



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

Monday, October 16, 2017, 7:00 pm
7217 - 4th Street, City Hall Council Chambers

Pages

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- a. Adopt agenda

October 16, 2017, Regular Meeting agenda

RECOMMENDATION

RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the October 16, 2017, Regular Meeting agenda as presented.

3. MINUTES

- a. Adopt minutes - Special to go In-Camera

5 - 6

September 18, 2017, Special to go In-Camera Meeting minutes

RECOMMENDATION

RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the September 18, 2017, Special to go In-Camera Meeting minutes as presented.

- b. Adopt minutes - Regular

7 - 14

September 18, 2017, Regular Meeting minutes

RECOMMENDATION

RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the September 18, 2017, Regular Meeting minutes as presented.

4. REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. REPORTS, QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

- a. Corporate Officer's Report

15 - 28

Written reports of Council

RECOMMENDATION

RESOLVED THAT all written reports of Council submitted to the October 16, 2017, Regular Meeting be received.

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

- a. Corporate Officer's Report 29 - 29

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

Read the RDKB agendas here: <https://rdkb.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/314>

RECOMMENDATION

RESOLVED 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. Contracted Bylaw Enforcement Officer 30 - 32

Manager of Building Inspection & Bylaw Services

RECOMMENDATION

RESOLVED THAT Council receives the report and considers approving an extension of the Contracted Bylaw Services for the remainder of 2017. The extended Bylaw Services would be funded through the Bylaw Enforcement budget approved in the 2017 Financial Plan. The 2018 budget will reflect the continuation of the Bylaw Services position until October 30, 2018.

- b. Housing First Homeless Initiative Partnership and Funding Opportunity 33 - 34

Manager of Development and Engineering Services

RECOMMENDATION

RESOLVED THAT Council have the City submit a letter in support of the application by the Boundary Women's Coalition to the Homelessness Partnering Strategy Rural and Remote Funding Program.

9. REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. Grand Forks & District Public Library 35 - 35

Thank you letter to the City for work on the Library facility

RECOMMENDATION

RESOLVED THAT Council receives for information the thank you letter from the Grand Forks & District Public Library regarding City work on the facility.

- b. Grand Forks Downtown Business Association 36 - 37

Certification of Incorporation and Fee for Service request

RECOMMENDATION

RESOLVED THAT Council receives for discussion and direction to staff for distribution of funds in the amount of \$5,000.

- c. Village of Midway 38 - 38

Letter of appreciation to the Grand Forks Fire Department for their assistance

RECOMMENDATION

RESOLVED THAT Council receives for information the letter of appreciation to the Grand Forks Firefighters from the Village of Midway.

- d. Spencer Tracy 39 - 39

Concerns regarding Phoenix Ski Hill and transit accessibility

RECOMMENDATION

RESOLVED THAT Council receives for information the concerns regarding Phoenix Ski Hill and transit accessibility. This service is funded through the Regional District.

- e. Linda Larson, MLA 40 - 43

Letter to the Passenger Transportation Board regarding Greyhound service reductions

RECOMMENDATION

RESOLVED THAT Council receives for information the letters from Linda Larson, MLA, and from Mayor Konrad to the Passenger Transportation Board regarding Greyhound service reductions.

11. BYLAWS

- a. Bylaw 2036-A1 - 2017-2021 Financial Plan Amendment final reading 44 - 49

Chief Financial Officer

RECOMMENDATION

RESOLVED THAT Council gives final reading to Bylaw 2030-A1 - 2017-2021 Financial Plan Amendment.

- b. Parks Access Amendment Bylaw No. 1959-A1, 2017 50 - 61

Manager of Development and Engineering Services

RECOMMENDATION

RESOLVED THAT Council gives the first three readings of the "City of Grand Forks Parks Access Amendment Bylaw No. 1959-A1, 2017";

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs staff to present the amendment bylaw for adoption at the October 30th, 2017, Regular Meeting.

12. LATE ITEMS

13. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA

14. ADJOURNMENT

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS
SPECIAL TO GO IN-CAMERA MEETING OF COUNCIL

Monday, September 18, 2017, 5:00 pm
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PRESENT: Mayor Frank Konrad
Councillor Julia Butler
Councillor Chris Hammett
Councillor Neil Krog
Councillor Colleen Ross
Councillor Christine Thompson
Councillor Bev Tripp

ADMINISTRATION: Diane Heinrich - Chief Administrative Officer - interim /
Corporate Officer
Daniel Drexler - Deputy Corporate Officer

GALLERY

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Konrad called the Special To Go In-Camera Meeting to order at 5:04 pm.

2. IN-CAMERA RESOLUTION

a. Adopt Resolution as per Section 90

MOVED BY: ROSS

SECONDED BY: TRIPP

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;

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

The Special To Go In-Camera Meeting was adjourned at 5:04 pm.

MOVED BY: ROSS

SECONDED BY: BUTLER

REESOLVED THAT the Special To Go In-Camera Meeting be adjourned at 5:04pm.

CARRIED

Mayor Frank Konrad

Deputy Corporate Officer - Daniel
Drexler

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS
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Corporate Officer
Daniel Drexler - Deputy Corporate Officer
Juliette Rhodes - Chief Financial Officer
Graham Watt - Senior Planner

GALLERY

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Konrad called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

a. Adopt agenda

September 18, 2017, Regular Meeting agenda

MOVED BY: BUTLER

SECONDED BY: KROG

RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the September 18, 2017, Regular Meeting agenda as presented.

CARRIED

3. MINUTES

a. Adopt minutes - COTW

September 5, 2017, Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes

Councillor Hammett joined the meeting at 7:04pm.

MOVED BY: ROSS

SECONDED BY: KROG

RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the September 5, 2017, Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes as presented.

CARRIED

b. Adopt minutes - Regular

September 5, 2017, Regular Meeting minutes

MOVED BY: TRIPP

SECONDED BY: BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the September 5, 2017, 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 Thompson joined the meeting at 7:07pm.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- engineering for projects and evaluation of engineering firm
- procurement process for engineer on record contract
- flood plain engineering

- Biz after Biz event

MOVED BY: HAMMETT

SECONDED BY: ROSS

RESOLVED THAT all written reports of Council submitted to the September 18, 2017, Regular Meeting be received.

CARRIED

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

a. Corporate Officer's Report

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The Mayor gave a brief update from the BEDC meeting regarding the Frisbee Golf project.

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

CARRIED

8. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS

9. REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Nadine Heiberg

Letter of concerns regarding Roxul, Whispers, misc.

MOVED BY: ROSS

SECONDED BY: TRIPP

RESOLVED THAT Council receives for information the letter from Nadine Heiberg.

CARRIED

b. Rotary Club of Grand Forks

Letter with enclosed cheque in the amount of \$4,000 to cover the cost of a minimum of three directional signs from Highway 3 to City Park.

Discussion ensued on way-finding and highway signage.

MOVED BY: BUTLER

SECONDED BY: THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT Council receives for information the letter and cheque from the Rotary Club of Grand Forks for directional signage.

CARRIED

c. Boundary Museum

2018 Fee for Service request

Discussion ensued regarding:

- funding request for the Museum
- funding request for other services
- funding request increase for City compared to RDKB

MOVED BY: THOMPSON

SECONDED BY: TRIPP

RESOLVED THAT Council receives for information the 2018 Fee for Service Funding Agreement between the City of Grand Forks and the Boundary Museum, and determines to refer the request to the 2018 Budgeting Process.

CARRIED

d. Boundary District Arts Council

2018 Fee for Service request

Brief discussion ensued regarding the funding amount.

MOVED BY: KROG

SECONDED BY: THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT Council receives for information the 2018 Fee for Service Funding Agreement between the City of Grand Forks and the Boundary District Arts Council, and determines to refer the request to the 2018 Budgeting Process.

CARRIED

e. Grand Forks Art Gallery Society

2018 Fee for Service request

Discussion ensued regarding:

- funding request
- successes of the organization
- grant applications

MOVED BY: ROSS

SECONDED BY: BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT Council receives for information the 2018 Fee for Service Funding Agreement between the City of Grand Forks and the Grand Forks Art Gallery Society, and determines to refer the request to the 2018 Budgeting Process.

CARRIED

f. Green Communities Committee

Letter of 'Congratulations' for successful efforts to undertake significant corporate or community-wide climate action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in 2016

MOVED BY: BUTLER

SECONDED BY: THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT Council receives the recognition from the Green Communities Committee with regard to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

CARRIED

g. Gallery 2 - Wineology 102

Requesting permission for a Special Occasion Liquor Licence on September 22, 2017, at the Reid Gallery of Gallery 2 from 7-10 pm

MOVED BY: THOMPSON

SECONDED BY: ROSS

RESOLVED THAT Council approves the issuing of a Special Occasion Liquor Licence to Gallery 2 for the Wineology 102 Event on September 22, 2017, at the Reid Gallery of Gallery 2, from 7-10 pm, subject to obtaining third party (party alcohol) liability insurance naming the City of Grand Forks as an additional insured on that policy; all event liquor providers to hold a Serving It Right Licence Certificate; and ICBC "Drinking and Driving" warning posters to be displayed.

CARRIED

h. Gallery 2 - 26th Annual Wine Tasting

Requesting permission for a Special Occasion Liquor Licence on November 18, 2017, from 8-10:30 pm, throughout the entire Gallery 2 building

MOVED BY: ROSS

SECONDED BY: HAMMETT

RESOLVED THAT Council approves the issuing of a Special Occasion Liquor Licence to Gallery 2 for the 26th Annual Wine Tasting Event on November 18, 2017, from 8-10:30 pm, throughout the entire Gallery 2 building, subject to obtaining third party (party alcohol) liability insurance naming the City of Grand Forks as an additional insured on that policy; all event liquor providers to hold a Serving It Right Licence Certificate; and ICBC "Drinking and Driving" warning posters to be displayed.

CARRIED

11. **BYLAWS**

- a. Bylaw 1606-A6 to rezone 7357-10th St. from R-1 to R-3A

Development and Engineering Services

Councillor Tripp recused herself at 7:32 pm for item 11.a.

MOVED BY: KROG

SECONDED BY: ROSS

RESOLVED THAT Council gives first and second readings of the Zoning Bylaw Amendment No. 1606-A6 and proceed with notification, advertising and public hearing requirements of the Local Government Act;

AND FURTHER THAT Council gives Public Hearing to Zoning Bylaw Amendment No. 1606-A6 at 6:00 pm on October 16, 2017.

CARRIED

- b. Bylaw 2036-A1 - 2017-2021 Financial Plan Amendment three readings

Chief Financial Officer

Councillor Tripp re-joined the meeting at 7:33pm.

