surveillance must be justified by security threat or ongoing investigation. Conduct a Privacy Impact Assessment

Make council calendars public on the net to avoid FOI request

Post contracts – usually ALL of the contract must be disclosed. Say so in the RFP

Don't identify individuals by name in any oral or written disclosure even if the person themselves has disclosed it.

www.oipc.bc.ca – free training available

Minister Fassbender

Removing barriers building relationships and partnerships to attain a goal.

MOU first in the country (Richmond Oval from 2010 Olympics), best for tax dollars

Questions: Pipeline, exploding house prices and mitigation by the prov gov and a new gold mine in Kamloops

Rapporteur's Report

kdcameron@kdcameron.com or LGLA website for notes on the conference

Councillor's Report 02.15.16

Councillor Hammett

January 27: **Budget Workshop**

January 28: **BCRCC Strategic Planning Workshop**

This was a very productive workshop that will give the Chamber direction and objectives for the next few years, such as:

- increase membership by 20% annually over the next 3 years
- create welcome baskets for new businesses opening up in the Boundary
- resurrect the Grand Forks Downtown Business Association as a sub-committee of the chamber
- provide the opportunity and support for others to participate in community events
- promote through web-site with complete business directory and calendar of events
- fundraising; Golf Tournament scheduled for October 1 at Christina Lake Golf Course
- vision statement was revised

REMINDER

BCRCC AGM on March 9, 6pm at gallery 2

Call for Directors

New Members Welcome

Refreshments will be served

- if you would like to let your name stand as a director, please contact nominations committee at chammett.bcrcc@gmail.com •

January 30: **Luncheon w/Linda Larson, Services BC, and BFISS**

This was a very informative session that outlined the roles and responsibilities of our MLA's office, our local Services BC office, and the Boundary Family and Individual Services Society. We are very fortunate to have these services within our communities.

February 3-5: **LGLA Conference – Richmond**

This 3 day conference focussed on Respectful Leadership; respect for self, respect for office, and respect for others. Topics touched on what it takes to work as a team and talked about leadership, focus, communication, commitment, trust, and collaboration. One session was on building the kind of constructive relationships with other elected officials and staff members that will make us more successful in our roles as elected officials and help us accomplish our goals while in office.

"In the spirit of partnership and collaboration, the 2016 Leadership Forum aims to demonstrate that by working together as elected officials

and professional staff, we can build strong and resilient communities in BC – the very essence of respectful leadership.”

Other topics included: - Asset Management and Gas Tax Funding

- The Juggling Act: Balancing Work & Personal Life
- Partnership and Collaboration
- Elected/Staff Relations
- Relevant Legislation
- Community Engagement Workshop
- Is there a role for an Integrity Officer to oversee/educate/censure elected officials who are in breach of their oath, or have a conflict of interest?
- Freedom of Information & Protection of Privacy: What every elected official needs to Know
- Conflict Engagement and Communications

I found this course to be extremely beneficial and would highly recommend it for all newly elected. It was reinforced to all in attendance that campaign promises should never be made because once elected, you become part of a team where the democratic process rules. It is understood that we’re never going to agree with each other all of the time, but it is necessary to work together with respect.

February 9: **Gilpin Grasslands committee meeting**

- in order to prevent further damage through erosion, ungulate and bear food source elimination, and damage to the watershed, the committee would like this council to bring a motion forward to the AKBLG that would protect Nature’s Trust and Provincial Park land from grazing cattle. I will word it properly and have it to council prior to Monday’s meeting.

REQUEST FOR DECISION

— REGULAR MEETING —



To: Mayor and Council

From: Procedure Bylaw / Council

Date: February 15th, 2016

Subject: Report – from the Council's Representative to the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary

Recommendation: **RESOLVED THAT MAYOR KONRAD'S REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY, GIVEN VERBALLY AT THIS MEETING BE RECEIVED.**

BACKGROUND: Under the City's Procedures Bylaw No. 1946, 2013, the Order of Business permits the City's representative to the Regional District of Kootenay to report to Council and the Community on issues, and actions of the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary.

Benefits or Impacts of the Recommendation:

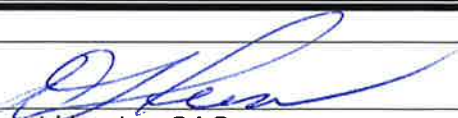
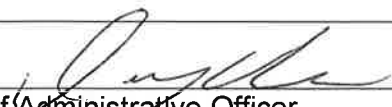
General: The main advantage is that all of Council and the Public is provided with information on the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary.

Policy/Legislation: The Procedure Bylaw is the governing document setting out the Order of Business at a Council meeting.

Recommendation: **RESOLVED THAT MAYOR KONRAD'S REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY, GIVEN VERBALLY AT THIS MEETING BE RECEIVED.**

OPTIONS:

1. **RESOLVED THAT MAYOR KONRAD'S REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY, GIVEN VERBALLY AT THIS MEETING BE RECEIVED.**
2. **RECEIVE THE REPORT AND REFER ANY ISSUES FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION OR A REPORT: UNDER THIS OPTION, COUNCIL PROVIDED WITH THE INFORMATION GIVEN VERBALLY BY THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY DIRECTOR REPRESENTING COUNCIL AND REQUESTS FURTHER RESEARCH OR CLARIFICATION OF INFORMATION FROM STAFF ON A REGIONAL DISTRICT ISSUE**

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REQUEST FOR DECISION

— REGULAR MEETING —



To: Mayor and Council

From: Dolores Sheets, Manager of Development & Engineering Services

Date: February 15, 2016

Subject: To amend the current Zoning Bylaw by rezoning property located at 6401 Highway #3 from the current TC (Tourist Commercial) zone to the HC (Highway Commercial) zone.

Recommendation: **RESOLVED THAT** Council give third reading to the "City of Grand Forks Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1606-A4, 2016".

BACKGROUND: The City received an application to rezone property located at 6401 Highway #3, legally described as Lot 3, District Lot 653, S.D.Y.D., Plan 3072 Except Plan H17066, from the TC (Tourist Commercial) zone to the HC (Highway Commercial) zone. The land use designation for this property in the Sustainable Community Plan (SCP) is HT (Highway & Tourist Commercial) and the property is located in the Commercial Development Permit area.

The property is 4.12 acres (~1.67 hectares) in size and the rear lot line abuts the Kettle River and is located in the floodplain. The adjacent property on the east side is zoned Highway Commercial and the adjacent property on the west side is zoned Tourist Commercial.

The proposed rezoning does not affect the SCP in that the designation allows for highway and tourist commercial uses, so an amendment to the SCP is not required.

The applicant wishes to fully utilize the property and the HC zoning would allow for restaurants, auto sales and parts supply, service stations, convenience stores including gas bars, car wash establishment and retail sales. There is an existing non-conforming residence on the property which has been there for many years.

The property is not serviced with City water or sewer, rather, the property is serviced by a well and septic.

At the November 9, 2015 Committee of the Whole Meeting, the Committee recommended that Council direct Staff to draft the appropriate bylaw and proceed with notification to surrounding property owners, publish notice in two consecutive issues of the Grand Forks Gazette and hold a public hearing in accordance with the Local Government Act.

At the November 9, 2015 Regular Meeting, Council directed Staff to draft the appropriate bylaw and proceed with notification to surrounding property owners, publish notice in two

REQUEST FOR DECISION

— REGULAR MEETING —



consecutive issues of the Grand Forks Gazette and hold a public hearing in accordance with the Local Government Act.

Staff proceeded with the statutory requirements by sending referral letters to potential stakeholder agencies for comments as well as notification to surrounding property owners informing them of the application and the opportunity to provide input. The notification also informed surrounding property owners of the opportunity to speak regarding the application at the January 11, 2016 Public Hearing scheduled for 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall.

The public hearing notice detailing the intention of the proposed bylaw was published in the December 30th and January 6th editions of the Gazette. Copies of the draft bylaw were made available for inspection at the front desk of City Hall. The Public Hearing was held at 6:00 p.m. on January 11, 2016 in Council Chambers. There were no comments from the public with regard to the proposed bylaw.

Benefits or Impacts of the Recommendation:

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| General: | The request is consistent with the vision of the SCP and would allow the applicant the opportunity to use the property to its fullest potential. |
| Strategic Impact: | N/A |
| Financial: | There would be the cost of newspaper advertising in two consecutive issues of the newspaper and the notification to surrounding property owners. The costs to the City are covered by the application fees payable at the time of the application. |
| Policy/Legislation: | Council's authority to adopt, amend and repeal bylaws comes from the Local Government Act. |
| Attachments: | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1606-A4;2) Completed application form;3) Parcel report of subject property;4) Legal Plan of subject property;5) Zoning & SCP land use maps;6) Google maps – aerial and street views;7) Excerpts from the Zoning Bylaw and SCP. |

REQUEST FOR DECISION

— REGULAR MEETING —



Recommendation:

RESOLVED THAT Council give third reading to the "City of Grand Forks Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1606-A4, 2016".

