

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

**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2016**

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

ACTING CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER  
ACTING CORPORATE OFFICER  
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER  
MANAGER OF DEVELOPMENT & ENGINEERING

D. Heinrich  
S. Winton  
R. Shepherd  
D. Sheets

GALLERY

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

- a) The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM

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**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

- a) Adopt agenda  
March 29th, 2016, Regular Meeting agenda

The Mayor requested that item 8 (a) be removed from the agenda.

MOTION: THOMPSON / ROSS

**RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the March 29th, 2016, Regular Meeting agenda as amended.**

CARRIED.

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**3. MINUTES**

- a) Adopt minutes

MOTION: HAMMETT / THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the March 14th, 2016, COTW Meeting minutes as presented.**

CARRIED.

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- b) Adopt minutes  
March 14th, 2016, Regular Meeting minutes

Councillor Butler advised that the minutes do not reflect that Ms. Tripp asked "that a response be provided in writing" and requested this be included in the minutes.

Council advised that:

- it is already documented that Council receives for information as is recorded in the minutes.
- Minutes typically record motions and not questions or discussion from the public

MOTION: HAMMETT / KROG

**RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the March 14th, 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 Butler suggested that Stage 2 water restrictions be removed and we revert back to Stage 1.

A/CAO advised that the Manager of Operations will be bringing a report to Council on April 11 regarding this.

Council discussed:

- Special dispensation over the next short while to allow for spring cleanup

MOTION: ROSS /HAMMETT

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

CARRIED.

MOTION: BUTLER

**RESOLVED THAT Council determine to revert to stage 1 watering restrictions**  
THERE WAS NO SECONDER.

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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 reported that:

- On March 23, he attended the WKBRHD meeting: The 2016 budget was approved, and the committee discussed IHA's regulations on small water systems.
- On March 16, he attended the C.O.W. meeting: landfill hours, closure of re-use station, the five year financial plan, and Emergency Communications and preparedness were discussed.
- On March 24, he attended the board meeting: there were delegations from BC Timber Sales and Boundary Animal Control, with discussion regarding Re-Use Centres

MOTION: HAMMETT / ROSS

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

CARRIED.

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**8. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS**

- a) Gallery2 Funding Agreement

The agenda was amended to include the removal of item 8(a).

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- b) Corporate Services/Administration

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Revised Funding Agreements for Boundary Museum, Boundary Regional Chamber of Commerce and Boundary District Arts Council

Council Discussed:

- Having Council liaisons at these board tables, who would report out on behalf of the funded group instead of each group reporting quarterly
- Continue to have executive directors present quarterly
- Current limit of three delegations per COTW meeting is a challenge
- With board delegations Council could ask questions
- Amending the procedure bylaw

MOTION: THOMPSON / HAMMETT

**RESOLVED THAT Council determines to approve the proposed changes, as presented, to the Boundary Museum, Boundary Regional Chamber of Commerce and Boundary District Arts Council Fees for Service Agreements, as presented.**

*\* MOTION DEFEATED.*

MOTION: THOMPSON / ROSS

*\* As amended at the April 11<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting*

**RESOLVED THAT the funding agreements for the Boundary Museum Society and Boundary Country Regional Chamber of Commerce include a stipulation that ~~verbal~~ reports ~~are~~ provided to Council at Regular Meetings on a quarterly basis.**

*\* members of their BOARDS GIVE QUARTERLY*

CARRIED.

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- c) Manager of Development & Engineering  
2016 Capital Project - Wastewater Treatment Plant - UV Upgrade

Manager of Engineering advised that:

- The harmonization of federal and provincial regulations and is underway
- The cost of the environmental impact study is \$25,000, for the bypass approval is \$7,500, and for the site visit and data collection is \$7,500

MOTION: THOMPSON / KROG

**RESOLVED THAT Council revises the 2016 Financial Plan to include \$40,000 additional funding for a scope change to the WWTP UV Disinfection Project, to be funded from the land sales reserve.**

CARRIED.