Discussion ensued regarding the Voltage Conversion Project - Staff plans to update Council at the COTW meeting on October 16, 2017.

MOVED BY: THOMPSON

SECONDED BY: KROG

RESOLVED THAT Council gives first three readings to 2017-2021 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw, No. 2036-A1.

CARRIED

- c. Bylaw 2040 - 2018 Permissive Tax Exemption

Chief Financial Officer

MOVED BY: THOMPSON

SECONDED BY: BUTLER

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL give final reading to Bylaw No. 2040
“2018 Permissive Tax Exemptions”.**

CARRIED

12. LATE ITEMS

13. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA

Gloria Koch enquired regarding the power outage scheduled for Sunday morning from Fortis BC and the possibility to change the outage time to not affect the churches.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm.

MOVED BY: ROSS

RESOLVED THAT the Regular Meeting be adjourned at 7:37pm.

CARRIED

Mayor Frank Konrad

Deputy Corporate Officer - Daniel
Drexler

REQUEST FOR DECISION

— REGULAR MEETING —



To: Mayor and Council
From: Procedure Bylaw / Chief Administrative Officer
Date: October 16th, 2017
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:

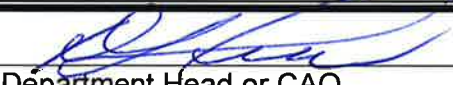
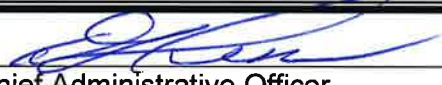
General: The main advantage of using this approach is to bring the matter before Council on behalf of constituents. Immediate action might result in inordinate amount of resource inadvertently directed without specific approval in the financial plan.

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.**

	
Department Head or CAO	Chief Administrative Officer

Councillor's Report

October 16, 2017

Julia Butler

The 2017 UBCM conference in Vancouver this year, was a wonderful opportunity for councils from all over the Province to come together for sharing, networking and to lobby the provincial government. The topics that dominated conversation and workshops this year were wildfires/floods, the opioid crisis and affordable housing.

On Monday I attended the session on "Funding for Local Governments". Jim Delainey discussed, the federal "Investing In Canada Infrastructure Plan". 2.4 billion has been allocated for rural and northern communities and \$166 million for BC. A public infrastructure bank has been formed for those communities looking for private investors to partner on capital projects. Guillaume Couillard from the FCM discussed climate change grants that can be used for planning, studies, capital and staff time (up to 80% of wages for a new staff member).

Liam Edwards presented on how the provincial government delivers grant funding. Public and environmental health as well as sustainability are key factors to be considered. Unconditional grants are not tied to a specific use. The small community grant is even able to cover administration costs. Conditional Grants consist of capital and planning grants. Planning grants have a year-round intake and can fund up to \$10 000 of the project. Federal grants have a bilateral agreement with the province, such as the "Clean Water and Wastewater Grant" as well as transit grants. Further information can be found on the Civic Info database.

Glen Brown from the UBCM detailed the role of the UBCM in the grant delivery process. They are promoting a 40%, 40%, 20% model. This means that for any given project the federal government would contribute 40%, the provincial government 40% and the local government would pay 20%. The UBCM administers the Gas Tax Funding to local governments. The Community Works Fund is a lump sum delivered biannually while other grants have specific intake deadlines. Other funding opportunities include:

The Age Friendly Communities Program – Funds policies or plans that enable seniors to age in place.

Asset Management Planning Program

Regional Community to Community Forums – Supports dialogue between elected officials of neighbouring communities

Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative – Funds to help develop Community Wildfire Protection Plans and fuel management prescriptions

Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – helps in areas of flood mapping and mitigation, emergency social services, EOC training, evacuation route planning.

Outcome reports are required from communities to meet national objectives within the agreement.

Monday night, I was eager to attend the screening of a new documentary titled, “Us and Them”. The film unfolded over ten years, following four homeless people, a social worker, doctor and native elder. The doctor explained how **everyone** out there on the streets, was there due to childhood abuse, or some kind of trauma in their lives. After learning the struggles and history of the main characters, as well as the well-rounded approach to treatment, we all looked forward to a positive outcome. It was disappointing to find out, that after ten years, two of the patients had died and the other two were still using drugs. It became glaringly obvious to me that as a society our time and money would be spent far more effectively in preventing drug abuse and homelessness. Fixing people after they are broken is insurmountably harder, than supporting families to raise healthy children, in a loving environment.

The District of Lillooet opened the Small Talk Forum (communities under 5000 people) Tuesday morning, with a success story on how they gained control over their finances. After the last election, the new council came into office on a platform of controlled spending. First, they needed to discover where all their money was going and council looked, in detail, into all of the expense accounts and credit cards. They worked closely with all their managers to trim the fat as well as make some difficult larger cuts to programs. Although they didn’t always agree, they persevered together to get their community back into the black.

Gold River then took the floor to quickly explain the danger their community faced this summer when their phone lines went down. Because their town has no cell coverage, emergency services were dangerously impacted. They were asking that cell coverage become mandatory for all small towns.

Councillor Tripp then had a few minutes to present our council’s motion on the importance of consultation before installing small cell transmitters. With the importance of cell coverage being presented, it was a good balance to have a warning regarding safe distance from such transmitters.

Next, a panel of presenters talked about communication in the age of social media. A councillor from Princeton said it best when he advised to, definitely engage on social media pages, but only to present facts, without being emotionally charged.

Further discussion included: provincial and federal downloading, ministers visiting small communities, The Upper Skeena Recreation Centre, ambulance services, assisted living, building inspection and bylaw services (shared services with neighbouring communities), BC Timber Sales, rural and remote school funding, OCP consultation process and wildfire preparedness.

Our first plenary session was a panel discussion with mayors who were directly impacted by this spring’s flooding, followed by the summer wildfire season. Their stories, exhaustion and financial impacts are too numerous to list but the need for prevention, again, was imprinted in my mind. That is why when I was approached by Peter Ronald, Local Government Program Services for UBCM, to apply for the Strategic Wildfires Prevention Initiative, I contacted our CAO right away. I’m grateful to staff for contacting him to see if this first step in prevention is a good fit for our town.

Following this session, I got further clarity on the Water Sustainability Act from Ian Graeme, of the MOE. It is also interesting to listen to the concerns and question from other delegates. Logging practices within watersheds and licencing of non-domestic wells for industry, commercial and irrigation were both discussed, as well as enhanced dam safety regulations for dams over 7.5 metres. I also thought it was interesting, the leeway given to towns for their individual drought response. Mr. Graeme said that

although the provincial response covers a large area, it might not be appropriate for each town in that area and that local authorities had a better idea of how to match their response to the provincial declaration.

Wednesday began the official opening ceremonies for the event, with keynote speaker Terry Milewski and an address from the leader of the Green Party, Andrew Weaver. The resolution session then began and councillors from all over the province debated over one hundred and forty motions. Major categories included: legislative, community safety, transportation, taxation, finance, assessment, environment, land use, community economic development, health, elections and regional districts. Many motions that support existing policy are passed as a block. Any motions that people may want to defeat or amend can be pulled out of the block to be debated individually. New ideas or motions not recommended by the resolutions committee, are debated separately. Both motions that our council brought forward were debated individually and passed.

Every UBCM, we get together for a lunch with just the representatives from our own area association, the AKBLG. Over the last three years it has been wonderful getting to know the other councils and share in their successes and offer support in their challenges. It has really become apparent to me that most local politicians really are hard working people with big hearts for their communities.

Another thing that impressed me this year, was the availability of our new provincial government. Over twenty ministers joined us for the week to listen to our concerns, either one on one or in "Provincial Cabinet Town Halls". I spotted the premier himself, on many occasions on the floor just mingling with the delegates. After councillor Tripp and I had met with Selina Robinson at last years UBCM in her capacity as the official opposition, it was wonderful to meet her again, but this time as the Minister for Municipal Affairs and Housing. All of council and our CAO met with Mrs. Robinson to discuss our need for affordable housing in Grand Forks. We learned that the NDP are committed to investing financial resources in housing throughout the province. They will be doing a survey of homelessness, rental and housing deficiencies over the next couple of months and they want input from municipalities, non - profits and other agencies who have a stake in this issue. They will then be coming to our regional conference to share with us what they have discovered. So, this is a great time to give notice to involved organizations in Grand Forks, to be prepared with some clear "asks" to pass on to the minister.

The trade show also opened on Wednesday, with almost two hundred booths! There just wasn't enough time to even see even half of them. One booth that really caught my attention was the Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation. They provide grant funding for conservation projects in communities. Examples of projects they fund include: restoration of streams and wetlands, purchasing land to protect habitat, citizen science projects monitoring fish and wildlife populations. My trade show bag quickly got filled with business cards and information brochures for organizations with innovative ideas!

An early session on Thursday caught my eye and I picked up information on the CAMA CAO Performance Evaluation Toolkit. A performance evaluation is critical to every local government and this is a free resource that we can use to achieve our strategic goals and objectives.

Following this, the resolutions session continued, beginning with an address by Rich Coleman, the Interim Leader of the Official Opposition. After this session, Councillor Tripp and I had the opportunity to test drive a new Chrysler electric vehicle as a promotion for new green technologies. Next, we attended a workshop on Transforming Flood Mitigation: New Directions.

Council, CAO and our MLA, Linda Larsen, also had a meeting with Judy Darcy, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, to discuss the growing problem of homelessness and drug addiction in Grand Forks. We wanted the provincial government to be aware that this isn't just a problem affecting larger centres, but also rural communities. The minister seemed quite interested in the potential of the empty Hardy View facility next to the hospital. It is an option that could be explored in conjunction with IHA, non-profits and local government.

Friday concluded the resolutions session and the conference. I was happy to see the installation of the new UBCM president, Wendy Booth from our own AKBLG. Wendy does an excellent job chairing meetings, presenting for forums and workshops as well as many other tasks behind the scenes. John Horgan delivered an inspiring speech to close the afternoon and I must say, I came home afterwards with a sense of teamwork amongst my fellow councillors to tackle the challenges that face not only Grand Forks but many other cities in our province.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Butler

PART A- UBCM 2017 Vancouver BC

Legalized Cannabis in BC : Discussed the research that has been done to date by the expert panel appointed by the federal government with some representatives on the panel. Some of the recommendations were disputed, including no co-location with alcohol and tobacco; allowing 4 plants/person to be grown that are not higher than 1 metre as a health cannabis plant grows higher than 1 metre; do not expect an increase in use once legalized, as cannabis is already widely used in BC; no warehouse type facilities should be built on ALR land

Key principles moving forward:

- must be fair
- must be safe
- eliminate any possible illegal activities in growing or distribution
- must be consistent
- must protect youth and children

See the panels report here: <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/health/marijuana-cannabis/task-force-marijuana-legalization-regulation/framework-legalization-regulation-cannabis-in-canada.html>

Provincial Regulation of Non-Medical Cannabis: Regulation will take effect no later than July 2018 according to the commitment by the federal government.

