

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS**

**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2016**

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

**ABSENT:**

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	D. Allin
CORPORATE OFFICER	D. Heinrich
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	J. Rhodes

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

- a) The Chair called the December 12, 2016, Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

- a) Adopt agenda  
December 12, 2016, Regular Meeting agenda

Councillor Butler spoke about the recreational item that was discussed at the morning's Committee of the Whole Meeting and that Council determined to consider a resolution to have the City's Chief Administrative Officer meet with Regional District's Chief Administrative Officer to discuss recreational options for an advisory body, at tonight's Regular Meeting, as a late item.

MOTION: THOMPSON / TRIPP

**RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the December 12, 2016, Regular Meeting agenda as amended.**

CARRIED.

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3. **MINUTES**

- a) Adopt minutes  
November 28, 2016, Regular Meeting minutes

MOTION: THOMPSON / TRIPP

**RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the November 28, 2016, Regular Meeting minutes as presented.**

CARRIED.

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4. **REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

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5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

- a) Corporate Officer's Report

Councillor Tripp advised that her report did not make the agenda and received permission from the Mayor to present her report verbally. Please find the details of her report attached to these minutes.

MOTION: BUTLER / ROSS

**RESOLVED THAT verbal report made by Councillor Tripp be received by Council.**

CARRIED.

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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

- Mayor Konrad advised he had no report tonight because the Regional District information was addressed at the Committee of the Whole in the morning.

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**8. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS**

- a) Chief Financial Officer  
Write-off of uncollectible business licences

MOTION: THOMPSON / BUTLER

**RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to write-off uncollectible business licences for Creative Rockworx, Dark Coat Sealcoating & Paving, Shelley's Belfry, Stubby Dogs, Valley Wide Home Improvements, Wayne's Windshield Service, and Wreck-A-Mend-It Auto Body.**

CARRIED.

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**9. REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE**

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**10. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- a) Grand Forks Choral Society  
Grant-in-aid request from the Grand Forks Choral Society regarding music education costs of the event performance at Carnegie Hall in New York City in 2017.  
Council had a discussion with regard to their community support policy and that the organization does not have a grant in aid policy.

MOTION: TRIPP / THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT Council receives for discussion the grant-in-aid request from the Grand Forks Choral Society regarding music education costs of the event performance at Carnegie Hall in New York City in 2017.**

CARRIED.

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**11. BYLAWS**

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**12. LATE ITEMS**

- a) Late Item regarding the resolution for the City's Chief Administrative Officer and the Regional District Chief Administrative Officer to discuss options for an advisory body referred from the December 12th, 2016, Committee of the Whole Meeting.

MOTION: BUTLER / KROG

**RESOLVED THAT the City's Chief Administrative Officer meet with the Chief Administrative Officer of the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary to discuss options for an advisory body to develop increased recreation and cultural activities in the district.**

CARRIED.

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

- a) Nigel James - Asked if Council's procedure could be slightly adjusted to meet the needs of the public as it pertains to questions. For an example, he suggested that residents put their name on a piece of paper and contact information and their topic where they can address their issues publicly.

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**14. ADJOURNMENT**

- a) The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM

MOTION: THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT meeting be adjourned at 7:26 PM**

CARRIED.

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**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**



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MAYOR FRANK KONRAD



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CORPORATE OFFICER - DIANE HEINRICH

## Councillor's Report for December 12<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting

### Beverley Tripp

Since our last regular meeting, there have been a lot of council activities to report on. During the morning of November 22<sup>nd</sup>, I attended a Winter Stakeholder Meeting held at Emcon Services Inc. Highway and road maintenance services were outlined for winter highway driving in the Kootenay-Boundary area. This was a most informative meeting, especially for groups such as ambulance, fire and emergency services who must travel the highways during all weather conditions.

The day continued with a Budget Workshop that I had previously requested to address numerous questions I had on the 2016-2020 Financial Plan Bylaw Amendment 1. Most of council was present at the workshop where our new CFO gave a well crafted power point presentation that guided us through the various aspects of City budgeting procedures, taxation allocations and City spending. This was a great starting point, but unfortunately several of my questions were not adequately addressed. I have been assured by our CAO that I will receive answers to these questions in the near future. I am hopeful that as we go into our next annual budgeting process, I will be more fully conversant with the City's financial picture so as to be comfortable going forward.

I also attended a luncheon held by the Interior Health Association Collaborative Services Committee of Kootenay Boundary. This was a community leader's roundtable lunch presenting the Patient Medical Home/Primary Care Home models for care, and discussing new team-based approaches to primary health care that envisions nursing and allied care staff working directly with physicians and NPs (nurse practitioners). The role of community in a sustainable health system in British Columbia was also discussed. At the meeting, it was announced that the Boundary has been given \$100K to pilot a 'Proof of Concept' for this work. One question that was asked was, "Because of this program will we be losing our hospital?" Thankfully, the answer was a resounding "No!" We will be looking forward with interest to see how this new approach to medical care serves the residents of the Boundary.

A Realtors' Roundtable discussion also took place during the afternoon of the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Only a few realtors were present but they provided some helpful insights into the "state of real estate" in the city, which they reported has been great this year. I believe these roundtable discussions are an excellent way to engage invested community groups and stakeholders – who better to talk to than those with the boots on the ground? And it also lets them know that the City is eager to obtain their feedback. Hopefully next year, these events will be better attended.

On Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, I attended a presentation by two representatives from the provincial government on the Overton Moody Range Unit (also known as Gilpin Grasslands). For me, the main takeaways from this informative session were: On various pieces of ground there can be numerous jurisdictions, tenures, resource uses, and overlapping programs and ministries involved; the Gilpin Grasslands uses include wildlife, grazing for cattle, recreational use, park lands, water use, and many others; inter-use departments within the government work collaboratively to get the maximum benefit of land use, and year over year many variables come into play concerning best management practises for the land; many authorized uses of the land need to co-exist, and public education combined with the

City's involvement in the ongoing management of the area is important. Another issue that was identified in the workshop was that there should be representation and collaboration between City council and the Boundary Invasive Species Council, as invasive species transmission into the Overton Moody Range Unit is problematic.

As this will be our last meeting before the Christmas break, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a joyful holiday filled with cherished moments as we celebrate Jesus' birth in the true spirit of the season. Merry Christmas!

Respectfully submitted,

Beverley Tripp