OPTIONS:

- 1. COUNCIL COULD CHOOSE TO SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATION.**
 - 2. COUNCIL COULD CHOOSE TO NOT SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATION.**
 - 3. COUNCIL COULD CHOOSE TO REFER THE REPORT BACK TO STAFF FOR MORE INFORMATION.**
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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

BYLAW NO. 1606-A4

A BYLAW TO AMEND THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS
ZONING BYLAW NO. 1606, 1999

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WHEREAS Council may, by bylaw, amend the provisions of a Zoning Bylaw pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Act;

AND WHEREAS Council has received an application to rezone property located at 6401 Highway #3;

NOW THEREFORE Council for the Corporation of the City of Grand Forks, in open meetings assembled, **ENACTS** as follows:

1. That the City of Grand Forks Zoning Bylaw No. 1606, 1999 be amended to rezone property located at 6401 Highway #3, legally described as Lot 3, District Lot 653, S.D.Y.D., Plan 3072 from the current TC (Tourist Commercial) zone to the HC (Highway Commercial) zone, as shown outlined in bold on the attached map identified as Schedule "A".
2. That this bylaw may be cited as the "**City of Grand Forks Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1606-A4, 2016.**"

Read a **FIRST** time this 14th day of December, 2015.

Read a **SECOND** time this 14th day of December, 2015.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ADVERTISED, pursuant to the Local Government Act this 30th day of December, 2015 and also this 6th day of January, 2016.

PUBLIC HEARING HELD this 11th day of January, 2016.

Read a **THIRD** time this ____ day of _____, 2016.

APPROVED by the Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure this ____ day of _____, 2016.

Approving Officer

FINALLY ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2016.

Mayor Frank Konrad

Corporate Officer – Diane Heinrich

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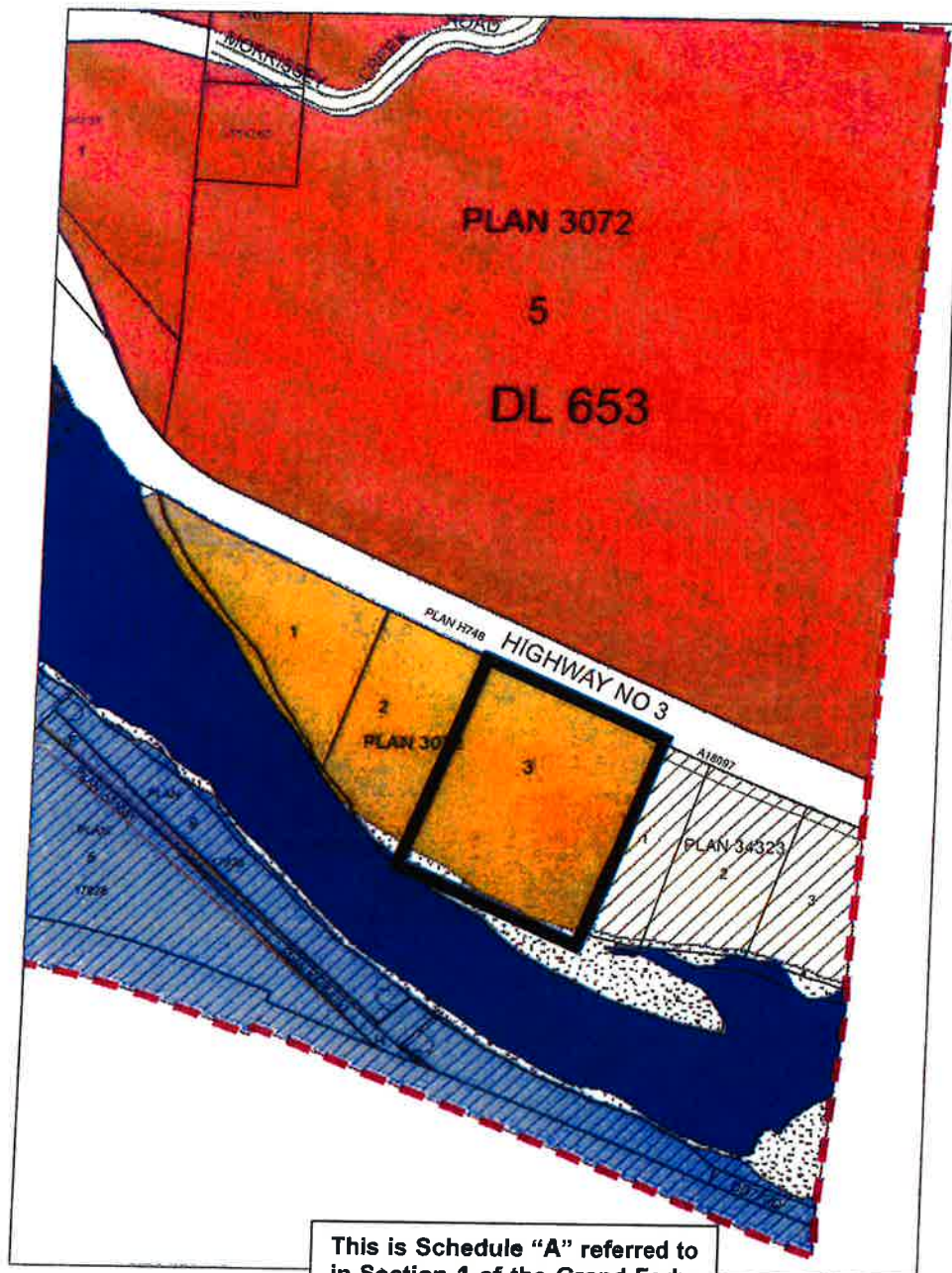
CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of Bylaw No. 1606-A4 as passed by the Municipal Council of the City of Grand Forks on the _____ day of _____, 2016.

Corporate Office for the
Municipal Council of the City of Grand Forks

**CITY OF GRAND FORKS
ZONING MAP**

SCHEDULE "A"



This is Schedule "A" referred to
in Section 1 of the Grand Forks
Zoning Amendment Bylaw No.
1606-A4, 2016.

Date of Adoption

Corporate Officer

The Corporation of the City of Grand Forks

P.O. Box 220
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VOH 1H0

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**Zoning AND/OR Official Community Plan Amendment
Application**

Application to amend the Zoning Bylaw AND/OR Official Community Plan Bylaw

Zoning OR Official Community Plan Application Fee:

☒ **\$1,000.00**

Receipt No. 191/26

Zoning AND Official Community Plan Application Fee:

☐ **\$1,200.00**

Receipt No. _____

The subject fee is applicable to each request for an amendment to the Zoning or Official Community Plan Bylaw, or to both. Should this request **not** proceed to Public Hearing, one-half (1/2) the fee (\$500.00 or \$600.00) shall be refunded.

Registered Owner of Property to be rezoned:

AMRITPAL SAINI (MRS.) AND BALBIR SAINI

Mailing Address: P. Box #2525
GRAND FORKS, BC, V0H 1H0

Telephone: 250-442-2599 (RES.) 250-443-1599
(CELL)

Full Legal Description of property to be rezoned:
LOT #3, PLAN 3072, DL # 653
EXC PL H17066, Roll 210 01384.000
PID 009-716-891

Street Address of Property 6401 - HIGHWAY #3, GRAND FORKS, BC.

Please submit the following information with the application:

- (i) the legal boundaries and dimensions of the subject property;
- (ii) the location of permanent buildings and structures existing on the property;
- (iii) the location of any proposed access roads, parking, driveways, and any screening, landscaping and fences;
- (iv) the location and nature of any physical or topographic constraints on the property (ie: streams, ravines, marshes, steep slopes etc)

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Upon reviewing your application, the City of Grand Forks may request other, or more detailed information.

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The information provided is full and complete and is, to the best of my knowledge, a true statement of facts relating to this application.



Signature of Owner

20TH OCT. 2015

Date

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AGENT'S AUTHORIZATION

I hereby authorize : _____

(full name, address and telephone number of Agent)

to act on my behalf with regards to this application.

Owner's Signature

The personal information on this form is collected under the authority of the Local Government Act. The information collected will be used to process your application for a Rezoning or Official Community Plan amendment. If you have questions about the collection use and disclosure of this information, contact the "Coordinator City of Grand Forks.

Please outline the provisions of the respective By. that you wish to vary or supplement and give your reasons for making this request:

6401 - HWY. #3 (LOT #3, PLAN 3072, DL #653)

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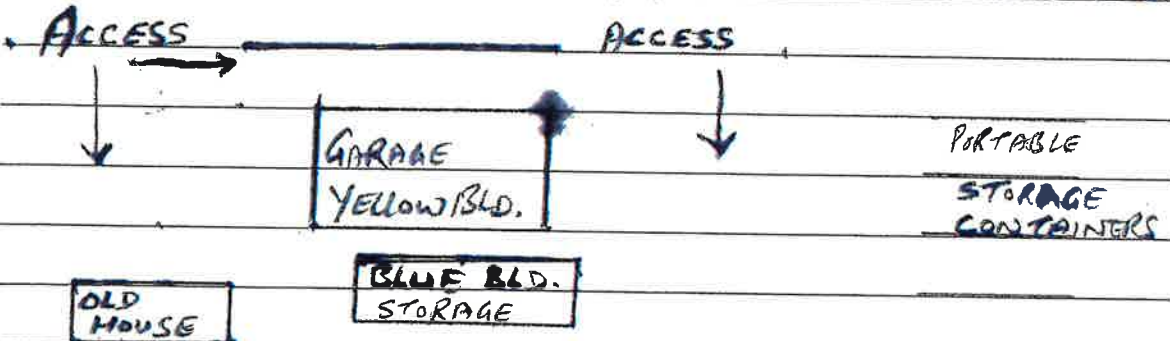
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ALL OF THE ABOVE USES ARE PERMITTED IN A HC ZONE. SO WE REQUESTING CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIES TO RE-ZONE ABOVE PROPERTY.