Plenary discussion on possible options for BC. It was a somewhat disappointing session as most of the discussion was based on a model that supported large LP's, with little thought or discussion of the Craft Cannabis industry, and the dispensaries that are already working well throughout BC and in other provinces. The model of industrial commercial production was a focus with concern raised about quality, chemical residue, and the historic value of growers in BC who created the existing cultural paradigm that has made BC cannabis a standard that is both reputable and established.

Comment period ends November 1. Please visit —
<https://engage.gov.bc.ca/BCcannabisregulation/>

Medium Sized Communities: examples of innovation

Dawson Creek- initiated "Kindness Meters" along TCT and key locations throughout the city. Funds go to charity.

Kimberly- Sun Mine Solar Project: We visited with project while at AKBLG, so it was not the first time I heard about this initiative. It has worked well for Kimberly and they are currently collecting enough energy to power 275 homes, simply because they only built the project at 1MW's. Power is sold to BC Hydro and generates enough revenue to pay for itself. It is a good way to repurpose brownfield sites. The real benefit is that it has "changed people's concept of the town from resource based to one that is more progressive."

Revenue from Sun Mine has serviced \$2 million in debt, and added to the reserve fund. It has also brought a lot of positive attention to the town and demand for consultation for other towns to do similar projects.

Issues—They would like to expand but need equity partners or to sell. This is not part of the mandate outlined in the community charter guidelines.

To Do: Contact Eco-Smart to explore funding opportunities for GF.

Salmon Arm- Tech Cluster is a partnership approach to developing innovation in the community. It keeps youth in the community, and attracts them to come back after gaining post-secondary education.

"People move to communities for the lifestyle and will figure out how to make a living so they can stay here."

Is GF a community doing enough to attract young people because of the lifestyle? What are we doing right? What can we be better at? How do we facilitate making our community more "liveable" so that people want to stay, invest and create here.

Provincial Cabinet Town Halls—Jobs, Resources and Green Communities:

Honourable Lana Pophan, Minister of Ag- key initiatives are:

1. Grow BC— renew the program and bring in new entrants
2. Feed BC— create platform that encourages institutional purchasing; better labeling and advertising
3. Buy BC— invest in marketing programs

Rural BC is floundering. Agriculture and food has the power to unlock prosperity in rural communities. Councils have the ability to showcase local food, not only restaurants but growers.

Hon. Michelle Mungall, Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum—opportunities are increasingly controversial; we can capitalize on opportunities; how do we get product to market/protect the environment — finding the balance in the new economy

Hon. Doug Donaldson, Minister of FLNRO and RD— fire impacts on rural BC over the past 3 years have had a huge impact on forest industry. There is a push to harvest effected fibre.

Hon. George Hyman MOE and Climate Change— provincial gov't is revitalizing environmental standards across all sectors and renewing climate leadership team.

Note: Mining, forestry and agriculture is currently self regulated without the measures in place to enforce existing standards or laws.

Forestry 101: Principles and Opportunities for Strengthening Community Interaction: A

follow up from last years UBCM pre-conference roundtable that recognized growing concern that the forest industry and practices are impacting rural communities in ways not seen in previous history. Climate change and lower standards due to self regulation requires a completely new forest practices framework and more meaningful and transparent consultation with rural communities.

Round table discussion did not allow for complete transparency is concerns due to industry presence and the manner in which the discussions were facilitated. I spoke privately to representatives from the Forest Practices Board who are aware of the forest practices issues in the Boundary and showed me aerial photos of the logging that is happening throughout the region. They encouraged me to write a letter so that a more thorough enquiry can begin. The Kettle River Grizzly study that has been released was not discussed, although the staff from FPB were central to getting that report done.

To do: write letter to FPB about logging practices in the boundary and ask for ACC to be reassessed and immediate investigation into deforestation and FSR construction in the region.

Other meetings:

Urban/Agriculture Interface: hosted by Urban Matters and Region of Spallumcheen - Discussion on Urban/Agriculture interface and the issues that create divides. Primary focus was on nutrient loading on local aquifers, and handling of nutrients around residential areas that are encroaching on farm land. All of the issues would be addressed with a fully enforced Nutrient Management Plan similar to the one that exists in Ontario.

Innovating with Communities— Urban Matters: creating new ways to “develop” communities beyond the resource sector.

Ministers Meetings:

Honourable Judy Darcy, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions— discussed current issues directly related to addictions and mental health in Grand Forks, including homelessness, crime and the need to street level service and support in rural BC. Minister Darcy said that there would be a new focus on the growing crisis in rural communities.

Follow up: write a letter of thanks for meeting with us, and ask for specific assistance with getting training for staff of outreach organizations that already exist, and have professionally trained individuals work in GF to assist with immediate needs. Have funding in place for a year round shelter and transition housing.

Honourable Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing— expressed the need to deal with affordable housing crisis in rural BC and ensure that funds and initiatives are made available to Grand Forks. 2500 affordable housing units are to be built in BC over the next 2 years.

To do: Apply for affordable housing units for Grand Forks. New grant opportunities are being developed specifically for “small communities”. <http://www.cscd.gov.bc.ca/lqd/finance/grants.htm>

Follow up: Write letter of thanks for the meeting and ask for support moving forward to construct a first phase of affordable housing in GF.

FLNRO— met with staff to discuss Gilpin Grasslands. There is no funding or structure in place to protect Nature Trust land. A fully implemented and enforced Nutrient Management Plan would address most of the issues experienced in the Gilpin Grasslands area.

Follow up. Write letter to Hon. George Heyman who I did meet and discussed the NMP with him. Minister Heyman is not familiar with the NMP, but expressed interest in it as it solves many of the problems around protecting sensitive areas, waterways, wetlands, watersheds and runoff. The Honourable Andrew Weaver has expressed an interest in addressing water issues in the province, hence must be cc'd on the letter.

PART B— other meetings

RDKB: participated in the September 21 meeting on behalf of Mayor Konrad. The meeting went very quickly as an in camera was to follow. Minutes to all meetings are provided in agendas.

Kootenay Boundary Agriculture and Food Security Project: Thursday October 5th— update meeting with presentation of key themes and draft report. See RDKB website for draft report and summary of survey results.

REPORT TO COUNCIL

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Councillor Christine Thompson
DATE: October 16, 2017
SUBJECT: Report to Council

On Thursday, September 21st, I was interviewed by Sterling Fox from Roundhouse Radio FM 98.3 in Vancouver about my resolution regarding the abolition of Daylight Savings Time. He queried whether Grand Forks was looking to abolish it here as they have in Creston, and I said no. I went on to say that while UBCM had considered resolutions requesting the abolition, what I was asking is for the citizens of BC be consulted if they wanted DST abolished. Subsequent to that, I was made aware by a staff member that Vancouver Radio Station 1130 AM had reported that they had talked to Premier Horgan about this, and he had advised that while he is not opposed to this idea, he wanted to hear from British Columbians who can email him at premier@gov.bc.ca.

The Boundary Peace Initiative held a fund-raising event on the evening of September 21st in celebration of International Day of Peace. It was my pleasure to bring greetings on behalf of Mayor Konrad and Council and to be the host for the evening. I advised that Grand Forks is a nuclear free zone and that we are a member of Mayors for Peace. Grand Chief Stewart Philip, President of the Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs and his wife Joan spoke about their personal experiences with violence and substance abuse. Their presentation was very moving, as was the presentation from Billy Jo Bray, an elder from the Sinixt First Nations in Colville, Washington, who spoke about her desire to see peace in the world. Although unable to attend, MP Richard Cannings and former MP Alex Atamenenko sent letters that I read. Local entertainers entertained the audience with several musical numbers as did several First Nations drummers and singers. The event was a huge success and the organizers need to be acknowledged for the work that they put in to organizing it.

I attended the 2017 Annual Union of British Columbia Municipalities Convention held in Vancouver September 25 – 29. Following is a re-cap of the pre-convention workshops and clinics I attended.

Monday, September 25th I attended a workshop on Legalized Cannabis in B.C. This workshop focused on what B.C. needs to do to prepare for this. This is coming regardless of opposition and a B.C. solution is needed. Federal legislation under Bill C-45 and Bill C-46 mandates that cannabis be kept away from children and regulates production. The role of municipalities is not specified nor has municipal input been asked for. Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, The Honourable Mike Farnworth, talked about safety and public education that starts today. He also advised that there needs to be regulation, and that enforcement costs, along with upfront costs and a uniform tax rate nationwide

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must be considered. His Ministry will be working with UBCM to establish legislation that will include zoning and licensing. Dr. Perry Kendall's remarks centered on the Cannabis Policy Framework, the Cannabis Act and that edibles should be part of the regime. Sukh Manhas from the law firm Young Anderson advised that under current federal legislation only medical cannabis is legal and that dispensaries are illegal. In preparation for the upcoming legislation, he recommended that municipalities check their zoning bylaw to see if it needs to restrict sales on cannabis in some areas. He also advised not to mix recreational cannabis (currently not legal) and medical cannabis (currently legal) in regulations. He also suggested that regulation of use in multi-residence units (condos, apartments, etc.) that could negatively impact neighbours, be considered. He went on to advise that all consideration needs to start now.

September 25th, Council members attending the convention had an opportunity to meet with the Honourable Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to present our request for assistance with supportive services and support for non-profit organizations, private developers and local governments to provide affordable housing options for those with little or no income and who are seeking assistance. I felt that we were heard and that our ask will be given consideration.

It was my privilege to represent Mayor Konrad at the Mayor's Caucus on September 25th. The closure of Riverview Hospital and the negative impact it had on those who were released was discussed. We were advised that is on the list of the Minister's priorities. Mayors from other municipalities advised of some things they do with their Councils, including emailing each Councillor after a meeting complimenting or suggesting reactions to their conduct, and having a Council check-in three times a year to talk about what is being done right, and what can be one better. It was also pointed out that Roberts Rules of Order can be helpful, but also can be used to disrupt meetings. It was suggested that Codes of Conduct need "teeth", and that language regarding consequences for any breach needs to be included in the Charter. Finally, it was recommended that lap-tops need to be put away in order to show respect and pay attention to the person speaking.

