

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2016

PRESENT:

MAYOR FRANK KONRAD
COUNCILLOR JULIA BUTLER
COUNCILLOR CHRIS HAMMETT
COUNCILLOR COLLEEN ROSS
COUNCILLOR CHRISTINE THOMPSON

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
CORPORATE OFFICER
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
MANAGER OF DEVELOPMENT & ENGINEERING
DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER
MANAGER OF OPERATIONS

D. Allin
D. Heinrich
R. Shepherd
D. Sheets
S. Winton
D. Reid

ABSENT:

COUNCILLOR NEIL KROG

GALLERY

1. CALL TO ORDER

- a) The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- a) Adopt agenda
April 11th, 2016, Regular Meeting agenda
The Mayor advised that he was amending the agenda to include a discussion regarding the approval of the funding agreement for the Grand Forks Art Gallery Society as a late item;
Councillor Hammett requested to add a discussion to the Gilpin Grasslands; and
Councillor Ross wanted to add an agenda amendment to give a shout out.

MOTION: ROSS / HAMMETT

RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the April 11th, 2016, Regular Meeting agenda as amended.

CARRIED.

3. MINUTES

- a) Adopt minutes
March 29th, 2016, Special to go In-Camera Meeting minutes

MOTION: BUTLER / ROSS

RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the March 29th, 2016, Special Meeting to go In-Camera Meeting minutes as presented.

CARRIED.

- b) Adopt minutes
March 29th, 2016, Regular Meeting minutes

Council advised that they wished to amend the minutes on page 4 of 8, Item 8 (b) to indicate that the first motion should indicate "MOTION DEFEATED:" at the end of the resolution; and further to the second motion that the resolution be amended to read, "include a stipulation that **members of their boards give quarterly reports** provided to Council....."

MOTION: THOMPSON / HAMMETT

RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the March 29th, 2016, Regular Meeting minutes as amended.

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 provided a rebuttal verbal report with regard to Councillor Butler's report.

Councillor Hammett provided a rebuttal verbal report with regard to Councillor Butler's report.

Councillor Butler said she would be happy to discuss with Council members if they want to send their reports to her. Councillor Thompson said that she does not wish to discuss Councillor Butler's issues any further.

Mayor Konrad advised that he was saddened by all that is happening and the

assurance that Council would get along for the benefit of the citizens after the Council decision not to appeal the court decision, and further that there would be no more controversy. He further commented that he is saddened that one member of Council is not moving ahead and continues to create controversy. The Mayor advised that he wants no further discussion on the court case issue.

Councillor Ross advised Councillor Thompson's and Hammett's reports are accurate reports.

MOTION: THOMPSON / HAMMETT

RESOLVED THAT all written reports of Council be received.

CARRIED.

MOTION: THOMPSON / HAMMETT

RESOLVED THAT the issue regarding the City of Grand Forks vs Butler Court Case will no longer be discussed at Council meetings.

CARRIED.

Councillor Butler opposed the motion.

Councillor Butler spoke about the need to continue recording Council meetings.

MOTION: BUTLER /

**RESOLVED THAT Council direct Staff to hire someone on a temporary basis to film Council meetings starting at the meeting of May 9th, 2016;
AND FURTHER that Staff bring a report back to Council with the best long term options for filming and broadcasting the meetings.**

The motion received no seconder.

MOTION: BUTLER /

RESOLVED THAT Council directs Staff to bring back a report in July, 2016 to Council with regard to recording Council meetings

The motion received no seconder.

The CAO advised that Staff may have a report to Council regarding the future taping of Council meetings for around July. Councillor Ross spoke with regard to Hansard recordings and advised that she would be quite content with a digital recording.

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

a) Corporate Officer's Report

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

The Mayor advised that he doesn't have a Regional District report for this evening. He reported on his attendance on March 31st, where he met with Roger Simmons

from the Hospice Society, and advised that this organization is putting up a new centre in Castlegar; and further that on March 31st, he attended a Selkirk College event in Castlegar, which he noted, was a very high end technological establishment. He reported that on April 6-8, he attended a COFI convention and that the conference was very enlightening.

MOTION: THOMPSON / BUTLER

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

CARRIED.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS

- a) Deputy Manager of Operations
Water restrictions

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that Staff would be bringing to Council, a policy amendment, that will better define the timelines when determining when to pursue water conservation procedures.

MOTION: BUTLER / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT Council removes the Stage 2 Water restrictions and returns to Stage 1 Water restrictions as of April 11, 2016.

CARRIED.

- b) Deputy Manager of Operations
Campground Policy No. 1206-A1
The Manager of Operations advised that this is a policy update.

MOTION: BUTLER / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the amended Campground Policy No. 1206-A1.

CARRIED.

- c) Manager of Development and Engineering
Pickleball in Grand Forks: convert one tennis court at Barbara Ann Park into four pickleball courts and resurfacing the entire compound

MOTION: THOMPSON / BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT Council commits up to \$7,256 from the Slag Fund as the City's portion for the cost of resurfacing the entire compound and dedicating one court as four permanent pickleball courts.

CARRIED.