PARCEL SIZE OF ABOVE LAND IS OVER 4 ACRES. THE LOCATION OF PERMANENT BUILDINGS & STRUCTURES EXISTING ON THE PROPERTY AS FOLLOW:-

APPROX - NO SCALE

→ COMING FROM WEST - HWY #3 → GOING TO EAST →



DECLARATION PURSUANT TO THE WASTE MANAGEMENT ACT

I, BALBIR SAINI, owner of the subject property described on this application form, hereby declare that the land which is the subject of this application has not to my knowledge been used for industrial or commercial activity as defined in the list of "Industrial Purposes and Activities: (Schedule 2) of the Contaminated Sites Regulation (B.C. Reg. 375/96). I therefore declare that I am not required to submit a Site Profile under Section 26.1 or any other section of the Waste Management Act.

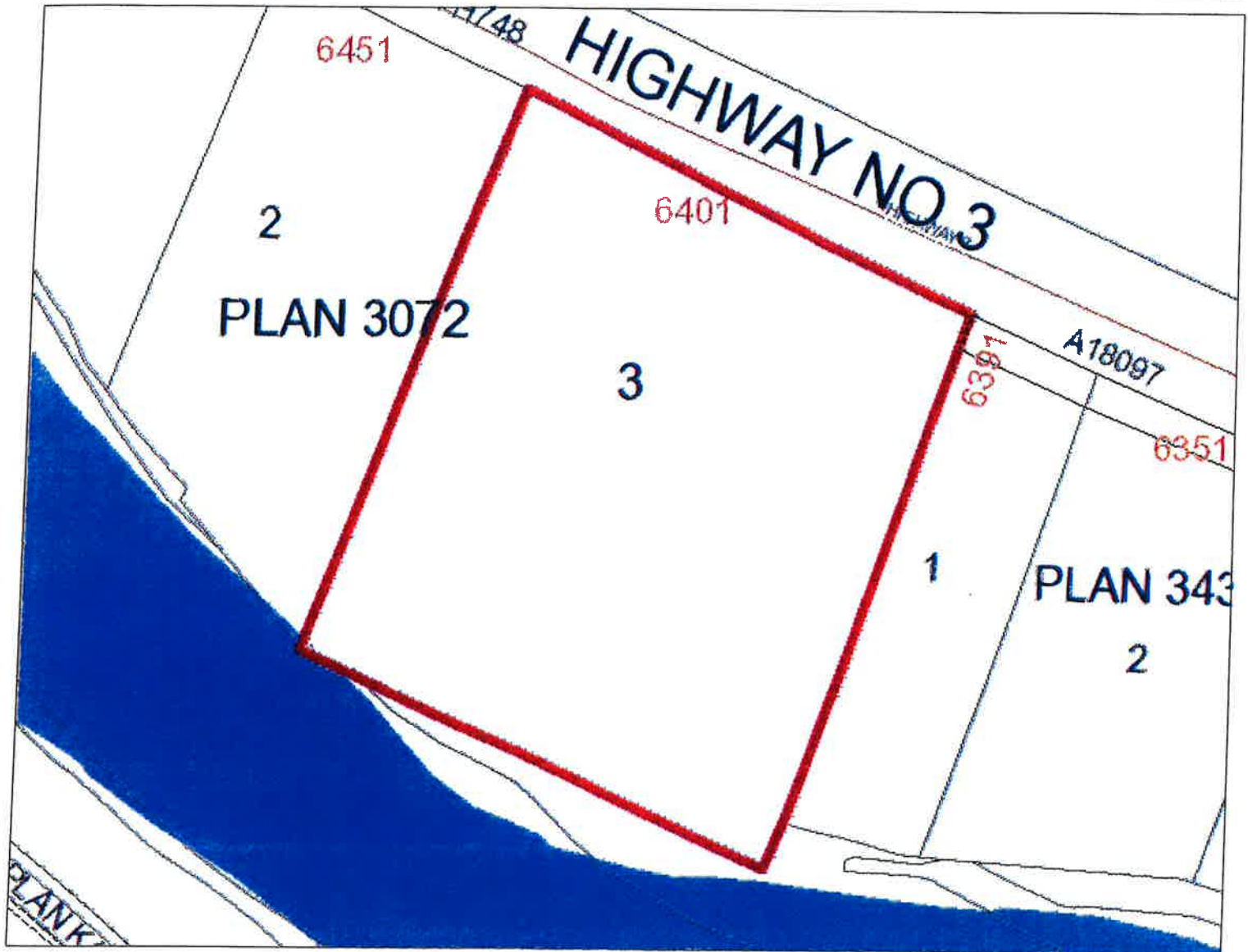
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20TH OCT. 2015
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Parcel Report

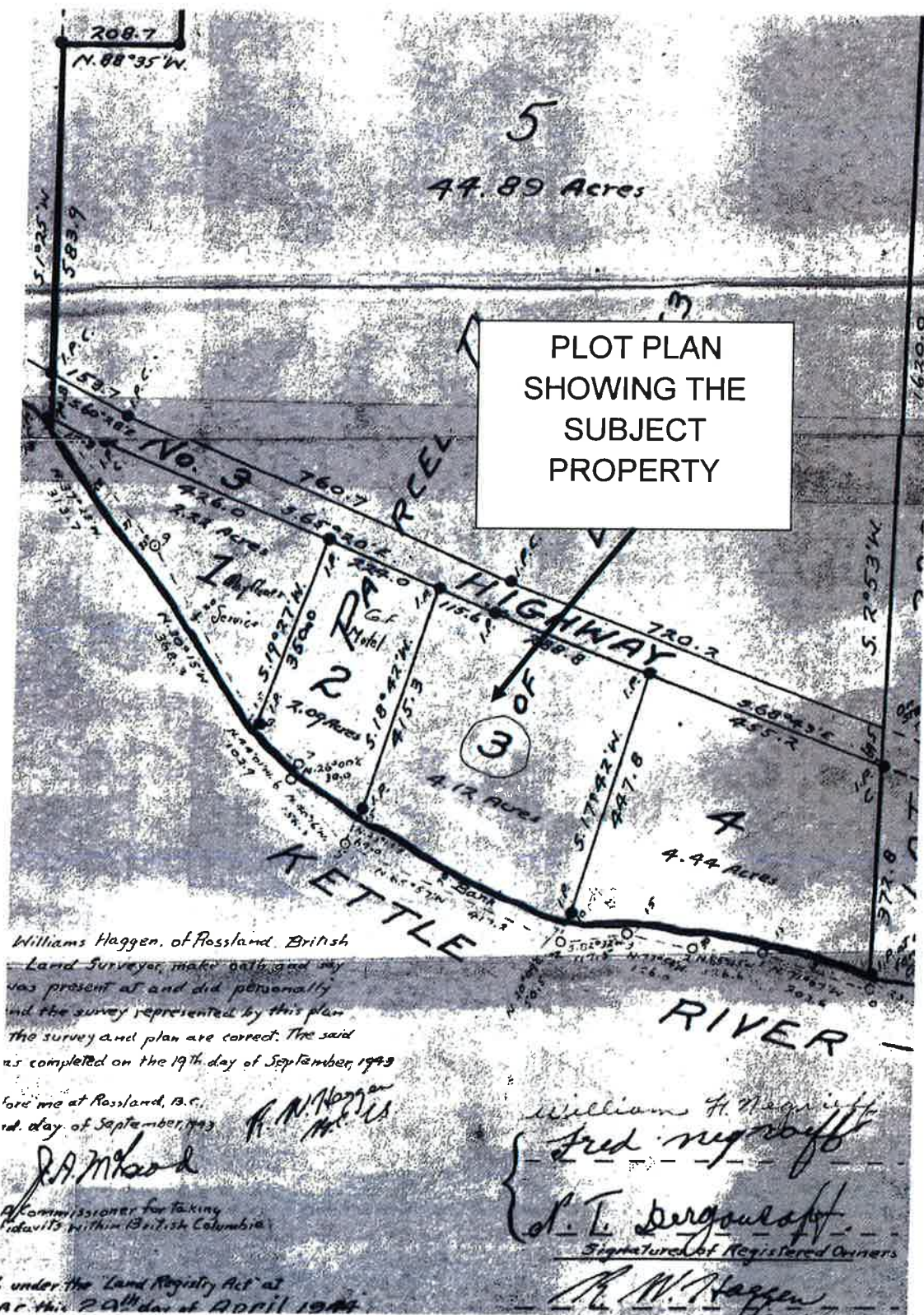
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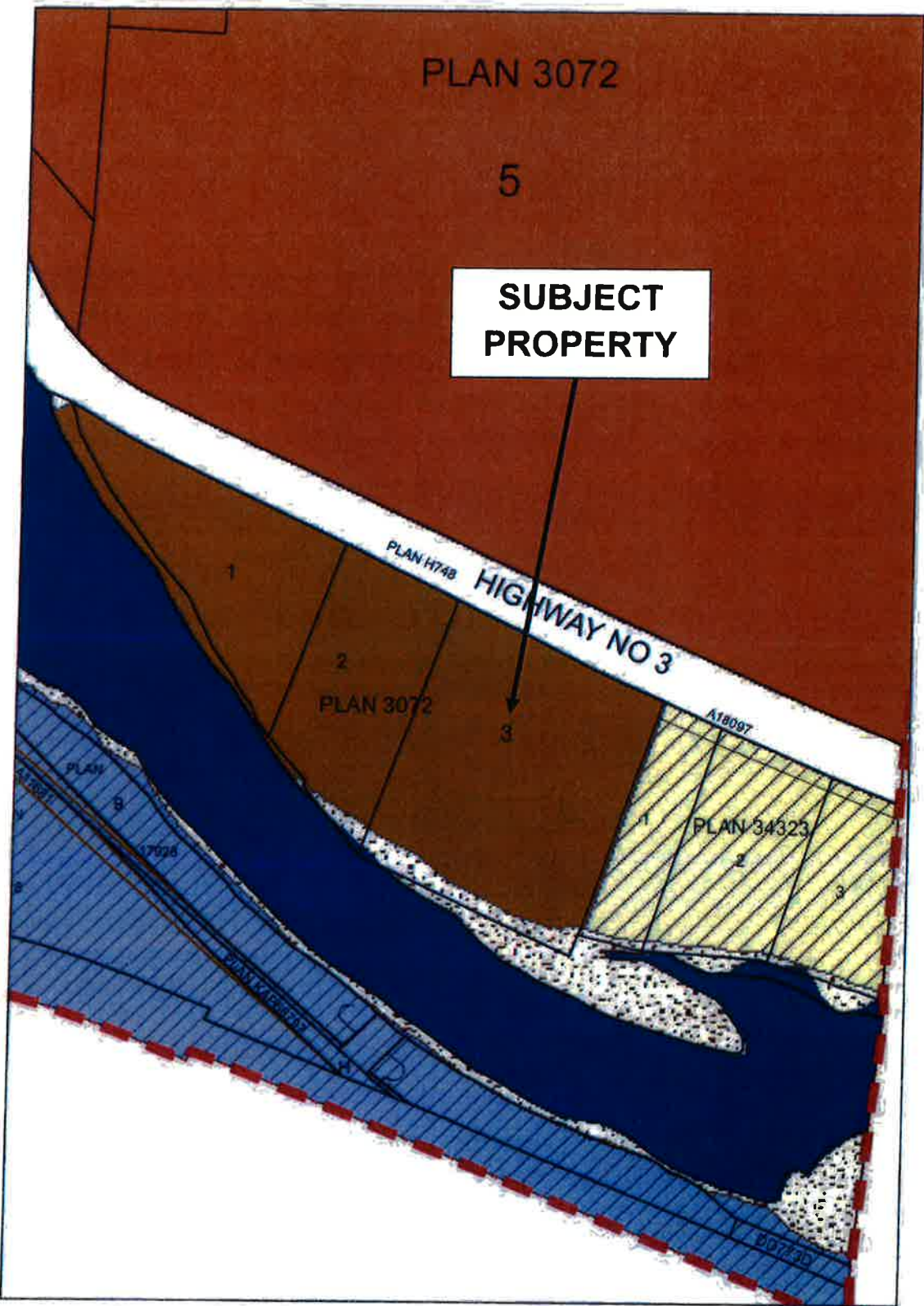