September 26th, I attended a workshop on Uncivil Civic Engagement, facilitated by Kathleen Higgins, a Partner with the law firm Norton Rose Fulbright LLP. Ms. Higgins talked about media and social media being major factors in this issue. It causes reduced trust and reduces the capacity of engaging in reasoned debate. Section 124(2) of the Community Charter provides the authority for a Procedure Bylaw, that may be amended to include rules of conduct and detailed procedures for dealing with contraventions. The City of North Vancouver has a good bylaw that may be used as a template.

I attended the Small Talk Forum on September 25th. Several municipalities presented briefs on issues that affected them. Councillor Tripp was invited to make a presentation on her resolution regarding the placement of Microcell Transmitters. I also attended a workshop that gave an update on Canada-US Softwood Lumber Dispute. We were

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advised that UBCM attends all negotiations as an observer. Susan Yurkovich, President of BC Lumber Trade Council, and President and CEO of BC Council of Forest Industries, advised that the forest industry has 140,000 direct and indirect jobs, and that 140 communities in BC depend on forestry. She also said that they are working hard to diversify their customer base; that 51% goes to the US and 24% goes to China, and that the balance goes to 98 other countries. Canada's softwood industry needs to maintain its US markets, and that in the last 30 years there has been 37 months of Free Trade. The average tariff is 27%, and the US Home Builders Association is objecting to these duties as their costs are rising. Jason Fisher, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations advised that currently there are three legal cases before the courts dealing with injury, countervailing duties and anti-dumping duties.

Council members met with the Honourable Judy Darcy, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions to present our request for assistance in providing professionals who specialize in dealing with drug addiction and mental health issues for those individuals that are contributing to unsafe and unhealthy conditions within our community. I came away from that meeting feeling that we were heard and that our comments and concerns will be given consideration.

As Council's voting delegate, I attended the 2017 Annual General Meeting of the Municipal Insurance Association of British Columbia (MIABC) held September 27th. Five special resolutions were considered dealing with:

1. Liability protection agreement amendment to include coverage for claims arising from the use of unmanned aerial vehicle systems (drones),
2. Liability protection agreement amendment to expand coverage for Directors and Officers;
3. Liability protection agreement amendment to include coverage for claims arising from water infiltration;
4. Amendment to Article 3.04 of the reciprocal insurance exchange agreement to comply with regulatory requirements; and
5. Amendment to nomination and election procedure bylaw to correspond with changes to Article 3.04 of the reciprocal insurance exchange agreement – Special Resolution 2017-4.

2017 is the 30th Anniversary for MIABC; our City has been a member since the beginning. We were presented with a plaque designed by Claudia Chan, MIABC's Office Communications and Systems Administrator. I asked her to sign the plaque and she was happy to do so.

On September 27th, I went to a workshop dealing with a report from the Responsible Conduct Working Group. This review dealt with an evaluation of feedback received after the draft Policy Paper was presented to all Local Government and Local Government Management Associations this spring. A few items of note include that to be an effective

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Councillor, honesty and integrity are required; social media can be positive, but it can also be negative; legal option is not a sword.

On September 28th, I attended a workshop of Short-term Rentals and Affordable Housing: Room for Both? This is an issue affecting many municipalities in BC. Of interest to me is that Richmond has partnered with developers on low-cost housing, preserved affordable rental options for residents and preserved single-family neighbourhoods. This has been accomplished through a review of zoning gaps, public consultation and a legal review.

September 28th, our CAO Diane Heinrich, Councillors Hammett, Ross and I, took the opportunity to meet with staff from the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations to express our concern for the protection of the Gilpin Grasslands Provincial Park and the Nature's Trust property from devastation by cattle ranging on these lands. Our request to meet with the Minister, The Honourable Doug Donaldson was denied and we felt that this was a good way to get our message out.

This is the first UBCM Convention I have attended where all resolutions were considered, debated and voted on. I am pleased to report that the City's resolutions on microcell transmitter placement consultation and abolition of daylight savings time were both endorsed.

This was one of the best conventions that I have attended. The early morning clinic and workshop options were varied and diverse, and in some cases, it was difficult for me to choose which one to attend.

The Phoenix Foundation held their Annual General Meeting on October 4th. Below are the results of the election:

- Gary Smith was re-elected President.
- I was elected to the position of Vice-President. I do not believe I am in a conflict of interest since the City does not annually fund the Foundation.
- Ted Invictus was elected Secretary
- Becky Clements was re-elected Treasurer
- Carolyn Thiessen was re-elected Grants Committee Chair
- Dara Sutton, Ellen Straeleff and I were elected Directors at Large.

I will be attending a 20-year celebration of the Phoenix Foundation on Wednesday, October 11th.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Christine Thompson

Councillor's Report for October 16, 2017

Beverley Tripp

At the writing of this report, we have been back from the UBCM for just over a week. This year's convention, held in Vancouver during the week of September 25-29th, certainly did not disappoint! There was a mountain of information presented to delegates from every corner of the province who attended to learn, network and create policy for the betterment of our communities. My report will deal solely with important issues from the convention.

Funding Opportunities for Local Governments

Study sessions took place on Monday, Sept. 25th. I attended the session on Funding for Local Governments sponsored by the UBCM. Some funding opportunities under the Local Government Program Services were discussed, including age-friendly grants to assist local governments to best support aging populations and enable them to "age in place." Another grant of interest was the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund that provides funds to enhance the resiliency of communities in responding to emergencies. This information has been passed along to our staff for further action.

Ministers' Meetings to Discuss Homelessness/Mental Health and Addictions & Housing Affordability

One of the notable differences about this year's convention was the availability of the new NDP cabinet for meetings with delegates throughout the week. During the week, we had two productive meetings with Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Selina Robinson, and Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, Judy Darcy. During both meetings, we brought up our city's current situation with the homeless camps and those with mental health issues. Both Ministers were very receptive, and I was impressed to hear that they are working collaboratively across ministries to address homelessness, mental health, and affordable housing across the province. This is a top priority for their new government. Both Minister Robinson and Darcy emphasized the importance of *working partnerships within communities*, and we will be following up on some possibilities that were discussed at those meetings.

In her address to the convention on Wednesday, Minister Robinson remarked that the Government of B.C. is working on a Comprehensive Housing Plan to address the housing affordability crisis in BC, and has taken action with funding for affordable housing units. We hope to be recipients of some of that funding! As well, the Leader of the Official Opposition, Rich Coleman, spoke to delegates on urging local government leaders to protect those who are most vulnerable within their communities. Mr. Coleman encouraged leaders to stand up to "nimbyism," and to ensure that supportive housing and addictions treatment facilities are built. He also noted that the province currently spends \$2.8 billion annually to support those with mental health and addictions issues.

Small Talk Forum for Communities Under 5,000

While the name of this forum is "Small Talk," issues discussed by the over 400 delegates in attendance certainly are not! The forum hosted a range of presenters speaking on financial housekeeping, bylaw enforcement, communicating in an age of social media, and wildfire preparedness. One of the ten discussion topics featured Microcell Transmitter Placement. I gave a brief, five minute overview of the issue and how it is impacting our communities, while referring delegates to a supplied hand-out for further information. The main points I focussed on were: a loophole in Innovation Canada and the FCM's Antenna Siting Policy that excludes microcells; densely placed microcell transmitters emit powerful RF radiation that hasn't yet been proven safe; Safety Code 6's radiation exposure guidelines are inadequate to protect the public; people want a say where microcells are placed in their neighborhoods.

Resolution B100 - Microcell Transmitter Placement Consultation

Prior to the convention, I spent many, many hours working to promote awareness of this topic/resolution with other concerned people from around the province. In my last report, I said that this issue is gaining a lot of public concern as microcells proliferate in neighbourhoods and public spaces, and that wisdom dictates that we remove the ambiguity of the language in the FCM's Antenna System Siting Policy that exempts microcells from municipal and public consultation, and ensure a level of safety with consultation (within 100 meters of homes, school and hospitals) that is necessary, and fair. That was the gist of my resolution, and many other local governments obviously felt the same way, because the **resolution passed at the UBCM**. I will now be following up to find out what next steps should be taken as this makes its way into federal policy.

Responsible Conduct Policy Paper

Delegates also endorsed a UBCM policy paper that outlines an approach to strengthening the framework for responsible conduct by local government elected officials in B.C. Included in the numerous recommendations revolving around development of guidance materials was a recommendation for designing “a model for providing resources that would support fact-finding and assessing challenging relationships/circumstances faced by a council/board due to less-than-responsible conduct and could provide guidance on approaches to help the council/board move forward (considerations include expertise needed, cost, and triggers for involvement).” UBCM’s Executive will follow up with Minister Selina Robinson on the policy paper.

Consultation on Cannabis Legalization

One of the major news-making events at the conference was Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General Mike Farnworth’s announcement that the Government will be engaging in a public consultation process on cannabis legalization. UBCM has also been invited to establish a standing committee with the Province to support the development of the regulatory framework for cannabis legalization in British Columbia, prior to its legalization next year. Minister Farnworth emphasized the need for engagement with the public and stakeholders in advance of legislation being introduced. He emphasized that a “one size fits all” approach will not work.

Update on the Canada-US Softwood Lumber Dispute

Presenters from the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, and the BC Lumber Trade Council/Council of Forest Industries gave an overview of the softwood lumber situation with the US. This is an industry that is so vital to our community, and not only ours, but 140 communities around the province. In this protracted dispute, the US has the right to control access to their market; currently 50% of Canada’s softwood is exported to them. In November 2016, the US Lumber Lobby filed a petition against Canada for injury to the US lumber industry. But US markets are continuing to grow as there is a pent-up demand for housing along with all the natural disasters that will require repair/remodeling demands for wood. By every measure, the US is doing great in this industry and we are expecting the ruling on injury (which will take place by November 17th) to be in our favour. The NAFTA trade agreement also comes in handy to get a “fair hearing.” They offer a fair dispute resolution because it’s a bi-national panel. Negotiators are aware that a new agreement with the US must work for BC, and negotiating this deal is a priority for both the BC and Canadian government. The bottom line is: Markets are good and are expected to stay that way for the foreseeable future.

There is a monthly information session for Mayors in forestry-dependent communities and regular updates are online at: www.gov.bc.ca/softwoodlumber/bclumbertrade.com

The New Normal - New Directions in Flood Mitigation

Experts from Planning Mitigation and Partnerships, Emergency Management BC, and the Fraser Basin Council chaired this workshop. Unprecedented flooding is causing havoc throughout BC and beyond, and new approaches to proactively enhance flood resistance must be found. Flooding is becoming the most important issue in disaster mitigation. It costs by far the most of any other disaster, comprising 80% of the total Disaster Financial Assistance budget. The focus must move to prevention/mitigation and regional collaboration, with costs shared with provinces. It was noted that poor engineering contributes to the problem and stream bed clearing, and adequate infrastructure like diking are part of the solution. Communities also need to put in place bylaws dealing with vulnerable land.

