

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Tuesday, April 5, 2016

PRESENT:

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

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
CORPORATE OFFICER
DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER
MANAGER OF BUILDING INSPECTION &
BYLAW SERVICES

D. Allin
D. Heinrich
S. Winton
W. Kopan

GALLERY

1. CALL TO ORDER

- a) The Mayor called the meeting to order at 12:34 pm

2. ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA

- a) Adoption of the April 5th, 2016 Special Meeting Agenda

MOTION: BUTLER / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT agenda for the Special Meeting of Tuesday, April 5th, 2016, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED.

3. REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

- a) Administration Department- Steve McGibbon, Coordinator for Boundary Emergency Transitional Housing Society (BETHS)

Mr. McGibbon, coordinator for BETHS spoke about bed nights, and advised that as of this morning, the program equated to 952 bed nights. He advised that March 31st was supposed to be the last evening and that they arranged to extend the bed nights until tonight upon the City's request. Mr. McGibbon stated that there's, on average, 9-14 individuals using the facility on any given evening, and that there are about 5 persons that are nightly returns and the balance of persons change out. BC Housing and

private donations have been funding the program so far. He further advised that they started out with approximately 14-16 volunteers which equated to approximately 2 evening shifts per month and at the end of the program, they were down to about 6 volunteers. He advised that these volunteers are no longer available, as they are burnt out, and this is the reason for the requirement of an extra staff person at \$238. per day, to keep the program running. He advised that the mandate of BETHS is to keep people safe during the evening. He spoke that in order to keep the facility open, it requires partnerships between BC Housing and the City, and they haven't heard from BC Housing as of yet.

MOTION: BUTLER / ROSS

RESOLVED THAT Council receives the verbal presentation for information and discussion purposes from Mr. Steve McGibbon, Coordinator for the Boundary Emergency Transitional Housing Society (BETHS) with regard to proposed extending of the service of the shelter.

CARRIED.

MOTION: BUTLER / ROSS

RESOLVED THAT Council determines to fund Boundary Emergency Transitional Housing Society in the amount of \$3,500 to be used at their discretion to extend the housing program.

CARRIED.

COUNCIL KROG VOTED AGAINST THE MOTION

4. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

5. **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS**

6. **REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE**

7. **BYLAWS**

8. **LATE ITEMS**

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

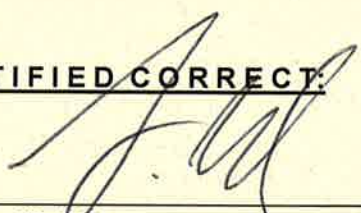
- a) The meeting was adjourned at 1:32 pm

MOTION: ROSS

RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 1:32 PM

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



MAYOR FRANK KONRAD



CORPORATE OFFICER - DIANE HEINRICH