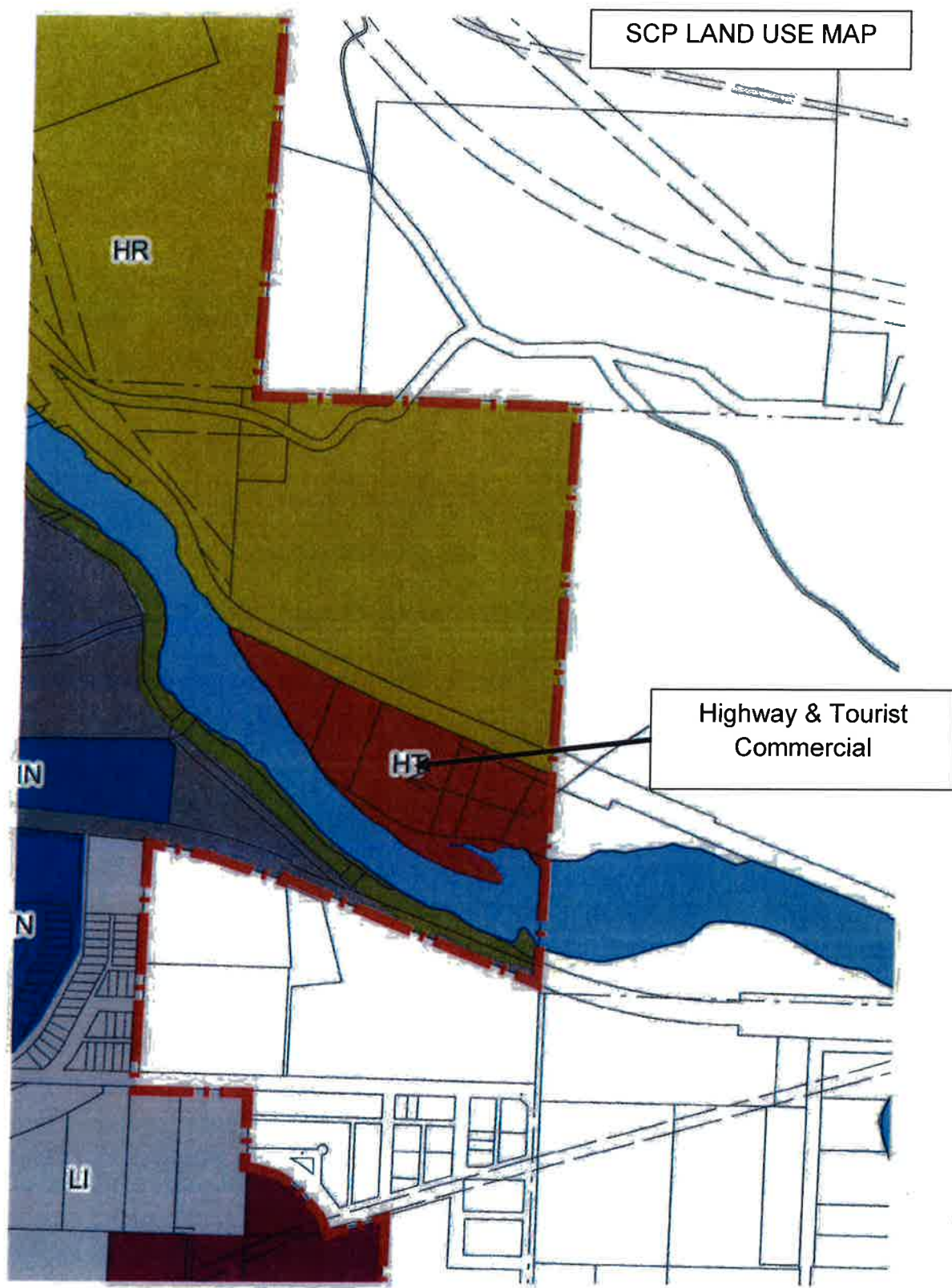
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Legal Information

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| Plan: KAP3072 | Section: | Jurs: 210 | Lot Area: 4.05 |
| Block: | Township: | Roll: 1384000 | Area Unit: acr |
| Lot: 3 | Land District: 54 | PID: 009-716-891 | Width (ft): 0 |
| District Lot: 653 | | | Depth (ft): 0 |
| Street: 6401 HWY 3 W | | | |
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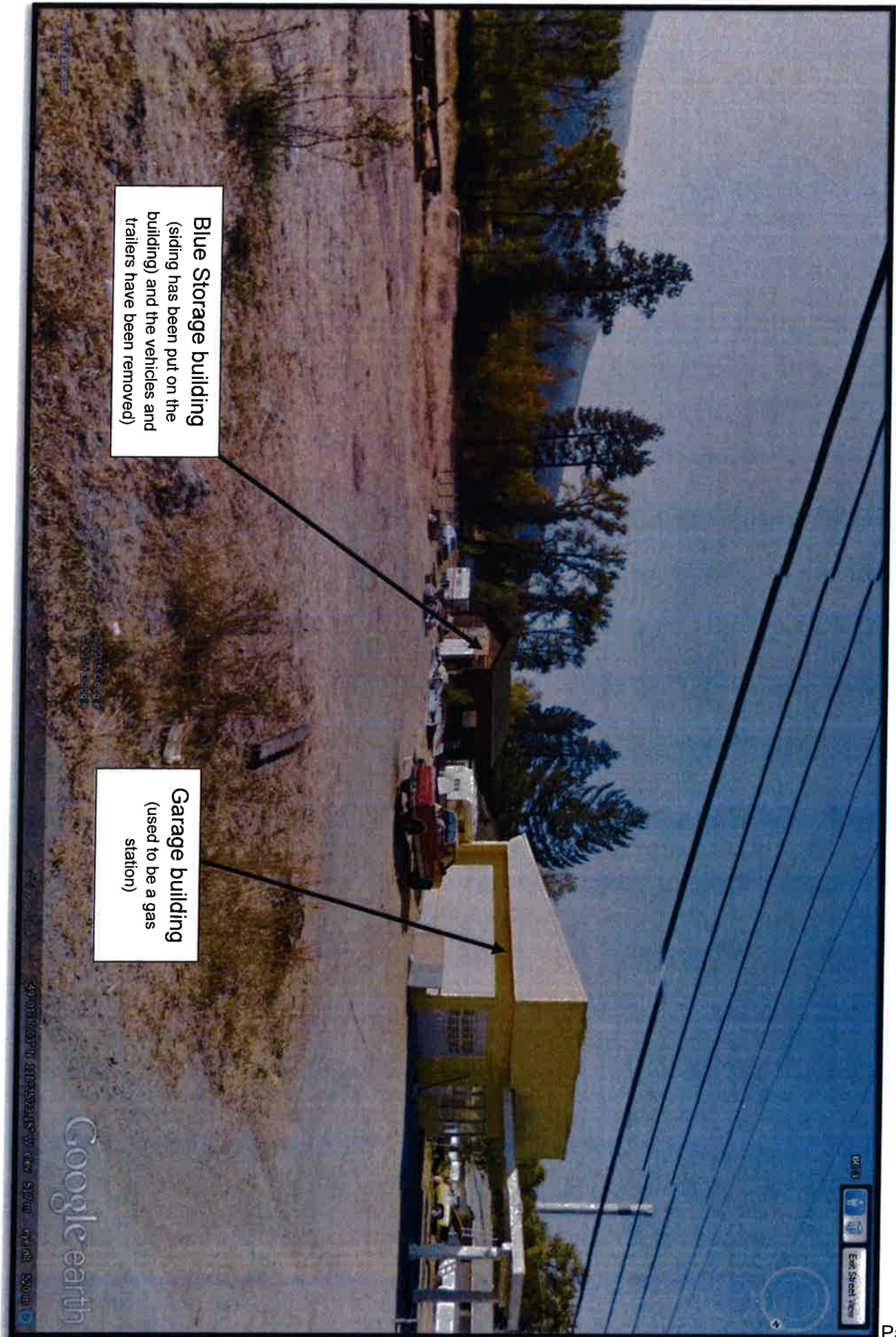