Wildfire Prevention and Mitigation

The topic of wildfire prevention was discussed with delegates by Madeline Maley, Executive Director of the B.C. Wildfire Service (BCWS), and her colleagues. With more than 1,200 fires, 1.2 million hectares of land burned, 4,000 evacuees and costs nearing \$500 million, this summer was the worst wildfire season in B.C.’s history. Part of a new FireSmart mitigation/prevention program will involve BCWS determining the best way to engage with the public and work with other jurisdictions across Canada to develop innovative solutions to the wildfire problem. BCWS Director of Wildfire Management, Ian Meier, outlined a set of tools that can help reduce catastrophic loss due to wildfire; that information should soon be forthcoming on a website that is currently being developed.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverley Tripp

REQUEST FOR DECISION

— REGULAR MEETING —



To: Mayor and Council

From: Procedure Bylaw / Council

Date: October 16th, 2017

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.**

	
Department Head or CAO	Chief Administrative Officer

REQUEST FOR DECISION

— REGULAR MEETING —



To: Mayor and Council

From: Manager of Building Inspection & Bylaw Services

Date: October 16, 2017

Subject: Contracted Bylaw Enforcement Officer

Recommendation: **RESOLVED THAT Council receive the report and consider approving an extension of the Contracted Bylaw Services for the remainder of 2017. The extended Bylaw Service would be funded through the Bylaw Enforcement budget approved in the 2017 financial plan. The 2018 Budget will reflect the continuation of the Bylaw Services position until October 30, 2018.**

BACKGROUND: Since the employment of the Contracted Bylaw Officer in July, 2016, the City has received very positive feedback on the effectiveness of the Bylaw Services. With the Officer working random hours and weekends, many have been surprised to see him out and about. The Bylaw Officer's presence at events and just walking the beat downtown has given the residents a sense that the City is taking action. Activities in 2017 include:

- 42 'camps' removed from locations around the municipality.
- 10 unsightly property complaints acted upon, 5 currently unresolved but in process.
- 167 watering restriction violations noted and resolved.
- Numerous noise and parking violation situations acted upon.
- Multiple 'No Deer Feeding' notices have been issued.

However, the work in 2017 is not done. At last count 22 transient camps exist within the city. With the proposed Parks Amendment Bylaw, which will enable camping in certain areas at certain times, it is expected that a relatively aggressive enforcement regime will be required.

There also remains the issue of unsightly properties, 5 of which are mid-stream in the process of notification prior to the City taking further action. Deer feeding activity will be on the rise and anti-idling concerns will increase in the next few months.

The request for this extension, though, is primarily due to the transient and homeless problem which has gripped Grand Forks. With the proposed changes coming to our park camping rules, we believe the problem should soon be minimized.

REQUEST FOR DECISION

— REGULAR MEETING —



As Manager of Bylaw Services, whatever bylaw issues arise during the winter months would typically be resolved by myself. This year, though, with a surge in Building Inspection activity coupled with the homeless problem, we believe the extension of the Bylaw Services contract is warranted.

In following Council's Strategic Plan under the heading of Community Livability, one of the actions is to continue with Bylaw Enforcement. The funding for the contract extension is available within the 2017 Bylaw Enforcement budget and within the 2018 budgeting process. The contracted Bylaw Service would require Council to approve the extension of the Bylaw Officer Services for the additional year.

Benefits or Impacts of the Recommendation:

General:	The additional Contracted Bylaw Services would provide the City with Bylaw Enforcement coverage for the additional year.
Strategic Impact:	The additional Bylaw Services would follow the directions of Council's Strategic Plan for 2015 – 2019.
Financial:	The extended Bylaw Service would be funded through the Bylaw Enforcement budget approved in the 2017 financial plan and within the 2018 budgeting process.
Policy/Legislation:	N/A
Attachments:	N/A

REQUEST FOR DECISION

— REGULAR MEETING —


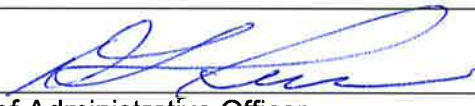


Recommendation:

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OPTIONS:

- 1. RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE STAFF REPORT.**
- 2. RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DOES NOT ACCEPT THE STAFF REPORT.**
- 3. RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL REFERS THE MATTER BACK TO STAFF FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.**

	
Department Head or CAO	Chief Administrative Officer

Request for Decision



To: Regular Meeting

From: **Manager of Development and Engineering Services**

Date: October 16, 2017

Subject: Housing First Homeless Initiative Partnership and Funding Opportunity.



Recommendation: **RESOLVED THAT Council have the City submit the letter in support of the application by the Boundary Women's Coalition to the Homelessness Partnering Strategy Rural and Remote funding program.**

Background

- The City is facing challenges with rising numbers of people experiencing homelessness and associated mental health and addiction issues.
 - A new partnership opportunity is developing to implement a 'Housing First' intervention program, with a potentially significant role for the City with regards to planning supports, program development.
 - The Boundary Women's Coalition is applying for funding to develop a Housing First initiative in Grand Forks. The Coalition has requested the City to be a partner in the initiative and provide a letter of support to the funder committing the City's in-kind support to:
 - Participation by representation of Council and/or staff on a multi-agency committee to develop the program
 - Liaising with Boundary local governments and engaging the public regarding the initiative
 - Implementation of community planning tools to increase affordable rental housing stock (currently underway with Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw amendments)
 - Consideration of providing land and/or resources to partners in the Housing First initiative, as appropriate and at the discretion of Council.
 - A draft of the letter of support will be provided to Council by the meeting.
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Benefits or Impacts

Strategic Impact

-  Decisions regarding provision of land or resources in support of affordable housing will be fiscally prudent and will consider impacts on infrastructure and asset management.
-  Provision of affordable rental housing will support economic growth by enabling families and individuals to remain in the community.

Request for Decision



- This initiative is built on City-led community engagement regarding affordable housing and community-led (i.e. Phoenix Foundation) engagement events and studies.
- Enabling and supporting a Housing First intervention for individuals experiencing homelessness will enable a better life for those individuals and will ease community concerns around homelessness.

Policy/Legislation

- Official Community Plan

Attachments

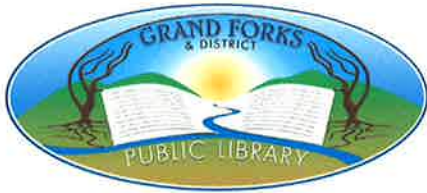
- Draft letter of support (to be supplied prior to the meeting)
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Recommendation

RESOLVED THAT Council have the City submit the letter in support of the application by the Boundary Women's Coalition to the Homelessness Partnering Strategy Rural and Remote funding program.

Options

1. RESOLVED THAT Council accepts the report.
2. RESOLVED THAT Council does not accept the report.
3. RESOLVED THAT Council refers the matter back to staff for further information.



Grand Forks & District Public Library
7342 — 5th Street
Grand Forks, BC V0H 1H0

12 September, 2017



Mayor Frank Conrad,
City of Grand Forks,
City Hall,
7217 - 4th Street,
Grand Forks, BC

Mayor Konrad:

I am writing on behalf of the Grand Forks & District Public Library – Patrons, Staff, the Board, and, if I may, the community as a whole – to extend our thanks to the City of Grand Forks for all the recent work carried out on the Library facility.

Over the last several years the Library and the City have worked together to upgrade the mechanical and lighting systems of the library building resulting in a better environment for all users and a very significant lowering of energy use in the facility.

As of late the City has also addressed some safety concerns around the entrance to the library by installing railings on the ramps and stairs and by the removal of the trees at the front of the building. The removal of the trees allowed for a reworking of the landscaping and two very attractive xeriscaped features were created.

The Library Board has identified green improvements to the facility and operations as important goals on an ongoing basis and we are very pleased that the City has worked to carry these out. Not only do these improvements have cost saving benefits they also serve prominently as examples of the desirable and necessary direction that we all must take. They, too, reflect favourably upon our city.

All of the City staff have been professional, friendly, cooperative, hard-working, and intelligent in dealing with these various matters with but I would like to commend Dave Reid and his staff for their efforts and give particular thanks and credit to Steven Howard and his crew for their aesthetic sense, hands-on labour and cheerful dispositions.

In the future there will be other issues that we together will have to address and I hope that we will be able to carry on in the same productive and agreeable manner.

With best regards, . . .

Martin Domeij

Chair, Grand Forks Public Library Association

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From: L Relph <grandforks.dba@gmail.com>
Sent: September 19, 2017 11:08 AM
To: Info
Subject: Incorporation of Grand Forks Downtown Business Association
Attachments: DBA certificate of incorporation.pdf



Honorable Frank Conrad and Council,

Please find attached our certificate of incorporation. We understand that this was the requirement necessary to receive fee for service from the City of Grand Forks. We have also opened a bank account at the Grand Forks Credit Union.

Would you please let us know when and how the funds will be made available to us.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact our chairperson Melissa Ganzeveld at Melissa.ganzeveld@cibc.com or myself.

Thank you

Lynn Relph
Communications Coordinator
GF Downtown Business Association

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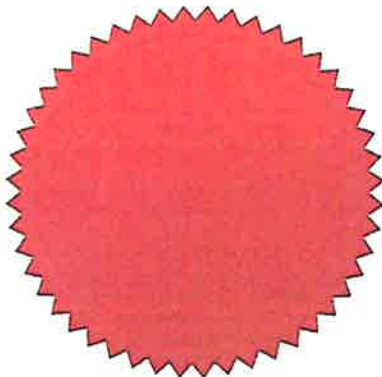
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GRAND FORKS DOWNTOWN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

I Hereby Certify that ~

GRAND FORKS DOWNTOWN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION was incorporated under the
Societies Act on September 1, 2017 at 02:42 PM Pacific Time.



*Issued under my hand at
Victoria, British Columbia*

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REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
CANADA

ELECTRONIC CERTIFICATE



September 21, 2017

City of Grand Forks
PO Box 700
Grand Forks, BC
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Attn: Mayor Conrad and Council

Dear Mayor Conrad and Council,

On behalf of our Council, Midway Volunteer Fire Department and Midway Residents, we wish to extend our deepest appreciation for the mutual aid assistance received by the Grand Forks Fire Department during the Eco Chips fire event September 16th in Midway.

We are very fortunate to be able to call on and receive support from such dedicated professionals from our neighbouring communities.

A very big thank you!

Yours truly,

VILLAGE OF MIDWAY

Penny Feist
Chief Administrative Officer

MIDWAY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Walter Osellame
Fire Chief/LAFC

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MI - Appreciation to GF
Fire Dept.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: October 3, 2017 9:45 PM
To: Info
Subject: Phoenix Ski Hill Transportation



Please forward to city council.