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- d) Manager of Development & Engineering Services
Approval to proceed with applying for grant funding

Councillor Butler advised that she had a concern for the proposed well so close to Well 2. The Chief Administrative Officer advised that Well 6, was looked at for a different location, and that the project would have been an additional \$500,000 in costs to implement. The CAO added that the option presented to Council, was the most affordable.

MOTION: THOMPSON / HAMMETT

RESOLVED THAT Council supports staff proceeding with preparing and submitting an application for the Small Communities Fund (SCF) grant with the 1/3 portion of funds required of the City coming from Capital Reserves.

CARRIED.

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- e) Manager of Development & Engineering Services
Saini Temporary Use Permit Application for Demolition Derby at 6401 Highway #3
Council determined, at the morning's Committee of the Whole meeting, not to address the proposal.

MOTION: THOMPSON / ROSS

RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to draft the appropriate Temporary Use Permit for a Demolition Derby, as requested by Bob Saini for property located at 6401 Highway #3 and legally described as Lot 3, District Lot 653, Plan 3072.

MOTION DEFEATED.

9. REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

- a) Boundary Country Regional Chamber of Commerce
New Capital Reserve Funds

MOTION: THOMPSON / HAMMETT

RESOLVED THAT Council receives for discussion and decision the letter of request regarding a two hour parking limit on Market Avenue between the hours of 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

MOTION DEFEATED.

MOTION: THOMPSON / BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT Council determine to have a round table discussion regarding parking in the downtown core.

CARRIED.

- b) Wes Tetlock, Demolition Derby Committee
Letter explaining the organization process of the Demolition Derby Community Fundraiser Event and a request to waive the \$750 application fee

MOTION: THOMPSON / HAMMETT

RESOLVED THAT Council receives, for information purposes only, the letter from Wes Tetlock on behalf of the Demolition Derby Committee explaining the organization process of the Demolition Derby Community Fundraiser Event and a request to waive the \$750 application fee.

CARRIED.

11. **BYLAWS**

- a) Deputy Manager of Operations
Campground Repeal Bylaw No. 1812 R-1

MOTION: BUTLER / ROSS

RESOLVED THAT Council gives the first three readings of the Repeal Bylaw No. 1812 R-1 and directs staff to present the Repeal Bylaw for adoption at the April 19, 2016, Special Meeting of Council.

CARRIED.

- b) Deputy Manager of Operations
Campground Bylaw No. 2026

MOTION: BUTLER / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT Council gives the first three readings of the Campground Bylaw No. 2026 and directs staff to present the Campground Bylaw for adoption at the April 19, 2016, Special Meeting of Council.

CARRIED.

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- c) Chief Financial Officer
2016-2020 Financial Plan Bylaw

MOTION: THOMPSON / HAMMETT

RESOLVED THAT Council gives final reading to 2016-2020 Financial Plan Bylaw 2024.
CARRIED.

Councillor Butler opposed the motion.

- d) Manager of Development & Engineering Services
To amend the current Sustainable Community Plan Bylaw by adding a policy statement for Temporary Use Permits

MOTION: THOMPSON / HAMMETT

RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to draft the appropriate amendment bylaw to amend the current Sustainable Community Plan Bylaw by adding a policy statement for Temporary Use Permits and to proceed with the statutory requirements for amending bylaws in accordance with the Local Government Act.

AND FURTHER THAT the statement will read: "Temporary Use Permit applications will be considered by Council on a case-by-case basis within all land use designated areas on the City of Grand Forks' Official Zoning Map.

CARRIED.

12. LATE ITEMS

- a) Councillor Ross's Shout out
She spoke of the amazing work done in relation to the canvas canoe production and the launching of a book in April, and further to a shout out to Gallery 2 - for their of launching a great exhibit regarding Japanese internment.

Councillor Hammett spoke with regard to the Gilpin Grasslands and the motion going to the AKBLG, and that she wished to put a motion forward tonight.

MOTION: HAMMETT / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT council direct staff to request a consultation session with Ministry of Parks to discuss the Gilpin Grasslands Provincial Park Management Direction Statement 2009

CARRIED.

The third late item was to address the Art Gallery funding agreement and early payment of funds from May 15th to April.

MOTION: THOMPSON / ROSS

RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to move forward with the Funding Agreement for the Grand Forks Art Gallery that to approve early release of the May 15th budget amount to April, 2016.

CARRIED.

Mayor Konrad opposed the motion.

13. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA

- a) CRAIG LINDSAY - He asked about the parking request and was advised that Council will be arranging a round table. He further asked about City being in Stage 2 Water Restriction until tonight and was advised that, yes, the City was in Stage 2 until Council's decision to revert back to Stage 1 tonight.
- LES JOHNSON - spoke with regard to recordings from Les Johnson that they can be downloaded from his website.
- NIGEL JAMES - Spoke about the parcel taxes and the sources of revenue and asked if the 1.9 % is the total for the fire truck? The Chief Financial Officer advised that 1.9% of the City's total revenue would be coming from parcel tax. He spoke about the residential tax rates imposed on residents.
- DERRICK FROM THE NEW RADIO STATION IN Grand Forks - offered the use of his recording equipment if Council so chose to do this.

14. ADJOURNMENT

- a) The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm

MOTION: HAMMETT

RESOLVED THAT the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 PM

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



MAYOR FRANK KONRAD



CORPORATE OFFICER - DIANE HEINRICH