**Zoning Amendment
6401 Highway #3 Location Map**





SECTION 43 TC (Tourist Commercial Zone)

Permitted Uses

1. The following uses and no others are permitted in a TC zone:

- (a) hotels or motels;
- (b) recreational businesses and campgrounds;
- (c) tourist facilities and related amenities;
- (d) retail establishments;
- (e) restaurants.

Permitted accessory uses and buildings on any parcel includes the following:

- (f) dwelling unit in conjunction with any of the above uses, and
- (g) any accessory building or structure for the above noted uses.

Regulations

2. On a parcel located in a TC zone:

Minimum Parcel Size for Subdivision purposes

- (a) There is no minimum parcel size and the parcel must be connected to a Community sewage and water system;

Number and type of Dwelling Units allowed

- (b) Apartment units contained within the above mentioned commercial activities are permitted. Not more than 30% of the principal building shall be used for apartments.

Height

- (c) No building or structure shall exceed 12 metres (40 ft) in height;

Setbacks

- (d) Except as otherwise specifically permitted in this bylaw, no building or structure shall be located within:
 - (i) 6 metres (20 ft) of a front parcel line;
 - (ii) 1.5 metres (5 ft) of an interior side parcel line;
 - (iii) 4.6 metres (15 ft) of an exterior side parcel line; or
 - (iv) 6 metres (20 ft) of a rear parcel line.

SECTION 43 **TC (Tourist Commercial Zone) continued**

Accessory Buildings

- (e) No accessory building shall have a total floor area greater than 25% of the principal structure.
- (f) No accessory building shall be located closer than 1.5 metres (5 ft) to a rear parcel line.

Lot Area Coverage

- (g) The maximum permitted lot area coverage shall be as follows:
 - Principal building with all accessory buildings and structures 60%

Additional Requirements

- (h) The buildings or structures used for the commercial operation must be a minimum of 4.5 metres (15 ft) from any parcel lot line that is adjacent to a residential parcel of land;
- (i) If a fence is erected it shall not exceed a height of 2.4 metres (8 ft);
- (j) See Sections 13 to 30 of this bylaw.

SECTION 41 HC (Highway Commercial Zone)

Permitted Uses

1. The following uses and no others are permitted in a HC zone:

- (a) hotels or motels;
- (b) restaurants;
- (c) automobile sales and parts supply, service stations;
- (d) convenience stores including gas bars;
- (e) car wash establishments;
- (f) retail sales establishments;
- (g) personal service establishments;
- (h) liquor licensed premises;
- (i) animal hospitals;
- (g) building supply establishments;
- (k) offices;
- (l) tool and equipment rental establishments.

Permitted accessory uses and buildings on any parcel include the following:

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Regulations

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SECTION 41 **HC (Highway Commercial Zone) continued**

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Development within this designation may occur up to a maximum of 60 units per hectare.

anticipated that the demand for these types of uses will continue to increase.

Highway & Tourist Commercial (HT)

- Within this designation, automobile oriented tourist services areas for visitors and residents are encouraged and focused along Central Avenue/Highway #3. Development will consist primarily of commercial and institutional uses. Some residential development may occur where appropriate.

Heritage Corridor (HC)

- This designation is located along Central Ave/Highway #3, immediately west of the Core Commercial area of Grand Forks.

Light Industry (LI)

- This designation is located in strategic locations in Grand Forks, including in the northwest along Donaldson Drive, in the northeast along Granby Road and in the southeast along Sagamore Ave. This designation includes light industrial uses and service commercial uses that can be developed in a manner compatible with adjacent uses.

Heavy Industry (HI)

- Located in the northeast along Granby Road and south of the Kettle River, this designation supports the continued use and development of heavy industrial activities, such as lumber production, log storage and other associated industrial uses.

Institutional (IN)

- Institutional land uses within Grand Forks are located throughout the community. Over time, the types of institutional uses have evolved with the growth and maturation of the community and it is

Hillside & Resource District (HR)

- Within Grand Forks, this designation is applied to those parts of the City which are largely undeveloped and lacking municipal services, or located on slopes greater than 20%. These areas are generally located along the eastern boundary of Grand Forks and are not to be urbanized until municipal services can be made available, once infilling and densification of other areas has occurred.

Environmental Resource District (ER)

- The Environmental Resource District designation applies to an area located in the northwestern area of the community. Although the ER designation generally allows for uses and densities within the Low Density Residential (LR) designation, this area acknowledges the groundwater and floodplain conditions associated with these lands. Any development in this area will require an Environmental Development Permit to ensure that steps are taken to address the potential groundwater conditions and/or flood hazard.

Park & Open Space (PK)

- This designation encourages recreation and transportation opportunities for local residents and captures the beauty and setting of natural areas, parks and open spaces and trails throughout Grand Forks and along the Kettle and Granby Rivers.

In addition, the form and character of the community is guided by the objectives outlined in a number of Development Permit (DP) Areas. These DP areas are



14.4 General Commercial Development Permit Area

The General Commercial Development Permit Area is designated under Section 919.1(1)(d) (revitalization of a commercial area) and Section 919.1(1)(f) (form and character of commercial development) of the *Local Government Act*.

Area

Within the City of Grand Forks, all lands designated Highway & Tourist Commercial are designated as a General Commercial Development Permit Area on the Development Permit Area Map (Schedule 'C').

Commercial Core areas, surrounding the Historic Downtown, are designated as a General Commercial Development Permit Area on the Development Permit Area Map (Schedule 'C').

Justification

Highway & Tourist Commercial

Highway & Tourist Commercial areas are quite visible from Highway 3 and often are the first impression that tourists get of Grand Forks. For commercial development in the Highway & Tourist Commercial area, special considerations are required to address the following:

- the highway corridor is a high visibility area and therefore the visual image of the community must be presented in a positive way;
- access along a high volume controlled access route has implications on commercial development; and

- compatibility between the residential areas and the commercial development.

Commercial Core

The Commercial Core areas, surrounding the Historic Downtown, form a strong part of the community's identity. As development occurs, Council would like to ensure that the visual character of these areas improves in a way that compliments the Historic Downtown area.

An objective of this designation is to maintain and enhance the image of the Commercial Core areas, surrounding the Historic Downtown, by requiring a high standard of development. Development will meet a consistently high standard of visual quality to assure that the character of the commercial core will continue to improve over time.

14.4.1 - Conditions for which a Commercial Development Permit is not Required

The following may be undertaken without a Commercial Development Permit:

- internal alterations, which do not affect the outer appearance of the building;
- replacement, upgrading or repair of roofing;
- painting the exterior of a building;
- replacement of windows;
- construction of a fence;
- construction of an accessory building or addition to a commercial building that does not alter patterns or requirements of parking, access, loading or landscaping on the site; and
- replacement of an existing sign or canopy, where the size and design of the replacement



sign or canopy are generally consistent with the sign or canopy being replaced.

14.4.2 - Guidelines

Development permits issued in this designation shall be in accordance with the following guidelines:

Buildings and Structure

- .1 Buildings should be designed in a way that enhances the visual character of the commercial area.
- .2 The shape, scale and siting of buildings should be consistent with adjacent development.
- .3 The shape, siting, rooflines, architectural features and exterior finish should be sufficiently varied to create interest and avoid a monotonous appearance.
- .4 Monolithic structures and long expanses of straight walls should be avoided.
- .5 Large buildings should be designed in a way that creates the impression of smaller units and less bulk, by using building jogs and irregular faces.
- .7 Buildings should be designated in a way that relates positively to pedestrians at the street level.

Access and Parking

- .8 Parking areas with more than 20 stalls should be broken into smaller groups, divided by landscaping.
- .9 Off-street parking and loading should be encouraged where possible and designed to promote safe and efficient vehicle entrances and exits, and on-site circulation.
- .10 Sites should be designed in a way that accommodates alternative modes of transportation, with provisions made for features such as pedestrian sidewalks, bicycle and walking paths or lanes, and bicycle racks on the site. Pedestrian and bicycle networks on the site should link with networks off the site.