Hello,

I live in Grand Forks and am concerned about the fate of Phoenix Ski Hill. As you know, the hill has struggled financially over the past few years and the reopening of Baldy Ski Hill has not helped. Without immediate action, my worry is that we will lose this boundary gem. My proposal to increase visits to the ski hill is to reroute the Friday RDKB bus to include a stop at Phoenix. In doing so, the hill will become accessible to those who do not drive (students, seniors, etc). The current schedule has the bus traveling to Greenwood on Fridays and a stopover at the hill would not significantly impact current users.

Proposed schedule:

depart Grand Forks - 9am
arrive at ski hill - 930am
depart ski hill - 940am.
arrive in Greenwood - 10am
depart Greenwood - 1010 am
arrive in Grand Forks - 11am
depart Grand Forks - 2pm
arrive in Greenwood - 230pm
depart Greenwood - 240pm
arrive at ski hill - 3pm
depart ski hill - 315pm
arrive in Grand Forks - 345pm

Thank you for your attention to the matter.

Spencer Tracy
Grand Forks, BC
[REDACTED]

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(Comments...) & Transit

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THE CORPORATION OF
THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

From: Larson.MLA, Linda [<mailto:Linda.Larson.MLA@leg.bc.ca>]

Sent: October 3, 2017 3:04 PM

To: Passenger Transportation Board, TRAN TRAN:EX <ptboard@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Dan.Albas@parl.gc.ca; Council Only <CouncilOnly@oliver.ca>; 'Sue McKortoff' <smckortoff@osoyoos.ca>; Frank Armitage <farmitage@princeton.ca>; Dick Cannings (<Richard.Cannings@parl.gc.ca> <Richard.Cannings@parl.gc.ca>; City of Greenwood <greenwoodcity@shaw.ca>; Mayor Corp Village of Keremeos <mayor@keremeos.ca>; City of Greenwood <greenwoodcity@shaw.ca>; Diane Heinrich <dheinrich@grandforks.ca>; Penny Feist, CAO <midwaybc@shaw.ca>; George Bush <gbush@rdos.bc.ca>; Terry Schafer <tschafer@rdos.bc.ca>; 'tsiddon@rdos.bc.ca' <tsiddon@rdos.bc.ca>; Elef Christensen <echristensen@rdos.bc.ca>; 'Mark Pendergraft' (<mpendergraft@rdos.bc.ca> <mpendergraft@rdos.bc.ca>; Vicki Gee <vgee@rdkb.com>; Roly Russell (RDKB) <rrussell@rdkb.com>; Bob Coyne <bcoyne@rdos.bc.ca>; Cathy Cowan <ccowan@oliver.ca>; Marg Coulson <cao@keremeos.ca>; Rick Zerr <rzerr@princeton.ca>; Barry Romanko <bromanko@osoyoos.ca>; mayor.midwaybc@shaw.ca

Subject: Greyhound Service Reductions, BC Transportation Board Application #256-17, Route C & D

Attached is a letter to the Passenger Transportation Board from Linda Larson, MLA for your consideration, for the Public Consultation period ending October 13, 2017.

Thank you,



Colleen Misner

Senior Constituency Assistant
on behalf of Linda Larson, MLA
Boundary-Similkameen
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Letter to Passenger
Transportation Board
re Greyhound Service



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
of BRITISH COLUMBIA

Linda Larson, MLA
Boundary-Similkameen

October 03, 2017

Passenger Transportation Board
Box 9850, STN PROV GOVT
Victoria, BC V8W 9T5

Via Email: ptboard@gov.bc.ca

To Whom it May Concern,

Re: Greyhound Canada Service Reductions, BC Transportation Board Application #256-17, Route "C" and "D"

As MLA for the Boundary-Similkameen, I am deeply concerned about the above application submitted by Greyhound Canada proposing service reductions and cancellations to Routes "C" and "D". My riding is rural, and its demographic includes a large senior population and many people that live on low or fixed incomes. These constituents rely heavily on Greyhound's service to attend medical appointments in Vancouver and Kelowna, as well as to connect with family and friends. Reductions in service will cause financial hardship to many people that would need to increase the number of nights stay in order to adapt to the service reductions. Additionally, many students attending College and University in the larger centers will have no affordable way to get home for their holidays.

The communities in my riding that will be affected by eliminations in service to Route "C" include Eastgate, Princeton, Keremeos, and Hedley. Reductions to two trips per week will affect Okanagan Falls, Oliver and Osoyoos. An elimination in service on Route "D" will affect Beaverdell. Reductions to two trips per week will affect Rock Creek, Midway, Greenwood, Grand Forks and Christina Lake. Cancellations and/or reductions in service to these towns will adversely affect my constituents. They depend on these services.

On behalf of thousands of British Columbians, I urge you to weigh the impact that these changes will have on those that will be affected by the proposed changes in Greyhound Canada's service, and deny their application.

Sincerely,

Linda Larson, MLA
Boundary-Similkameen

Cc: MP, Dan Albas
MP, Richard Cannings
Mayor and Council, Oliver
Mayor and Council, Osoyoos
Mayor and Council, Princeton
Mayor and Council, Greenwood

Mayor and Council, Keremeos
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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

October 6th, 2017

Passenger Transportation Board
Box 9850, STN PROV GOVT
Victoria, BC
V8W 9T5

Sent via email to: ptboard@gov.bc.ca

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

Re: Greyhound Canada Service Reductions,
BC Transportation Board Application #256-17, Route "D"

As Mayor and Council for the City of Grand Forks, we are deeply concerned about the above application submitted by Greyhound Canada proposing service reductions to Route "D". A reduction in service to two trips per week on this route, will prove to be a serious, negative impact for the City of Grand Forks as well as outlying connecting communities namely Christina Lake, Greenwood, Midway and Rock Creek. The boundary area is considered remote; families, organizations and businesses continually struggle with shipping and passenger concerns to and from our area and largely depend on Greyhound bus services as it currently stands.

Our municipality and adjoining areas have a significant population of seniors who depend on bus services for medical appointments to larger centers because of our remote location, as well as low income families and students requiring affordable transportation for commuting to and from family members and secondary education requirements – these are just to a couple of examples of many individuals who will be impacted in our area.

On behalf of the City of Grand Forks, I ask that you seriously consider the impact to our community that this reduction of service will have on our citizens and businesses who will be affected by the proposed changes to Greyhound Canada's service, and deny their application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "F. Konrad", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Frank Konrad
Mayor
City of Grand Forks

Diane Heinrich

From: Passenger Transportation Board TRAN:EX <ptboard@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: October 10, 2017 9:55 AM
To: Diane Heinrich
Subject: RE: Greyhound Canada Service Reductions BC Trans Board App #256-27,Route "D"

Dear Ms. Heinrich;

Our office received the comments from the City of Grand Forks' Mayor and Council on Greyhound Canada's application. Thank you for sending them to us. Your comments will be reviewed by Board members that review the Greyhound application and decide the outcome.

When a decision is made, the Board will post the outcome and its reasons at: http://www.ptboard.bc.ca/ICB_application_notices/256-17/256-17_greyhound.html. Application decisions are posted on Wednesdays (usually in the afternoon). The Board aims to issue decisions on inter-city bus applications within 60 to 90 days of when we published the application summary. However, the complexity of an application or number of submissions received may affect these targets.

Sincerely,

Jane Morris

Jane Morris
Research and Administrative Coordinator
Passenger Transportation Board
Ph: 250.953-3777 || Fax 250-953-3788

 Please consider the environment before printing this email.

From: Diane Heinrich [mailto:dheinrich@grandforks.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2017 9:47 AM
To: Passenger Transportation Board TRAN:EX
Cc: Frank Konrad; Council
Subject: Greyhound Canada Service Reductions BC Trans Board App #256-27,Route "D"

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

Please find attached, a letter from the City of Grand Forks' Mayor and Council with regard to Greyhound Canada Service Reduction application #256-17, Route "D".

Best regards,
Diane Heinrich
Chief Administrative Officer (Interim)
Corporate Officer

REQUEST FOR DECISION

— REGULAR MEETING —



To: Mayor and Council
From: Chief Financial Officer
Date: October 16, 2017
Subject: 2017-2021 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw, No. 2036-A1
Recommendation: RESOLVED THAT Council gives final reading to "2017-2021 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw, No. 2036-A1."

BACKGROUND:

Council recently passed resolutions to amend the 2017-2021 Financial Plan to include the following changes to capital expenditures:

- An addition of \$1,000,000 for the electrical voltage conversion project, with \$150,000 to be funded from external contributions and the balance of \$850,000 to come from reserves.
- An increase of \$150,000 for 22nd Street, to be funded from capital reserves.
- An increase of \$34,225 for the Silver Kettle Sidewalk project, which includes \$26,225 for the initial engineering cost estimate shortfall, plus an additional \$8,000 to demarcate the sidewalk from the road.

In addition, staff would like to include some minor changes related to the wastewater treatment plant and lift stations, and is proposing the following:

That the amounts of \$15,000 each allocated for the City Park Lift Station Upgrade and Sewer Lift Station Pumps be combined into a single project, Lift Station Equipment, and be reduced by \$10,000 for a new combined total of \$20,000.

That the Headworks Grinder project be increased by \$10,000 to \$44,343.

These changes to wastewater capital have no overall financial impact, but will enable staff to fully complete the projects and bring the treatment plant back to its initial fully functioning ability.

The net result of the above adjustments for 2017 is an increase of \$150,000 in grant revenue and an increase in capital expenditures of \$1,184,225. Total capital expenditures over the five year financial planning period have increased by \$184,225, as the voltage conversion project was originally included in the capital plan at \$500,000 each year for 2018 and 2019.

2017-2021 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw, No. 2036-A1 was introduced to Council on August 21, 2017 and was given first three readings on September 18, 2017. The bylaw is presented here for final reading.

REQUEST FOR DECISION

— REGULAR MEETING —



Benefits or Impacts of the Recommendation:

- General:** Amending the Financial Plan ensures that the City's additional expenditures are properly authorized and in compliance with provisions of the *Community Charter*.
- Financial:** By proceeding with the voltage conversion project in 2017, instead of in 2018/2019 as originally planned, the City's portion of funding will be reduced from \$1,000,000 to \$850,000.
- The additional costs for the other two projects will reduce reserves by \$184,225, but \$150,000 of this will be offset by the external contribution from the voltage conversion project.
- Policy/Legislation:** Section 165 (2) of the *Community Charter*
- Attachments:** 2017-2021 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw, No. 2036-A1
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Recommendation:

RESOLVED THAT Council gives final reading to "2017-2021 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw, No. 2036-A1".

