

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

**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 14, 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 MANAGER OF OPERATIONS  
DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF  
BUILDING INSPECTOR/BYLAWS SERVICES

D. Allin  
D. Heinrich  
D. Drexler  
K. McKinnon  
W. Kopan

GALLERY

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

- a) The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm

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2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

- a) Adopt agenda  
March 14th, 2016, Regular Meeting agenda

MOTION: BUTLER / THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the March 14th, 2016, Regular Meeting agenda as presented.**

CARRIED.

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3. **MINUTES**

- a) Adopt minutes  
February 29th, 2016, Regular Meeting minutes

The Mayor advised he had an amendment to the February 29th minutes under Item 7 (a) where it should read, - "proposed trail around Christina Lake Golf Course"- not just Christina Lake.

MOTION: KROG / THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the February 29th, 2016, Regular Meeting minutes as amended.**

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

MOTION: BUTLER / HAMMETT

**RESOLVED THAT all written and 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 Boundary Economic Development Committee meeting on March 1st at RDKB Office, where the main issues involved budget discussions, and from the Boundary Country Community Futures perspective: a job creation project and a call for a large animal veterinarian. He advised that they will be asking for a letter of support from RDKB and from the City.

He advised that he attended a meeting on March 10th where there was a discussion regarding a website banner for the RDKB's 50th Anniversary and further, how the City was going to address the event. He further reported that Community Futures were looking into welcome packages for the area.

MOTION: BUTLER / THOMPSON

**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: BUTLER / HAMMETT

**RESOLVED THAT Council directs Staff to work with the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary on facilitating the acquiring of a veterinarian for the area and report back to Council.**

CARRIED.

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**8. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS**

- a) Corporate Services  
Appointment of the Chief and Deputy Chief Election Officer

MOTION: KROG / THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT Council appoints Corporate Officer, Diane Heinrich as Chief Election Officer at a rate of \$1,000.00 and Sarah Winton as Deputy Chief Election Officer at a rate of \$750.00 for the City of Grand Forks, and further authorizes the Chief Election Officer and the Deputy Chief Election Officer to hire election officials for the purpose of conducting the 2016 Local Government By-Election.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council accepts the proposed date for the 2016 by-election as May 28th, 2016.**

CARRIED.

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- b) Deputy Manager of Emergency Services  
Proposed budget amendment for facility repair at 7214 - 2nd Street

The Deputy Fire Chief spoke with regard to the structure requiring additional attention that what was previously estimated.

MOTION: HAMMETT / THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT Council determines to authorize a \$6,100 increase in the Fire Department operating budget, to be funded from taxation, to allow the repair work to be completed in 2016.**

CARRIED.

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- c) Deputy Manager of Operations  
Art Gallery trees

MOTION: HAMMETT / THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff not to proceed with the removal of the two silver maple trees or any limbs by the Gallery 2 facility.**

CARRIED.

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9. **REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE**

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10. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

- a) Bev Tripp  
Letter regarding a Call for Restorative Justice in Grand Forks

MOTION: THOMPSON / HAMMETT

**RESOLVED THAT Council receives Bev Tripp's letter regarding a Call for Restorative Justice in Grand Forks for information.**

CARRIED.

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11. **BYLAWS**

- a) Manager of Development & Engineering Services  
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: BUTLER / HAMMETT

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

CARRIED.

Councillor Ross voted against the motion.

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- b) Chief Financial Officer  
Bylaw 2015-A1 - Electrical Utility Regulatory Amendment Bylaw

MOTION: THOMPSON / HAMMETT

**RESOLVED THAT Council give final reading to Bylaw 2015-A1 - Electrical Utility Regulatory Amendment Bylaw.**

CARRIED.

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12. **LATE ITEMS**

- a) Councillor Ross advised that she wanted to give a big shout out to the Mary Poppins productions organizers and actors who recently provided great entertainment to the community.

The Mayor acknowledged Derrick's presence at the meeting from Juice 102.3, the new radio station broadcasting here in Grand Forks.

The Mayor wished to advise those candidates who are thinking of running in the by-election, that Council is willing to assist in answering questions to those who are thinking of running.

The Mayor further advised that work is to commence on 3rd Street regarding City infrastructure.

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

CRAIG LINDSAY - Asked about nomination period of the election and was advised that the timeline is indicated in tonight's agenda. He further asked if the City had a Communications policy prior to the Ombudsperson's advice on communication. Councillor Butler advised that the City was working on a communications policy at the same time period as the Ombudsperson recommendation, and consequently integrated the recommendations prior to the adoption of the policy.

BEVERLEY TRIPP - She wished to thank Council for putting her letter in the agenda and spoke to the issue.

KARIN BAGN - She advised that she would like to echo Ms. Tripp's comments.

LES JOHNSON - He spoke about Ms. Tripp's letter and commented that her letter implies that Council has to cast themselves as villains. Mr. Johnson further advised that this is his last taping of Council meetings. The Mayor thanked Mr. Les Johnson for his many years of good broadcasting for the City.

GENE KOCH - Advised that he sent a letter a few weeks back regarding removal of trees and the protection of owls in the Vienna Woods and wished to thank Mr. Drexler for coming to the scene very quickly. He further asked what the City was doing to ensure viability of the woods. The Chief Administrative Officer advised that there was a biologist report that was brought to Council, and further that perhaps a conversation could be started to begin a restorative plan for the woods. Councillor Ross spoke about a website named "Tree Canada" where it speaks to planting of urban forests.

FRED SCOTT - He asked if Council has given any thought to suggest that the Ombudsperson relocate to Grand Forks.

LES JOHNSON - He spoke with regard to the discussion of the community obtaining a large animal vet, and if there would, perhaps, be an opportunity that a Syrian refugee may have qualifications for a position.

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**14. ADJOURNMENT**

- a) The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM

MOTION: ROSS

**RESOLVED THAT the Regular Meeting be adjourned at 8:01 PM**

CARRIED.

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MAYOR FRANK KONRAD

  
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CORPORATE OFFICER - DIANE HEINRICH