Screening, Landscaping and Amenities

- .11 Sites should be provided with screening in the form of walls, decorative fencing, hedging, planting, other screening materials or a combination of materials in the following areas:
 - around outdoor storage areas, waste containers, heating and cooling equipment, and other service areas; and
 - between the rear of commercial areas and any residential area.
- .12 The site should be provided with landscaping:
 - between parking areas and roadways; and
 - between buildings and parking areas.



.13 Where setbacks are required between the building and the property line, the site should be provided with landscaping:

- along the property edge next to roadways; and
- along the sides of buildings.

Lighting

.14 Land uses or establishments should be designed to ensure that they do not produce a strong glaring light or reflection of that light beyond their lot lines. Shielded or controlled intensity lights are required.

Signage

.15 Signage should complement the building design and finish.

REQUEST FOR DECISION

— REGULAR MEETING —



To: Mayor and Council
From: Dolores Sheets, Manager of Development & Engineering Services
Date: February 15, 2016
Subject: Early budget approval for 5th Street Water Main Replacement
Recommendation: **RESOLVED THAT** Council provide early budget approval for the 5th Street Water Main Replacement Project, Option #2, estimated to cost \$575,000 to be funded from the Community Works Gas Tax Fund.

BACKGROUND: During the summer of 2011, the City became aware that one of the water mains crossing the Kettle River at 5th Street had failed. Before the failure, the south side of the community was serviced by two water mains at the 5th Street location, along with a third main under the Kettle River at Riverside Drive. After the failure of the main, the City discerned that the second water main at the 5th Street location was also at risk, in that it was exposed and lying on the bed of the Kettle River.

The importance of early budget approval for this project is in the necessary time required to carry out the numerous steps required to bring the project to completion including:

- 1) Structural Assessment of Darrell J. Priede Bridge;
 - 2) Approvals from Ministry of Environment/Ministry of Forests, Lands & Natural Resource Operations;
 - 3) Survey;
 - 4) Detailed Design;
 - 5) Request for Proposal/Tendering Process; and
 - 6) Construction – must be completed within timing windows as determined by the relevant Ministry
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Benefits or Impacts of the Recommendation:

General: This project is in line with the Sustainable Community Plan guiding principle of ensuring a long-term sustainable foundation of municipal infrastructure that is affordable, provides service levels consistent with the community's expectations, and encourages growth and economic development.

The City has a commitment to provide fire protection to the users on the south side of the Kettle River.

REQUEST FOR DECISION

— REGULAR MEETING —



Strategic Impact: This project is in line with the City's Asset Management Plan & Strategic Plan – Fiscal Accountability – to identify issues prior to catastrophic failure.

Financial: Option #2 is estimated to cost \$575,000 to be funded from the Community Works Gas Tax Fund and is the recommended option based on the Relative Risk Rating as indicated in the attached Budget Briefing.


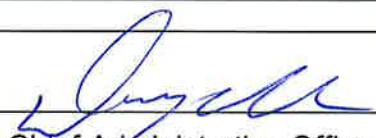
Policy/Legislation: Council has the authority to approve early budget approvals.

Attachments: Budget Briefing

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OPTIONS:

1. COUNCIL COULD CHOOSE TO SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATION.
2. COUNCIL COULD CHOOSE TO NOT SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATION.
3. COUNCIL COULD CHOOSE TO REFER THE REPORT BACK TO STAFF FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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| Department Head or CAO | Chief Administrative Officer |



2016 CAPITAL BUDGET BRIEFING

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Manager of Development and Engineering

SUBJECT: 5th STREET WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

During the summer of 2011, the City became aware that one of the watermain crossing the Kettle River at 5th Street had failed. Before the failure, the south side of the community was serviced by two watermain at the 5th Street location, along with a third main under the Kettle River at Riverside Drive. After the failure of the main, the City also noticed that the second watermain at the 5th Street location was also at risk, in that it was exposed and lying on the bed of the Kettle River.

Urban Systems was asked at that point to determine what impact failure of the remaining 5th Street main would have on the City's ability to deliver domestic and fire flows to those portions of the City located on the south side of the Kettle River. Urban Systems identified that should the second 5th Street main fail, the City would be unable to provide adequate service south of the Kettle River. Urban Systems was then asked to examine potential options for replacing the 5th Street water main. The result of that work, and subsequent discussions with the City of Grand Forks, identified six potential options, each with differing costs and risks. Since that time, four of the options have been eliminated as new information has surfaced.

Since 2012, the City completed non-destructive testing on the remaining in-service water main crossing the Kettle River at 5th Street. The results of that testing indicates that the pipe wall thickness has been significantly eroded by the river bed gravels and boulders. The water main is now susceptible to failure, with the risk increasing with each passing spring runoff event. The pipe wall has been reduced at some locations to below 50% of its original thickness.

THE OPTIONS

We discuss two potential options for replacing the water main below. Each option comes with its own cost and own series of risks, which we also provide.

Option #1 – Open Cut (\$350,000)



A few years ago, Terasen Gas successfully used temporary Aqua Dams to create a dry working space in the Kettle River and then installed a large gas line under the river bed by trenching across the river within the dewatered zone. A similar approach for the 5th Street water main replacement would have to be scheduled during the in stream work window, triggering the requirements for a Section 9 application to the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources (MFLNR) and an “authorization” from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO). In addition, a required approval from Navigable Waters would trigger the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act and a full environmental assessment process. To secure all the approvals would take several months to potentially a year and the in-stream work window for the Kettle River is August 7 – September 15 of any given year. Hence, in the best case, the work could not occur prior to August 2015 or, worst case, August 2016.

Option #2 – Cross the Darrell J. Priede Bridge (\$575,000)



This option envisions connecting a proposed 300mm water main to the existing 250mm water main located on Kettle River Drive, crossing the Kettle River on the Darrell J. Priede Bridge and extending a proposed main eastward, along the south boundary of the Interfor property.

This option requires approximately 70m of insulated and armored pipe secured to the bridge, following the RInC multi-use pathway along the Kettle River from the bridge to 66th Avenue, and replacing the existing 150mm watermain along 66th Avenue, from 10th Street to Como Street. Note the photo above is a sample project only and the exterior coating on the insulated pipe can be black in color in order to mute the visual impact of the pipe.

Senior government approvals or permits would not be required from DFO, MFLNR, or Navigable Waters. Regardless, we do suggest that a Section 9 application be submitted, mostly for due diligence and courtesy purposes, for any work near the Kettle River.

Urban Systems determined that a 300mm diameter watermain would provide the same (if not better) level of fire protection to the southeast sector, as long as the new main connected to the existing 200mm diameter watermain along Como Street. In no case did modelled fire flow rates diminish as a result of the Option #2 connection versus the Option #1 approach.

A particular advantage of this option is that the City currently has a right-of-way across the Interfor property, parallel to the RInC pathway, for future installation of sanitary sewers. This option would not see delays in implementation because of right-of-way negotiations with Interfor. However, the City may want to examine the exact wording of the right-of-way agreement to confirm that a water main, as well as a sewer main, can be installed in the existing right-of-way. The City needs to be aware that installation of a utility in the right-of-way will necessitate removal of most of the existing trees northeast of the existing pathway. This may cause some consternation for users of the pathway, regardless of the fact that the right-of-way is still on Interfor property. In addition, the Migratory Birds Act and the need to remove any existing nests within the treed corridor must be addressed prior to the spring nesting period.

Lastly, the City should be aware that some portions of the newly constructed RInC pathway near the bridge abutments will be impacted by construction and the path will likely need to be closed, at least in part, until construction is completed.

IMPLICATIONS OF RECOMMENDATION:

General

- This project is in line with the Sustainable Community Plan guiding principle of ensuring a long-term sustainable foundation of municipal infrastructure that is affordable, provides service levels consistent with the community's expectations, and encourages growth and economic development.
- The City has a commitment to provide fire protection to the users on the south side of the Kettle River.
- The table below summarizes the advantages and disadvantages of each of the two options discussed in the previous section above. The table also identifies relative risk for each option and identifies the ranking of each.

| | Option 1 | Option 2 |
|----------------------|---|---|
| Cost | \$350,000 | \$575,000 |
| Advantages | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Least cost • Local contractors may have required expertise for all or portions of the work. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lowest risk • Can proceed immediately once design is completed • Work could be completed prior to 2015 freshet if design authorization &/or surveys completed • Local contractors may have required expertise for all or portions of the work • RInC pathway enhancements included (i.e. bridge lighting) |
| Disadvantages/Risks | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lengthy approvals period • No guarantee of approvals • Existing main at risk during approvals | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most costly • Would impact portions of the existing new RInC pathway • Would require tree removal on north side of RInC path • Nesting birds would need to be addressed |
| Relative Risk Rating | Medium to High | Low |

Organizational

- There are no related capital projects.
- The Engineering Department will manage staff and consultant resources for this project effectively and efficiently. The actions identified in this briefing are beyond the work load capacity and expertise that can be pursued by our staff within the context of their current mandates. As such, a consultant will be needed to carry out this project.

Financial

- Option 1: \$350,000, Option 2: \$575,000.
- The funding for this project is expected to come from gas tax monies.

Options

1. Council could choose to accept.
2. Council could choose to not accept.
3. Council could choose to defer.

Report / Document

Attached ____

Available ____

NIL __X__

REQUEST FOR DECISION

— REGULAR MEETING —



To: Mayor and Council
From: David Reid, Manager Operations
Date: February 15, 2016
Subject: Early budget approval for 3rd Street Sewer Main Repair
Recommendation: **RESOLVED THAT** Council provide early budget approval for the 3rd Street Sewer Main Repair Project with an estimated cost of \$150,000 to be funded from Capital Reserves.