- 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 MATTER BACK TO STAFF FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.
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Department Head or CAO	Chief Administrative Officer

REQUEST FOR DECISION

— REGULAR MEETING —



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Final Approval Date:	Sep 20, 2017

This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

Diane Heinrich - Sep 20, 2017 - 3:57 PM

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

BYLAW NO. 2036-A1

A Bylaw to Amend the Five Year Financial Plan For the Years 2017 - 2021

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 165 of the *Community Charter*, "Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw, 2017-2021, No. 2036" was adopted on April 10, 2017, and

WHEREAS the financial plan may be amended by bylaw at any time;

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

1. Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw, 2017-2021, No. 2036 is hereby amended by deleting Schedules "B" and "C" in their entirety, and replacing them with Schedules "B" and "C" attached to and forming part of this bylaw.
2. This bylaw may be cited, for all purposes, as the "2017-2021 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw, No. 2036-A1".

INTRODUCED this 21st day of August, 2017.

Read a FIRST time this 18th day of September, 2017.

Read a SECOND time this 18th day of September, 2017.

Read a THIRD time this 18th day of September, 2017.

FINALLY ADOPTED on this 16th day of October, 2017.

Mayor Frank Konrad

Corporate Officer Diane Heinrich

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of Bylaw No. 2036-A1 as adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Grand Forks on this 16th day of October, 2017.

Corporate Officer of the Municipal Council of the
City of Grand Fork

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS
2017-2021 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw 2036-A1
Schedule "B" Amended Five Year Financial Plan 2017-2021

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget
Revenues					
Property Taxes	\$ 3,698,273	\$ 3,827,713	\$ 3,961,683	\$ 4,100,342	\$ 4,243,854
Parcel and Frontage Taxes	161,226	161,226	161,226	161,226	5,826
Grants in Lieu of Taxes	15,780	16,332	16,904	17,496	18,108
Percentage of Revenue Tax	102,534	104,000	104,000	104,000	104,000
Sales of Services and User Fees	7,512,874	7,779,026	8,037,607	8,305,239	8,582,238
Grants	5,266,179	999,000	965,000	970,000	975,000
Other Revenues	319,213	244,500	507,248	507,248	507,248
Total Revenues	17,076,079	13,131,797	13,753,668	14,165,551	14,436,274
Expenses					
Purchases for resale	3,505,300	3,575,406	3,646,914	3,719,852	3,794,249
General Government	1,182,590	1,083,602	1,099,524	1,120,864	1,142,631
Protective Services	928,111	821,794	798,381	814,178	830,292
Transportation Services	1,196,464	1,220,393	1,244,801	1,269,697	1,295,091
Environmental & Health Services	220,300	224,706	229,200	233,784	238,460
Public Health Services	94,202	96,086	98,008	99,968	101,967
Planning and Development	564,333	370,193	376,627	383,190	389,884
Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services	1,294,800	1,260,386	1,279,107	1,298,202	1,289,379
Water Services	814,413	830,701	847,315	864,261	881,546
Electrical Services	701,766	715,801	730,117	744,719	759,613
Wastewater Services	720,547	734,958	749,657	764,650	779,943
Amortization	1,859,889	2,069,302	2,129,923	2,146,073	2,220,307
Debt Interest	120,786	162,319	313,756	288,969	287,502
Total Expenses	13,203,501	13,165,647	13,543,330	13,748,407	14,010,864
Surplus (Deficit) for the year	\$ 3,872,578	\$ (33,850)	\$ 210,338	\$ 417,144	\$ 425,410
Adjusted for non-cash items					
Amortization	1,859,889	2,069,302	2,129,923	2,146,073	2,220,307
Total Cash from Operations	\$ 5,732,467	\$ 2,035,452	\$ 2,340,261	\$ 2,563,217	\$ 2,645,717
Adjusted for Cash Items					
Proceeds from Borrowing	1,428,784	5,100,000	-	-	-
Capital Expenditures	(9,886,475)	(6,675,000)	(1,734,000)	(2,187,000)	(1,847,000)
Debt Principal Repayments	(314,789)	(370,007)	(479,261)	(433,200)	(311,310)
Transfer from Reserves	4,413,025	1,575,000	1,734,000	2,187,000	1,847,000
Transfer to Reserves	(1,100,000)	(1,400,000)	(1,600,000)	(1,900,000)	(2,100,000)
Transfer to Surplus	(273,012)	(265,445)	(261,000)	(230,017)	(234,407)
	\$ (5,732,467)	\$ (2,035,452)	\$ (2,340,261)	\$ (2,563,217)	\$ (2,645,717)
Financial Plan Balance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES - 2017		FUNDED FROM										
Description	Fund	Amount	General Capital	Electrical Capital	Water Capital	RESERVES Sewer Capital	Land Sales	Gas Tax	Slag	DEBT	GRANTS	OTHER
2016 Carry Forward Projects												
Silver Kettle Sidewalk	General	184,225	184,225									
Public Works Fuel Tanks	General	75,000	75,000									
Whispers of Hope Roof	General	15,000	15,000									
5 tonne Dump Truck	General	250,000						250,000				
T-Tech trailer	General	13,679						13,679				
GIS Phase 2	General	2,759	2,759									
Riverside Reconnector	Electrical	7,395		7,395								
Electrical Substation Engineering	Electrical	48,709	48,709									
West Side Fire Protection	Water	928,784								928,784		
Water/Sewer Scada	Water	5,575					5,575					
Residential Water Meter Project	Water	22,538										
Well #3 Pump and Motor	Water	13,981	13,981									
5th Street Watermain Replacement	Water	312,428										
Wastewater Treatment Plant UV	Sewer	457,675					151,009				306,666	
Headworks Grinder	Sewer	44,343				10,000	34,343					
Water/Sewer Scada	Sewer	5,575					5,575					
3rd Street Sewer Main Repair	Sewer	35,309	35,309									
2017 New Projects												
Public Works Upgrades	General	20,000	20,000									
JD Park Stadium Padding	General	15,000							15,000			
Service Truck Replacement	General	60,000	60,000									
PW Photocopier	General	15,000	15,000									
Expo Sign changes	General	35,000										
Library HRV	General	12,000										
Public Works - 22nd Street	General	900,000	400,000							500,000		12,000
Wayfinding Signs	General	65,000										
LED Lighting	General	50,000										
Emergency Repair Fund	General	50,000	50,000									
Flood Plan Mapping & Dike Restoration	General	50,000	50,000									
Holder Replacement	General	200,000										
Airport AWOS Upgrade	General	220,000						200,000				
Electrical System Upgrades	Electrical	80,000	80,000								165,000	
Substation Engineering	Electrical	500,000	500,000									
Electrical Voltage Conversion	Electrical	1,000,000	850,000								150,000	
Lift Station Equipment	Sewer	20,000				20,000						
Bio-Solids Land Application Plan	Sewer	25,000	25,000									
Sewer Main Relining	Sewer	25,000	25,000									
Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades	Sewer	4,010,000	682,000							3,328,000		
Sewer Phasing Plan	Sewer	100,000	17,000							83,000		
Water Supply & Conservation	Water	11,500			11,500							
GRAND TOTAL		9,886,475	3,203,983	7,395	11,500	30,000	196,502	463,679	165,000	1,428,784	4,032,666	12,000

Request for Decision



To: Regular Meeting
From: **Manager of Development and Engineering**
Date: October 16, 2017
Subject: Parks Access Amendment Bylaw No. 1959-A1, 2017
Recommendation: **RESOLVED THAT Council gives the first three readings of the "City of Grand Forks Parks Access Amendment Bylaw No. 1959-A1, 2017";**

AND THAT Council directs staff to present the amendment bylaw for adoption at the October 30th, 2017 Regular Meeting of Council.

Background

At the July 17, 2017 Committee of the Whole Council discussed ways to mitigate some of the anti-social behaviours seen in parks and public spaces. One of the major behaviours discussed was persistent temporary shelters in public spaces. The current "City of Grand Forks Parks Access Bylaw No. 1959" regulates public parks, public trails, beaches, and boulevards in the City. Section 4 of the bylaw states that "[n]o person shall set up or occupy any camper, trailer, or other form of temporary shelter, on or within any park". It is proposed to strike Section 4 and replace it with the following:

4. No person shall place, secure, erect, use or maintain a temporary shelter on any public place or park within the City:
 - (a) between 9:00 am and 7:00 pm.
 - (b) Temporary shelter found to be placed, secured, erected, used or maintained between the hours of 9:00 am and 7:00 pm on any public place or park within the City shall be unlawful and subject to enforcement and removal, including any possessions, wastes and other incidental materials.
 - (c) Notwithstanding Section 4 (a), no person shall place, secure, erect, use or maintain a temporary shelter at any time in, on, under or within: playgrounds, spray parks; skateboard parks, tennis courts or other sports courts; sports fields, stadiums or dugouts; stages or bleachers; washroom facilities, picnic shelters, or gazebos; cemeteries; or bridges within the City.
 - (d) Temporary shelters found in any areas described in 4 (c) will be removed immediately.

The current bylaw sets out fines as the penalty for not following the regulations. Because financial penalties are not effective to persons not owning real estate within the City, it is proposed to insert Section 22.1 as follows:

- 22.1 Where a Bylaw Enforcement Officer or any other officer of the City has reasonable grounds to believe that a person, while in a park or public space, is in contravention of any provision of this bylaw the officer may:
- (a) Direct the person to comply with the bylaw; or
 - (b) Direct the person to leave the park or public place.
 - i. A person who is directed to leave the Park or public place must immediately leave the park or public place and refrain from re-entering for a period of 24 hours or until 7pm the following day whichever is longer.

The proposed amendment bylaw was introduced at the September 5, 2017 Committee of the Whole. At that meeting questions were raised about repeat offenders, and merging sections 13 and 19. The City has no effective recourse against repeat offenders that do not own real property. The intent of this bylaw amendment is to make it less appealing to encroach on public spaces with temporary shelters and it is recognized that this does not solve the roots of the problem.

Sections 13 and 19 have been merged to read:

13. No person shall climb, debark, break, peel, cut, deface, remove, injure, root up, dig or otherwise destroy or damage any tree, box, stake, or guard placed around any tree for the protection of the same, shrubs, flowers, roots, sod or grass planted and/or growing on boulevards, or in parks or grounds.


“The City of Grand Forks Parks Access Amendment Bylaw No. 1959-A1, 2017” is now presented for Council’s consideration to give the first three readings. A copy of the amendment bylaw is attached.

Benefits or Impacts

General

The Bylaw Enforcement Officer or any other officer of the City will be able to direct persons not complying with the bylaw to leave the park or public space. Additional regulation of temporary shelters will be enacted.

