

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 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
MANAGER OF OPERATIONS D. Reid

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

- a) The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

- a) Adopt agenda
January 11th, 2016, Regular Meeting agenda

MOTION: ROSS / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the January 11th, 2016, Regular Meeting agenda as presented.

CARRIED.

3. **MINUTES**

- a) Adopt minutes
December 14th, 2015, Committee of the Whole minutes

MOTION: THOMPSON / HAMMETT

RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the December 14th, 2015, Committee of the Whole minutes as presented.

CARRIED.

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- b) Adopt minutes
December 14th, 2015, Regular Meeting minutes.
Councillor Thompson advised that she wished to amend the agenda on Item 10 a) first paragraph - last line, should read " and bring it forward" , not "bright" it forward

MOTION: ROSS / HAMMETT

RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the December 14th, 2015, Regular Meeting minutes as amended.

CARRIED.

- c) Adopt minutes
December 17th, 2015, Special to go In-Camera minutes

MOTION: ROSS / HAMMETT

THAT Council adopt the December 17th, 2015, Special to go In-Camera minutes as presented.

CARRIED.

4. REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Cavan Gates, Christina Gateway CDA
A group of regional tourism accommodators and nonprofit societies is requesting a letter of support for the application to implement a Municipal Regional District Tax (MRDT)

Councillor Hammett advised that she thought the concept was good, but that there are no participants west of Grand Forks, and it means that the tax will be imposed for Grand Forks and for Christina Lake. Councillor Butler advised that she would've liked to see more support than the 64% of the accommodators which were in favour of the tax. Councillor Thompson advised that this is not unique to Grand Forks and a lot of communities support this tax. Councillor Hammett advised that she would like to see some numbers of what they anticipate to collect.

MOTION: HAMMETT / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT Council supports the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary's application to the Ministry of Finance for the 2% Municipal and Regional District Tax for the designated accommodation area that includes the majority of RDKB electoral areas

C, D, and E, and the municipalities therein;
AND FURTHER THAT if support from The City of Greenwood or the Village of Midway is not forthcoming, the City of Grand Forks nonetheless supports the MRDT for a modified designated accommodation area including RDKB Areas C and D, and the City of Grand Forks.

MOTION NEGATED.

Mayor Konrad, Councillor Butler and Councillor Hammett voted against the motion.

MOTION: HAMMETT / BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT Staff obtain the information from Cavan Gates regarding the percentage of accommodators within the City of Grand Forks that were in favour of the tax and to bring back to Council at the regular meeting on January 25th, 2016

CARRIED.

6. REPORTS, QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

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

Councillor Hammett spoke with regard to attending the Local Government Leadership Academy in Richmond BC. Councillors Hammett, Butler and the Mayor advised that they would like to attend. Councillor Ross advised that she would like to see a verbal report/presentation on what everyone has learned so everyone can benefit from the experience.

Councillor Butler advised that there are budget workshops forthcoming for the public to attend. Councillor Butler commented on her disappointment in not obtaining information on the breakdown of lawyer's fees, as per Council's resolution, and was advised by Council that no timeline was part of the resolution, and further that December invoices weren't yet recorded.

MOTION: HAMMETT / BUTLER

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 advised that there is no report to give as no Regional District meetings have ensued.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS

- a) Chief Financial Officer
Asset Management Financial Policy 808

The Chief Financial Officer gave a brief recap of Policy 808 and advised that the policy would assist the City in the replacement of future infrastructure.

MOTION: THOMPSON / HAMMETT

RESOLVED THAT Council adopt Policy 808 - Asset Management Financial Policy.
CARRIED.

Councillor Butler voted against the motion.

9. REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

- a) Chief Administrative Officer
Presentation regarding the 2015 Year in Review

The Chief Administrative Officer spoke with regard to the points of the presentation.

MOTION: THOMPSON / HAMMETT

THAT Council receives the presentation from the Chief Administrative Officer regarding the 2015 Year in Review.
CARRIED.

11. BYLAWS

- a) Chief Financial Officer
Bylaw 2019 - The City of Grand Forks 2016 Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw

MOTION: BUTLER / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT Council give final reading to Bylaw No. 2019 - The City of Grand Forks Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw - 2016.
CARRIED.

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- b) Manager of Operations
Water Regulations Bylaw No. 1973-A1

MOTION: THOMPSON / HAMMETT

RESOLVED THAT Council give final reading to the Water Regulations Bylaw No. 1973-A1.

CARRIED.

Councillor Butler voted against the motion.

- c) Manager of Building Inspection & Bylaw Services
Amendment Bylaw No. 1957-A4 as it relates to Schedule 4 of the Municipal Ticketing and Information Bylaw No. 1957 (Re: Unsightly Premises Bylaw No. 1962)

MOTION: THOMPSON / KROG

RESOLVED THAT Council considers giving first three readings to the amendment Bylaw No. 1957-A4. This bylaw makes reference to Schedule 4 of the Municipal Ticketing and Information Bylaw No. 1957, in relation to the Unsightly Premises Bylaw No. 1962.

CARRIED.

12. LATE ITEMS

13. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA

NIGEL JAMES - He spoke with regard to the recycling bins and expressed concerns over their removal.

LES JOHNSON - He advised the Mr. Ronaghan, who was a regular participant at Council meetings, would likely be watching from overhead, as he had recently passed away.

14. ADJOURNMENT

- a) The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm

MOTION: HAMMETT

RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:00 pm

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



MAYOR FRANK KONRAD



CORPORATE OFFICER - DIANE HEINRICH