BACKGROUND: The 3rd Street sewer main between Market Avenue & Central Avenue has presented numerous challenges over the past several years necessitating constant maintenance and monitoring. The importance of early budget approval revolves around seasonal water table levels. With the location of this repair and the congestion of utilities in the area the budget amount could have a large variance depending on issues that maybe uncovered.

Benefits or Impacts of the Recommendation:

General: This project will take planning around the sewer flow rates as it is a main sewer line and the river levels may affect the work area depending on the time of year.
This project has significant risk involved because of the location, buried depth and other buried utilities within the work zone.

Strategic Impact: This project is in line with the City's Asset Management Plan & Strategic Plan for fiscal accountability by identifying issues prior to catastrophic failure as well as improving community livability.

Financial: Class D estimate for this project is \$100,000 with the potential to increase by as much as \$50,000 because of unknown conditions underground.

Policy/Legislation: Council has the authority to approve early budget approvals.

Attachments: Budget Briefing


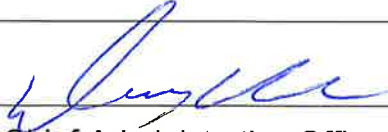
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REQUEST FOR DECISION

— REGULAR MEETING —



- OPTIONS:
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2016 CAPITAL BUDGET BRIEFING

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Manager of Operations



SUBJECT: 3rd STREET SEWER MAIN REPAIR

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:



IMPLICATIONS OF RECOMMENDATION:

General

- Asset Management
- This project will take planning around the sewer flow rates as it is a main sewer line and the river levels may affect the work area depending on the time of year
- This project has significant risk involved because of the location, buried depth and other buried utilities within the work zone
- Strategic Priority – Fiscally Accountable , Community Livability  

Organizational

- This project has been waiting for a response from the grant application submitted for a multi-utility project that would include 3rd street from 75th Avenue to 72nd Avenue
- The City of Grand Forks would look to put this project out to tender unless budget or extenuating circumstances brought this project in-house which would then include Public Works and Water and Sewer departments

Financial

- Class D estimates for this project are approximately \$100,000 in cost with multiple factors
- Proposed funding source for the sewer main repair would come from capital reserve funds

Options

1. Council could choose to accept.
2. Council could choose to not accept.
3. Council could choose to defer.

Report / Document

Attached _____

Available _____

NIL _____

Strategic Priority's  Fiscally Accountable  Economic Growth  Community Engagement
 Community Livability

REQUEST FOR DECISION

— REGULAR MEETING —



To: Mayor and Council
From: David Reid, Manager Operations
Date: February 15, 2016
Subject: Early budget approval for Well #3 Pump and Motor with VFD and Building Modifications
Recommendation: **RESOLVED THAT** Council provide early budget approval for the Well #3 Pump and Motor with VFD and Building Modifications Project with an estimated cost of \$100,000 to be funded from Capital Reserves.

BACKGROUND: Well #3 is one of our largest capacity wells with some of the oldest equipment which is approximately 30+ years old. In 2014, the Well #3 shaft had to be replaced due to deficiencies. Again in 2014, the Well #3 motor was sent away for rewinding and bearing replacement because of the age and other mechanical issues. In 2015, we ran it through our highest demand season and this winter we had to remove the motor due to reoccurring deficiencies once again. Some corrective measures were taken with the understanding that this was not a long term solution due to the age of the equipment. We are looking to replace Well #3's pump, motor, add a VFD (Variable Frequency Drive) for energy efficiency and to meet Urban Systems long term Well management plan with changing demand needs.

The importance of early budget approval is in the manufacturing timeline of 8 weeks for the motor, the increase in seasonal water demand in May & the need to meet fire flow requirements.

Benefits or Impacts of the Recommendation:

General: Improving the mechanical reliability to efficiently meet our seasonal water demands, which begin increasing in May, and mitigate the risk of not being able to meet water demands and fire flow.

The motor has an 8 week manufacturing timeline

Strategic Impact: This project is in line with the City's Asset Management Plan & Strategic Plan for fiscal accountability by identifying issues prior to catastrophic failure as well as fostering economic growth and improving community livability.

Financial: Motor replacement with a VFD is estimated to cost \$100,000 to be funded from Capital Reserves.

Policy/Legislation: Council has the authority to approve early budget approvals.

REQUEST FOR DECISION

— REGULAR MEETING —


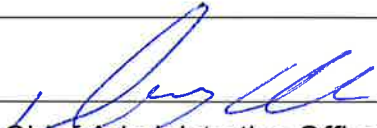


Attachments: Budget Briefing

Recommendation: **RESOLVED THAT** Council provide early budget approval for the Well #3 Pump and Motor with VFD and Building Modifications Project with an estimated cost of \$100,000 to be funded from Capital Reserves.

OPTIONS:

1. COUNCIL COULD CHOOSE TO SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATION.
2. COUNCIL COULD CHOOSE TO NOT SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATION.
3. COUNCIL COULD CHOOSE TO REFER THE REPORT BACK TO STAFF FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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| Department Head or CAO | Chief Administrative Officer |



2016 CAPITAL BUDGET BRIEFING

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Manager of Operations

SUBJECT: WELL #3 PUMP AND MOTOR WITH (VFD) AND BUILDING MODIFICATIONS

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Well #3 is one of our largest capacity Wells with some of the oldest equipment which is approximately 30+ years old. In 2014, Well #3 shaft had to be replaced due to deficiencies. Again in 2014, Well #3's motor was sent away for rewinding and bearing replacement because of the age and other mechanical issues. In 2015, we ran it through our highest demand season and this winter we had to remove the motor due to reoccurring deficiencies once again. Some corrective measures were taken with the understanding that this was not a long term solution due to the age of the equipment. We are looking to replace Well #3's pump, motor, add a VFD for energy efficiency and meet Urban Systems long term Well management plan with changing demand needs.



IMPLICATIONS OF RECOMMENDATION:

General

- Improving the mechanical reliability to efficiently meet our seasonal water demands
- Mitigate our risk of not being able to meet our water demands and fire flow
- Seasonal demand increases as of May
- Motor has a 8 week manufacturing timeline
- Strategic Priority

Fiscally Accountable, Economic Growth, Community Livability



Organizational

- Reduce scheduled and un-scheduled maintenance costs
- Installing a VFD would eliminate the need for the high maintenance automatic control valve

Financial

- Motor replacement with VFD and controls \$100,000
- Proposed funding sources capital reserves

Options

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3. Council could choose to defer.

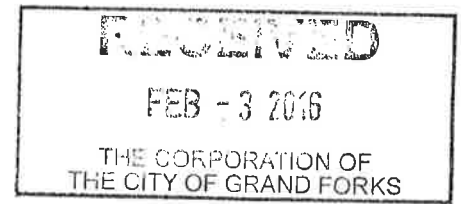
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Strategic Priority's  **Fiscally Accountable**  **Economic Growth**  **Community Engagement**
 **Community Livability**



January 30, 2016

Mayor and City Council
The Corporation of the City of Grand Forks
Box 220
Grand Forks, BC, V0H 1H0

Dear Mayor and City Council of Grand Forks,

I am sincerely honored to have been selected as the recipient of the City of Grand Forks Scholarship. Thank you for your generosity, which will offer me tremendous support and allow me to further my studies. I am currently enrolled in the Associate of Arts Degree Program at Okanagan College in Kelowna, BC. Upon completing my degree, I plan to have a better idea of what career direction I would like to pursue and work towards a more specialized degree in that area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tyra". The signature is stylized with a large, looped 'y' and a trailing flourish.

Tyra van Leur

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Scholarship Recipient
Thank You



February 4, 2016

British Columbia Local Governments
Via email distribution

Dear BC Local Governments:

SUBJECT: 2016 FCM RESOLUTION – BUILD CANADA GRANT FUNDING

The Council for the City of Port Coquitlam, at its regular Council Meeting of January 11, 2016, adopted the following resolution requesting all British Columbia local governments' endorsement:

1. **THAT** Council make the following motion to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities:

WHEREAS the Federal Government's Build Canada grant program generally shares the costs of all approved infrastructure projects equally between the province and the local jurisdiction at one third each;

AND WHEREAS for nationally and provincially significant projects, where projects provide a greater national and provincial benefit, and where communities are disproportionately and directly impacted by such projects, the burden of one third of the cost is inequitable and too high for the local jurisdiction;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federal Government's Build Canada grant program, National Infrastructure Component, be amended to fund a minimum of 50% of the project cost.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the provincial funding contribution for significant projects be a minimum of 40% of the project cost.

2. **THAT** this motion be forwarded to all local governments in British Columbia to request their endorsement.
3. **THAT** this motion be forwarded to Mr. Ron McKinnon, Member of Parliament for Coquitlam - Port Coquitlam and to Mr. Mike Farnworth, Member of Legislative Assembly for Port Coquitlam - Burke Mountain.

Sincerely,

C. Deakin

Carolyn Deakin, CMC
Assistant Corporate Officer

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February 16, 2016

Regional District of Kootenay Boundary
#202; 843 Rossland Avenue
TRAIL, B.C.
V1R 4S8

Attention: Regional District Chair Mrs. Grace McGregor
CC: John MacLean

The City of Grand Forks is seeking financial support from the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary regarding the operation of the area airport, as it provides considerable services to the RDKB as outlined below.