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9. REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

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10. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

- a) Mayor Konrad  
Letter of support regarding recruitment of veterinary services in Grand Forks

MOTION: BUTLER / THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT Council receives the letter of support regarding recruitment of veterinary services in Grand Forks and authorizes the letter for the Mayor's signature and staff to send the letter on Council's behalf with changes as noted for a small and large animal specialist clinic.**

CARRIED.

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- b) Manager of Development & Engineering Services  
Municipal Natural Capital Initiative Program

Council discussed:

- Full cost recovery
- Eco assets
- Asset management
- Putting a dollar value of natural assets
- Raising rates
- Selling of natural assets
- Market environmentalism
- Consider other types of programs

The A/CAO advised that the recommendation is to receive the memorandum for information

Manager of Engineering advised that a letter of intent was submitted and that it is non-binding.

MOTION: HAMMETT / BUTLER

**RESOLVED THAT Council receives the memorandum from the Manager of Development & Engineering Services regarding the Municipal Natural Capital Initiative Program.**

CARRIED.

COUNCILLOR BUTLER OPPOSED THE MOTION.

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11. **BYLAWS**

- a) Chief Financial Officer

MOTION: THOMPSON / HAMMETT

**RESOLVED THAT Council gives first three readings to 2016-2020 Financial Plan Bylaw 2024.**

CARRIED.

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**12. LATE ITEMS**

- a) The Mayor advised that the April 25th, Regular Meeting has been cancelled and a Special Meeting has been added on April 19, 2016 at 10:00am.

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

- a) Phil Mauro  
Spoke with regard to Roberts Rules of Order

Alisha Blackwell

Spoke with regard to how money is tracked that is provided to non for profit groups

Terry Woodruff

Spoke with regard to the removal of item 8 (a) - the Gallery 2 funding request.

Mayor Konrad advised that Gallery2 would receive a letter of explanation shortly.

Linda Dixon - Sunshine Valley Women's Institute

Spoke with regard to the Silver Kettle Sidewalk

Mayor Konrad advised that there is no definitive time line for the project.

Nigel James

Spoke with regard to the water rates committee letter

Mayor Konrad advised the water rates committee has not met as of yet

Mr. James also spoke to the financial plan and the 2.3 % increase  
and to Council attending meetings of funded organizations

James Hamilton

He spoke with regard to the Municipal Natural Capital Initiative Program and the rising costs of water, and whether it is appropriate for staff to initiate a letter on the City's behalf.

Mayor Konrad advised that this is a typical process.



Councillor Krog advised that it is due process for staff to submit applications on behalf of the City.

Councillor Thompson advised that often letters or proposals are under tight timelines and that staff keeps doors open under these circumstances.

Mayor Konrad advised that the CAO advises him on all relevant correspondence prior to it being sent out.

Councillor Butler read a section from the Town of Gibsons website regarding the Municipal Natural Capital Initiative Program.

Councillor Krog spoke with regard to Gibsons raising water rates to meet costs and explained the project.

Councillor Butler commented that it was strange that Council didn't get informed of the Eco-Assets from the CAO and further that the City Chief Administrative Officer who sits on the Asset Management Board, should've known about this ahead of time.

Councillor Thompson spoke to Councillor Butler's comments towards CAO, Doug Allin, stating that those comments are derogatory, and it is common knowledge that Councillor Butler dislikes the CAO. Councillor Thompson further asked Councillor Butler to stop criticizing management and staff.

Councillor Hammett spoke with regard to the 2.3% tax rate increase.

Councillor Butler advised that she is not critical of the CAO and her comments are only to oversee the work of the CAO.

Mayor Konrad said to Councillor Butler that he is done with her undermining the CAO and that she needs to stop doing that.

Donna Semenoff  
Spoke with regard to eco assets and the aquifer

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**14. ADJOURNMENT**

- a) The Mayor adjourned the meeting.

MOTION: ROSS / HAMMETT

**RESOLVED THAT the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm**

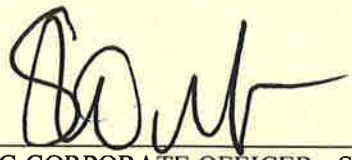
CARRIED.

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MAYOR FRANK KONRAD

  
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ACTING CORPORATE OFFICER - SARAH  
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