

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

**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 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 DEVELOPMENT & ENGINEERING	D. Sheets
DEPUTY MANAGER OF OPERATIONS	D. Drexler

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

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**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The Mayor advised that he was amending the agenda to remove an item and to include a late item:

1. To amend the Regular Meeting to remove Item 11 (b) regarding Council's consideration to give third reading to Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1606-A4, 2016;
2. To add, as a Late Item to the Council Reports section: Councillor Ross to give Council a brief update on the forestry issue that she has been working on.

- a) Adopt agenda  
January 25th, 2016, Regular Meeting agenda

MOTION: KROG / BUTLER

**RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the January 25th, 2016, Regular Meeting, as amended.**  
CARRIED.

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**3. MINUTES**

- a) Adopt minutes  
January 11th, 2016, Special to go In-Camera minutes

MOTION: THOMPSON / BUTLER

**RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the January 11th, 2016, Special to go In-Camera minutes as presented.**

CARRIED.

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- b) Adopt minutes  
January 11th, 2016, Public Hearing Meeting minutes.

MOTION: THOMPSON / BUTLER

**RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the January 11th, 2016, Public Hearing Meeting minutes as presented.**

CARRIED.

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- c) Adopt minutes  
January 11th, 2016, Regular Meeting minutes

MOTION: THOMPSON / BUTLER

**RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the January 11th, 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  
Written reports of Council

COUNCILLOR ROSS - Spoke with regard to the forestry initiative and advised that

she would like to display some graphics to Council at the next meeting. Councillor Ross advised that she has asked for an extension to the initiative for public comment, and further commented that no notices were sent to the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary and to the City of Grand Forks. She spoke of the threat to the Granby Grizzly population. She reported she has received over 100 emails with regard to the BC forest watch, and that she would like to put forward a motion at the next meeting as well. She advised that she has a call in and an email to the UBCM regarding any past resolutions regarding the forestry issue so that her resolution does not duplicate prior resolutions.

COUNCILLOR BUTLER - Spoke with regard to her prior request for legal fees information and asked that the Chief Administrative Officer disclose this information to Council. Other members of Council advised that Staff is currently working on the budgeting process and that this information will be made available at a later time.

MOTION: THOMPSON / ROSS

**RESOLVED THAT all written & verbal reports of Council be received.**

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.

The Mayor reported on his attendance at the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary meeting on January 13th, and that the major issues were regarding budget matters, solid waste management, and reuse sites regarding the relocation or closing of those sites.

He further reported on his attendance on January 21st at a Boundary Economic Development Committee meeting, and that Margaret Rotvold was appointed as the Director for this committee. He advised that the major discussion ensued around the area's trails regarding surfacing, expanding, and better lobbying to higher levels of government.

The Mayor spoke about the Hockeyville Kraft initiative for the area.

MOTION: BUTLER / HAMMETT

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

CARRIED.

MOTION: HAMMETT / THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT Council endorses the Hockeyville Kraft initiative, and directs Staff to pursue the initiative for the City of Grand Forks.**

CARRIED.

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**8. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS**

- a) Chief Financial Officer  
Funding for ladder truck purchase

The Chief Financial Officer spoke with regard to the options for financing for the Fire Truck. She advised that it would be wise to keep the equipment reserve in case of emergency and to finance the amount through the Municipal Finance Authority.

MOTION: THOMPSON / HAMMETT

**RESOLVED THAT Council finances the 2015 Rosenbauer 101' Cobra Platform Fire Truck through the Municipal Finance Authority Equipment Financing Program for \$722,518.58, under Section 175 of the Community Charter for a maximum of five years with no right of renewal.**

CARRIED.

Councillor Butler opposed the motion.

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- b) Manager of Development & Engineering Services  
BC Conservation Foundation (BCCF) - WildSafeBC Program for 2016

MOTION: HAMMETT / ROSS

**RESOLVED THAT Council supports staff proceeding with preparing the application for a WildSafeBC Community Coordinator for the 2016 season.**

CARRIED.

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**9. REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Deputy Corporate Officer/Communications  
Memorandum regarding the Municipal and Regional District Tax (MRDT)

Councillor Hammett wished to clarify that it is Grand Forks and Christina Lake who are the participants to this initiative, but it is not regional.

MOTION: KROG / THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT Council receives the information obtained by staff from Cavan Gates regarding the percentage of accommodators within the City of Grand Forks that were**

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in favour of the tax, and bring back to Council for decision at the Regular Meeting on   
~~January 26th, 2016.~~ *# AO amended, at the February 15, 2016, Regular Meeting.* CARRIED.

MOTION: HAMMETT / THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT the City of Grand Forks endorses the implementation of the Municipal Regional District Tax for the City of Grand Forks.**

CARRIED.

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**10. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- a) Chief Financial Officer  
BC Assessment 2015 Supplementary Update

The Chief Financial Officer spoke with regard to BC Assessment Supplementary Update. She advised that the City should look at a contingency reserve to offset changes to the roll. She advised that she could bring it forward for Council's consideration in the 2016 budgeting process.

MOTION: KROG / BUTLER

**RESOLVED THAT Council receives for information the memorandum from the Chief Financial Officer regarding the BC Assessment 2015 Supplementary Update.**

CARRIED.

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- b) Deputy Manager of Operations  
Memorandum regarding the Campground Policy No. 1206 and Campground Bylaw No. 1812 and amendments

The Deputy Manager of Operations spoke with regard to complaints received with regard to Campground usage and proposed changes, as presented for Council's review.

MOTION: KROG / BUTLER

**RESOLVED THAT Council receives for information the memorandum from the Deputy Manager of Operations regarding the Campground Policy No. 1206 and Campground Bylaw No. 1812 and amendments.**

CARRIED.

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- c) Monthly Highlight Reports from Department Managers  
Staff request for Council to receive the monthly activity reports from department managers



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The Chief Administrative Officer spoke with regard to the Occupational Health and Safety component of the organization, and advised that this month's focus is on personal protective equipment (PPE), and that the City would be providing safety topics on a monthly basis.

Councillor Butler asked on the status of the City's wells - The Chief Administrative Officer advised that well no. 3 has some challenges with the motor and is currently out of service, and further that the City is looking at options.

MOTION: HAMMETT / THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT Council receives the monthly activity reports from department managers.**

CARRIED.

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**11. BYLAWS**

- a) Manager of Building Inspections & 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 gives the amendment Bylaw No. 1957- A4 Final Reading, at ~~the January 26th, 2016, Regular Meeting.~~**

*as amended at the February 15, 2016, Regular Meeting.*

CARRIED.

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**12. LATE ITEMS**

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

ROMA HAMILTON - She spoke about legal fees, the possibility of taxes rising with concerns for Senior Citizens on limited incomes.

FIL MAURO - He commented that the legal fees discussion has reoccurred over a couple of meetings now.

BEVERLY TRIPP - She spoke about a past report of Councillor's Butler's pertaining to In-Camera meetings.

DONNA SEMENOFF - She spoke regarding Councillor Butler's report in tonight's agenda

LES JOHNSON - He asked why Councillor Butler is asking for legal fee amounts in correlation to her report in tonight's agenda, and couldn't this be regarded as a conflict of interest.

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**14. ADJOURNMENT**

a) The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm

MOTION: THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:21 pm**

CARRIED.

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**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**



MAYOR FRANK KONRAD



CORPORATE OFFICER – DIANE HEINRICH