Medevac:

From 2009 until 2013 the airport had 117 medevac flights with an average of 23.4 flights per year. 2014 and 2015 saw a large increase above the previous average for medevac flights for the airport with 35 and 42 flights respectively. Some ambulance transports from as far away as Creston and Kaslo have utilised the Grand Forks Airport in the past.

| Year | Day Time | Night Time | Total |
|--------------|----------|------------|------------|
| 2009 | n/a | n/a | 23 |
| 2010 | n/a | n/a | 20 |
| 2011 | n/a | n/a | 26 |
| 2012 | n/a | n/a | 27 |
| 2013 | n/a | n/a | 21 |
| 2014 | 25 | 10 | 35 |
| 2015 | 27 | 15 | 42 |
| Total | | | 194 |

No statistics were available for night flights prior to 2014, only the total numbers of flights. No statistics are available that would differentiate between Medevac flights for residents of the City or the RDKB or other areas. However, in the past there has been flights for the entire region (as far away as Kaslo and Creston) for medevac flights to/from the Grand Forks Airport.



While the Castlegar airport sees an average of 40% weather related cancellations with a high of 61% (January 2010) for flights during the winter, with an annual average of 15% cancellations, the Grand Forks weather and airport location historically has been much more favourable, allowing for medevac flights that were originally scheduled for the Kootenays to be re-route to Grand Forks and transport regional residents to larger medical centers.

The Grand Forks Airport is also the only airport between Kelowna and Cranbrook that is equipped with equipment necessary for night time medevac flights.

2015 Wild Fires:



The Grand Forks Airport was the primary helicopter airport base for the entire Boundary region in 2015.

The City and its residents bore all the administrative overhead and support for the airport operations to support the pilots and firefighting crews.



Events:



The Grand Forks Airport hosts an annual Regional Fly-in.

The event attracts modern and vintage aircrafts, classic cars, trucks and bikes by local and North America wide participants along with local Farmers' Market vendors selling local goods and produce.



The airport is also home to a UAV/Drone flying school.

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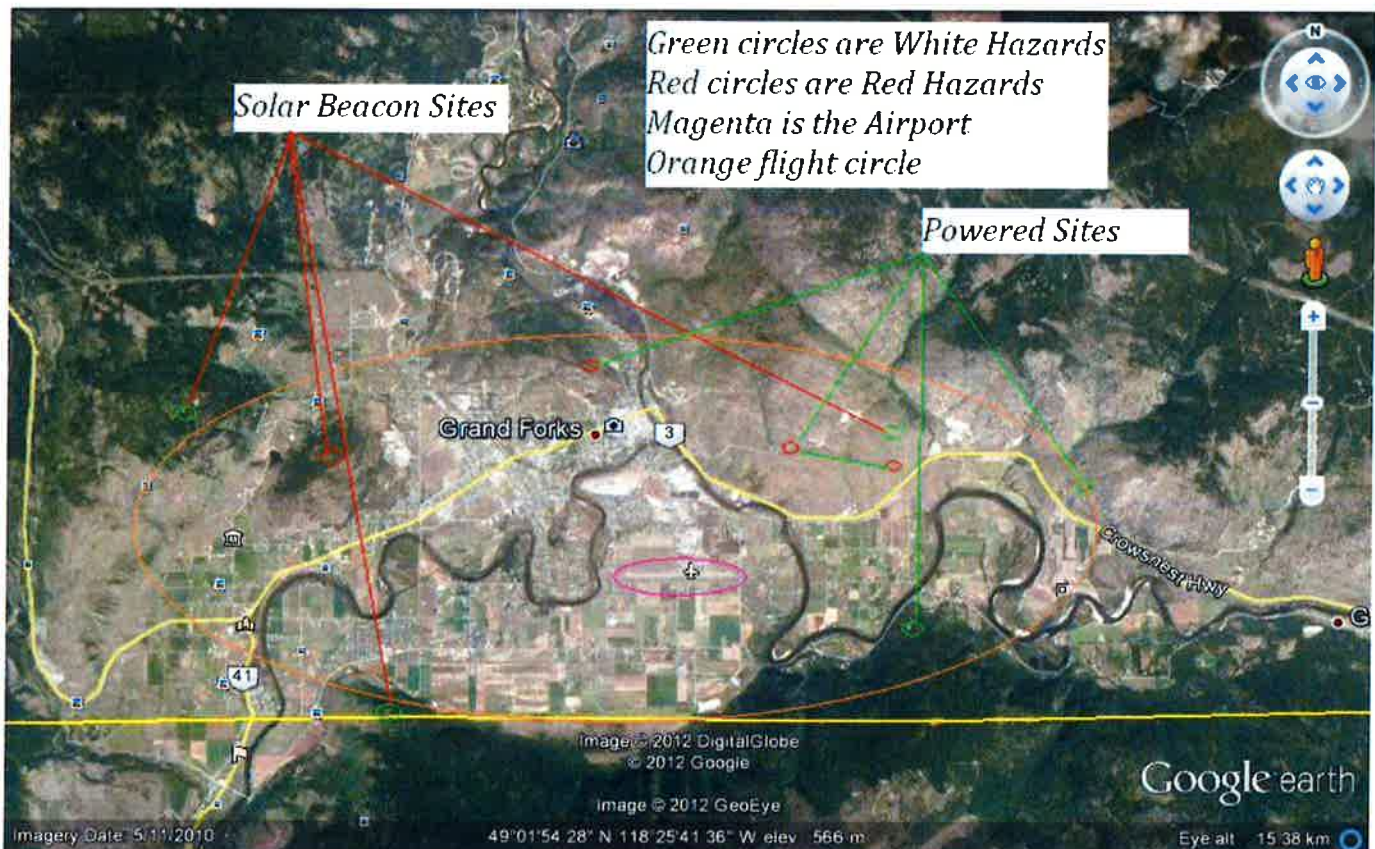
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2016 Major Project:

The City has plans for 2016 to retrofit the beacon sites with LED lights and modernize our solar powered sites to ensure for safer night flights especially for Medevac purposes.

Although the City secured \$45,000 in grant funding, the US currency exchange rate might impact the project.



Airport Hangar & Tie-Down Usage:

The Ministry of Forests has a tanker base at the Airport. 15 hangars are privately or commercially owned on City land. 8 to 10 other parties are also interested in additional hangar space. 6 Airplanes are in the tie-down area. The hangars and tie-down areas service the Area C, Area D, and Grand Forks residents primarily.

| Resident of | Population | Tie-Downs | Hangar Lease |
|----------------------|----------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| City of Grand Forks | 4048 (2014) | | 3 |
| RDKB (Area C+D only) | 1435 (C) & 3176 (D) (2006) | 4 | 7 |
| Nelson | | | 2 |
| Airport | | 1 | 1 |
| Other | | 1 | 2 |
| Total | | 6 | 15 |



Background:

The City of Grand Forks operates and maintains the Grand Forks Airport. Some of these services and features provided are:

- ❖ Terminal Building
- ❖ Paved Runway and Heli-pad
- ❖ Fences and Gates
- ❖ 9 Beacon sites, 4 of which are solar powered
- ❖ Runway Lighting
- ❖ Automatic Weather Observation System
- ❖ Hangar and Tie Down areas, Hangar Lease administration
- ❖ Fueling System
- ❖ Snow clearing, mowing, weed control
- ❖ Day and Night-time Medevac Flights and other after hours on-call services
- ❖ Airport Attendant and other administration



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Yearly Operating Costs:

| Yearly Income | 3 year average | Yearly expense | 3 year average |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Ministry Lease - \$1.45 sq meter | \$6,160 | Administration | \$35,610 |
| Hangar Leases - \$2.37 sq meter | \$6,310 | Terminal & Grounds | \$18,307 |
| Fuel Sales | \$55,000 | Snow Removal | \$20,520 |
| Other (2013 only - \$6882) | \$2,294 | AWOS | \$1,018 |
| No more other income projected | | Lighting & Navigation | \$23,575 |
| | | Mowing | \$5,715 |
| | | Fuel System | \$9,126 |
| | | Cost of Fuel | \$45,603 |
| | | Medevac call-outs | \$3,548 |
| Total Revenue | \$69,764.00 | Total Expenses | \$163,022.00 |

Over the last 3 years, the Grand Forks Airport operated at an **annual deficit of roughly \$93,300**, which does not include any asset management related savings for major asset repairs and upgrades.





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Conclusion:

The Grand Forks airport is a vital asset to the Kootenay Boundary region. To make for a more livable, inclusive region, it is imperative that the airport maintains operations to ensure for the health and safety for the people living within the entire region.

In summary, the airport is a major hub for the Kootenay Boundary region as a medevac airport for day and night time flights. It has also served in 2015 as the primary helicopter attack base to battle the wild fires in the Boundary region and will continue to be used for this purpose most likely in the future. The Grand Forks Airport benefits the entire Kootenay Boundary region; however, only the residents of the City of Grand Forks financially support the operations, maintenance and management of the asset that is the Grand Forks Airport through general taxation.

The City of Grand Forks requests that the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary annually supports the Grand Forks Airport operations as of the 2017 calendar year in the amount of: half of the annual total operating expenses of the airport.

These funds would directly support the City ensuring the future of the airport and the ability to provide these critical fire protection and medical support services needed for our region.

We would be delighted to have a delegation make a presentation to your Board of Directors regarding this partnership.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Konrad
Mayor