

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2016

PRESENT:

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

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	D. Allin
CORPORATE OFFICER	D. Heinrich
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	R. Shepherd
(left at 7:30 pm)	
MANAGER OF DEVELOPMENT & ENGINEERING	D. Sheets
MANAGER OF OPERATIONS	D. Reid
DEPUTY MANAGER OF OPERATIONS	D. Drexler

GALLERY

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- a) Adopt agenda
February 15th, 2016, Regular Meeting agenda

The Mayor advised that he was amending the agenda to include as late items:

1. A verbal report from Councillor Ross
2. A verbal report from the Chief Financial Officer with regard to the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Stakeholder meetings which was held earlier today.

MOTION: BUTLER / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the February 15th, 2016, Regular Meeting Agenda, as amended.

CARRIED.

3. MINUTES

- a) Adopt minutes
January 25th, 2016, Special to go In-Camera Meeting minutes

MOTION: HAMMETT / KROG

RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the January 25th, 2016, Special Meeting to go In-Camera minutes as presented.

CARRIED.

- b) Adopt minutes
January 25th, 2016, Regular Meeting minutes

Councillor Butler advised that on Item 9 (a), to remove "and bring back to Council for decision at the Regular Meeting on January 25th, 2016", from the resolution, and Item 11 (a), to remove "at the January 25th, 2016 Regular Meeting", from the resolution.

MOTION: THOMPSON / HAMMETT

RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the January 25th, 2016, Regular Meeting minutes as amended.

CARRIED.

4. REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Corporate Services
AKBLG proposed resolutions for 2016 for Council's consideration

The Mayor advised that the unfinished business that pertained to the AKBLG resolutions would be referred to a Special Meeting to be held on Wednesday, February 17th, 2016, at 1:00 PM at City Hall

MOTION: THOMPSON / BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT the 2016 AKBLG resolutions under item 5 (a), Unfinished Business, would be referred to a Special Meeting to be held on Wednesday, February 17th, 2016, at 1:00 pm at City Hall.

CARRIED.

6. REPORTS, QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

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

Councillor Ross - verbal report

She advised that she attended the Sustainable Communities Conference in Ottawa, and that she would provide a full report to Council on the conference at a later date. Councillor Ross spoke about systemic problems and struggles that local governments face, and that a common theme for this was poor communication, and further that municipalities are plagued with short term thinking and reactive planning. She further commented that the City's sustainable community plan (SCP) should drive Council's decision making - not applications for rezoning, and that a simple one page document should be created that connects Council's Strategic plan with the SCP.

MOTION: BUTLER / THOMPSON

Verbal Rpt *As amended at the Feb 29, 2016 Regular Meeting.
RESOLVED THAT all written reports of Council be received.

CARRIED.

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

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

The Mayor spoke with regard to a West Kootenay & Boundary Regional Hospital meeting of which Marguerite Rotvold was appointed the board chair. The Mayor advised that IHA (Interior Health Association), is planning to move the mental health office to a new site at the "Cash Store" on 2nd Street in Grand Forks.

He reported on his attendance at a January 28th meeting involving the Tourism Society.

The Mayor advised that on February 22nd, the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary will celebrate its 50th anniversary.

The Mayor advised that he was the successful recipient in the draw at the Regional District table to attend the FCM (Federation of Canadian Municipalities) Conference, which is held in Winnipeg this year.

He advised that on February 10th, 2016, at the Regional District's COTW meeting, that there were discussions regarding reuse centres, the 5 year financial plan, and the use of the proceeds from the sale of the Trail airport, to name a few.

On February 6th, the Mayor reported that he and his wife attended the Fire and Rescue event, and that it was a great evening. He further commented on the years of dedicated service and the great work that the group performed.

Following the Mayor's Report, the Chief Financial Officer gave a verbal report regarding her attendance at the Regional District stakeholder's meetings held earlier today where all the different services that are provided to the City were discussed. She advised that some of the highlights were the: BEDC - 2015 surplus - plans for use in the next couple of years; Regional Transit - that they have been billing "actual" in

past years, and will begin billing based on budget for next year, and that the region will likely see an increase next year.

MOTION: THOMPSON / HAMMETT

RESOLVED THAT Mayor Konrad's report on the activities of the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary, given verbally at this meeting be received, and further to the verbal report from the Chief Financial Officer with regard to her attendance at the Regional District stakeholder meetings held today.

CARRIED.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS

- a) Manager of Development and Engineering
To amend the current Zoning Bylaw by rezoning property located at 6401 Highway #3 from the current TC (Tourist Commercial) zone to the HC (Highway Commercial) zone

MOTION: THOMPSON / HAMMETT

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

CARRIED.

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- b) Manager of Development & Engineering Services
Early budget approval for 5th Street Water Main Replacement

MOTION: THOMPSON / KROG

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

CARRIED.

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- c) Manager of Operations
Early budget approval for 3rd Street Sewer Main Repair
The Manager of Operations advised that there may be a cracked pipe and that there is a concern for water levels.

MOTION: THOMPSON / BUTLER

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

CARRIED.

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- d) Manager of Operations
Early budget approval for Well #3 Pump and Motor with VFD and Building Modifications

MOTION: KROG / THOMPSON

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

CARRIED.

9. REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

- a) Tyra van Leur
Letter of 'Thank You' from Tyra for receiving the City of Grand Forks Scholarship

MOTION: HAMMETT THOMPSON

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

CARRIED.

- b) Letter from the City of Port Coquitlam
The City of Port Coquitlam is requesting that all BC Local Governments consider endorsing their 2016 FCM Resolution with regard to Build Canada Grant Funding
as amended at the February 29th, 2016 Regular Meeting.
Council had discussion with regard to the change in percentage and the chance that there could be less grants provided as a whole. Council advised that the Mayor, as the City's representation, is attending the FCM, and that he should be delivering the vote on behalf of the City.

MOTION: BUTLER / THOMPSON

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

CARRIED.

- c) Deputy Manager of Operations
Proposed draft correspondence with regard to requested financial support for the airport, from the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary

The Deputy Manager of Operations spoke with regard to airport services and of the data collected for the services and advised that the City has a good business case to present to the Regional District for a request for financial assistance. Councillor Krog suggested to remove the page on events before submitting the proposal and that the night flight service needs to be on the forefront.

MOTION: KROG / THOMPSON

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

CARRIED.

11. **BYLAWS**

12. **LATE ITEMS**

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

- a) DELLA MALLETT - She asked if the Mayor could expand on the museum initiative from the RDKB. The Mayor advised that it's still in the discussion stage.
FIL MAURO - He advised the Council meetings held today, have been very professional and polite.
COUNCILLOR THOMPSON - She thanked the Union members in the gallery, for attending the Council meeting.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

- a) The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm

MOTION: ROSS

RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:05 PM

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



MAYOR FRANK KONRAD



CORPORATE OFFICER - DIANE HEINRICH