Strategic Impact

-  The occupation of public lands with temporary shelters reduces the appeal of those areas for use by members of the general public. Adding another tool for their

removal will increase the City's ability to manage these spaces in the public interest.

Policy/Legislation

This bylaw amends Bylaw 1959.

Attachments

Bylaw 1959-A1

Marked up copy of Bylaw 1959

Recommendation

RESOLVED THAT Council gives the first three readings of the "City of Grand Forks Parks Access Amendment Bylaw No. 1959-A1, 2017";

AND THAT Council directs staff to present the amendment bylaw for adoption at the October 30th, 2017 Regular Meeting of Council.

Options

1. RESOLVED THAT Council accepts the report.
2. RESOLVED THAT Council does not accept the report.
3. RESOLVED THAT Council refers the matter back to staff for further information.

Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

Dolores Sheets - Oct 5, 2017 - 5:29 PM

Diane Heinrich - Oct 5, 2017 - 5:46 PM

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

PARK ACCESS BYLAW NO. 1959

**THE PARK ACCESS BYLAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF
GRAND FORKS TO REGULATE THE USE OF PARKS, TRAILS,
BEACHES AND BOULEVARDS**

WHEREAS the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Grand Forks, in open meeting assembled, **ENACTS** as follows:

1. This bylaw may be cited as "**The City of Grand Forks Parks Access Bylaw No. 1959, 2013**".
2. In this bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires:

Definitions

- (a) **"Bylaw Enforcement Officer"** means every person(s) designated by Council as a Bylaw Enforcement Officer for the City or otherwise authorized under the Offence Act, and every Peace Officer;
- (b) **"City"** means the Corporation of the City of Grand Forks;
- (c) **"Council"** means the Council of the City of Grand Forks;
- (d) **"Highway"** includes a street, road, lane, bridge, viaduct and any other way open for the use of the public but does not include a private right-of-way on private property;
- (e) **"Municipality"** means the area within the City boundaries of the City;
- (f) **"Park"** includes all dedicated Public Parks, Municipal Hall grounds, or other lands used for Public Parks, or any public trail, beach or boulevard within the corporate limits of the City of Grand Forks
- (g) **"Peace Officer"** shall have the same meaning as in the Interpretation Act and shall also include the person or persons who are appointed to enforce and administer this bylaw;

- (h) **“Person(s)”** includes any company, corporation, owner, partnership, firm, association, society or party;
 - (i) **“Property”** means land, with or without improvements, so affixed to the land as to make them in fact and in law, a part of it;
 - (j) **“Public Place”** means streets, highways, parks, public squares, beaches, foreshore and all other land and building that not private premises.
3. No person shall enter or be upon or within any park between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., provided, however, that nothing in this section shall prevent any officers or employees of City of Grand Forks from entering or being upon or within any park in the exercise of their duties.
4. ~~No person shall set up or occupy any camper, trailer, or other form of temporary shelter, on or within any park.~~
No person shall place, secure, erect, use or maintain a temporary shelter on any public place or park within the City:
(a) between 9:00 am and 7:00 pm.
(b) Temporary shelter found to be placed, secured, erected, used or maintained between the hours of 9:00 am and 7:00 pm on any public place or park within the City shall be unlawful and subject to enforcement and removal, including any possessions, wastes and other incidental materials.
(c) Notwithstanding Section 4 (a), no person shall place, secure, erect, use or maintain a temporary shelter at any time in, on, under or within: playgrounds, spray parks; skateboard parks, tennis courts or other sports courts; sports fields, stadiums or dugouts; stages or bleachers; washroom facilities, picnic shelters, or gazebos; cemeteries; or bridges within the City.
(d) Temporary shelters found in any areas described in 4 (c) will be removed immediately.
5. No person shall use any bow and arrow, sling-shot, boomerang or other weapon within a park, school ground or other public ground under the jurisdiction of the City of Grand Forks.
6. No person shall take away any gravel, sand, or earth from any part of any park.
7. No person shall throw, dump, deposit or leave any glass, bottles, cans, litter, or other materials whether likely to injure any person, animal, vehicle or not, in any park, or water adjacent to such parks.

8. No person shall light up any fire on any public beach or park within the corporate limits of the City of Grand Forks, except in a fireplace or area provided for that purpose.
9. No person shall be on the roof of any building in any park unless that person is an employee or agent of the City of Grand Forks carrying out his or her regular duties.
10. No person shall be in any building, swimming pool, tennis court, or other enclosure or structure in any park except during the hours the said building, swimming pool, tennis court, or other structure is authorized to be used or to be open by the Council. This section does not apply to any employee or agent of the City of Grand Forks carrying out his or her regular duties.
11. No person shall break, injure or damage the locks, gates, bolts, fences, seats, benches, buildings, structures, or other property placed in the public squares, on boulevards, or in parks or grounds.
12. No person shall wilfully destroy, mutilate, efface, deface, or remove any sign posted within a park under this or any other bylaw.
13. ~~No person shall climb, bark, break, peel, cut, deface, remove, injure, root up or otherwise destroy or damage the trees shrubs, flowers, roots, or grass planted and/or growing on boulevards, or in parks or grounds.~~

No person shall climb, debark, break, peel, cut, deface, remove, injure, root up, dig or otherwise destroy or damage any tree, box, stake, or guard placed around any tree for the protection of the same, shrubs, flowers, roots, sod or grass planted and/or growing on boulevards, or in parks or grounds.
14. No person shall play or practice the game of golf or similar games played with golf clubs and balls in any park, except in areas of a public park that have been designated for the playing and practicing of golf or similar games by the Council.
15. No person shall cause, allow, or permit pets or other animals to be on any beach or park within the corporate limits of the City of Grand Forks, except pets on leashes.
16. No person shall ride or drive any horse, in, upon, or through the public squares, parks, or grounds, where specifically prohibited to do so.

17. No owner or keeper of any horse, cattle or swine shall suffer the same to go at large or to feed upon the public squares or parks and any horse, cattle, or swine found at large therein shall be impounded.
18. No person shall ride, drive or lead any animal, or any carriage, wagon, bicycle, motorcycle, scooter, automobile, sleigh, snowmobile or other vehicle or conveyance in or upon any of the public squares, parks or boulevards within the boundaries of the City of Grand Forks, except in areas specifically provided for such purpose; provided, however, that nothing in this section contained shall prevent any bicyclist, having first dismounted from his bicycle, from taking the same upon the turf or sward, or upon or along any sidewalk, pathway or footpath in any park. This section does not apply to any employee or agent of the Municipality carrying out his or her regular duties.
19. ~~No person shall break, injure, dig or destroy any trees lawfully planted, or the sod grass of any boulevard, or any box, stake or guard which is placed around any tree for the protection of the same.~~
20. No person shall possess or consume alcohol in a public park or municipal space with the exception of special events which include an approved liquor license permit.
21. Community Associations/Groups or members of the public may approach the Council of the City of Grand Forks for relaxation of the rules and regulations as listed in this bylaw for a special event. This relaxation is for the specific event only and, should such event re-occur, permission by Council must be requested again.
22. Schedule "5" forms part of the Municipal Ticketing Information Bylaw No. 1957.
22.1 Where an Bylaw Enforcement Officer or any other officer of the City has reasonable grounds to believe that a person, while in a park or public space, is in contravention of any provision of this bylaw the Bylaw Enforcement Officer may:
 - (a) Direct the person to comply with the bylaw; or
 - (b) Direct the person to leave the park or public place.
 - i. A person who is directed to leave the Park or Recreation Facility must immediately leave the park or public place and refrain from re-entering for a period of 24 hours or until 7pm the following day whichever is longer.

23. The City of Grand Forks Parks Access Bylaw No. 1065 and all amendments thereto, are hereby repealed.

READ A FIRST TIME this 24th day of June, 2013.

READ A SECOND TIME this 24th day of June, 2013.

READ A THIRD TIME this 24th day of June, 2013.

FINALLY ADOPTED this 22nd day of July, 2013.

Mayor -Brian Taylor

Corporate Officer-Diane Heinrich

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of Bylaw No. 1959, cited as the "City of Grand Forks Park Access Bylaw 1959, 2013", as passed by the Municipal Council on the 22nd day of July, 2013.

Corporate Officer of the Municipal Council of the
City of Grand Forks

SCHEDULE 5

COLUMN 1	COLUMN 2	COLUMN 3
Offence	Section	Fine
- In park between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.	3	\$ 50.00
- Camping in park	4	\$ 50.00
- Use of bow and arrow/sling-shot/boomerang/ weapon in park	5	\$ 100.00
- Unauthorized removal of gravel/sand/soil	6	\$ 100.00
- Littering	7	\$ 50.00
- Unauthorized fire on beach	8	\$ 50.00
- Vandalism	11	\$ 100.00
- Vandalism of sign	12	\$ 100.00
- Vandalism of tree	13	\$ 100.00
- Unauthorized playing golf in park	14	\$ 100.00
- Animal on beach	15	\$ 50.00
- Vehicle in park	18	\$ 50.00
- Possession or consumption of alcohol in a park or public area	20	\$ 50.00

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

BYLAW NO. 1959-A1

A BYLAW TO AMEND THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS Parks Access Bylaw No. 1959, 2013

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The Council of the Corporation of the City of Grand Forks **ENACTS** as follows:

1. This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the “**City of Grand Forks Parks Access Amendment Bylaw No. 1959-A1, 2017**”;
2. Amend Bylaw No. 1959 as follows:

Delete Section 4 and **replace** it with the following:

- “4. No person shall place, secure, erect, use or maintain a temporary shelter on any public place or park within the City:
- (a) between 9:00 am and 7:00 pm.
 - (b) Temporary shelter found to be placed, secured, erected, used or maintained between the hours of 9:00 am and 7:00 pm on any public place or park within the City shall be unlawful and subject to enforcement and removal, including any possessions, wastes and other incidental materials.
 - (c) Notwithstanding Section 4 (a), no person shall place, secure, erect, use or maintain a temporary shelter at any time in, on, under or within: playgrounds, spray parks; skateboard parks, tennis courts or other sports courts; sports fields, stadiums or dugouts; stages or bleachers; washroom facilities, picnic shelters, or gazebos; cemeteries; or bridges within the City.
 - (d) Temporary shelters found in any areas described in 4 (c) will be removed immediately.”

Delete Section 13 and **replace** it with the following:

“No person shall climb, debark, break, peel, cut, deface, remove, injure, root up, dig or otherwise destroy or damage any tree, box, stake, or guard placed around any tree for the protection of the same, shrubs, flowers, roots, sod or grass planted and/or growing on boulevards, or in parks or grounds.”

Delete Section 19.

Insert section 22.1 as follows:

