

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

MONDAY, MAY 30, 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
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
MANAGER OF BUILDING INSPECTION/
BYLAW SERVICES

D. Allin
D. Heinrich
R. Shepherd
W. Kopan

GALLERY

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- a) Adopt agenda
May 30th, 2016, Regular Meeting agenda

The Mayor advised that he was adding a late item to the agenda with regard to a Financial Plan update from the Chief Financial Officer.

MOTION: THOMPSON / ROSS

RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the May 30th, 2016, Regular Meeting agenda as amended.

CARRIED.

3. MINUTES

- a) Adopt minutes
May 9th, 2016, Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes

MOTION: THOMPSON / KROG

RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the May 9th, 2016, Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes as presented.

CARRIED.

- b) Adopt minutes
May 9th, 2016, Special Meeting to go In-Camera minutes

MOTION: HAMMETT / KROG

RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the May 9th, 2016, Special Meeting to go In-Camera minutes as presented.

CARRIED.

- c) Adopt minutes
May 9th, 2016, Regular Meeting minutes

MOTION: ROSS / HAMMETT

RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the May 9th, 2016, Regular Meeting minutes as presented.

CARRIED.

- d) Adopt minutes
May 19th, 2016, Special Meeting to go In-Camera minutes

MOTION: ROSS / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the May 19th, 2016, Special Meeting to go In-Camera minutes as presented.

CARRIED.

4. REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. REPORTS, QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

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

Councillor Butler spoke with regard to the Recreation Commission and a proposal for Council to consider to reactivate a Recreation and Culture Committee. She spoke further with regard to her notice of motion regarding the breakdown of sludge build-up in the sewer ponds, and advised that she would be putting the motion forward at the next Regular meeting.

Councillor Hammett spoke with regard to Council's support of the Grand Forks International Baseball Tournament by wearing GFI T-shirts, and further advised that these T-shirts will be on sale at downtown stores. She advised that any business owners interested in selling these T-shirts, they should contact her.

MOTION: ROSS / 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 reported on his attendance at a May 11th Regional District Committee of the Whole (COW), held in Trail. He advised that there was a discussion to appoint CIBC as the financial institution to represent the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary. He further reported that there was a conversation on the Reuse Centre. He further advised that there was conversation regarding the closure of a couple of oil drop off sites in the region.

He reported that at the June 15th Regional COW meeting in Trail, there will be a 2 hour training session on emergency disaster.

At a May 25th RDKB meeting, there was discussion with regard to the Agricultural Land Commission where information for developing bylaws would be provided for use for municipalities. The Mayor commented on an excellent PowerPoint presentation regarding Rural communities across BC.

On May 26th, he reported on his attendance at a Woodlot Tour in Westbridge and advised that they are practicing good, quality forestry management. George Delisle, who was in attendance, gave the Mayor a great book on the subject.

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.

CARRIED.

8. **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS**

- a) Manager of Building Inspection & Bylaw Services
Contracted Bylaw Enforcement Officer

Council questioned the timeline period, whereas the Bylaw Enforcement Manager advised that this amount is for services for a 5 month period. There was a discussion to perhaps using summer students as "water ambassadors", and the potential for possible unsafe situations. The Bylaw Enforcement officer spoke with regard to situations that are continuous problems. Council asked if a person hired for this job is required to have a Bylaw Enforcement certificate. The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the City would definitely encourage a person to have a certificate; however, it is not always the case to have certification, and further they would be working under the Bylaw Enforcement Manager. Council spoke about the service which would cover weekends when offences usually occur.

MOTION: KROG / THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT Council receives the report and approves the Contracted Bylaw Services seasonal position for 2016;
AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council amends the 2016 Financial Plan in the amount of \$28,000.00 funded through surplus.**

CARRIED.

Councillor Butler opposed the motion.

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- b) Manager of Development & Engineering Services
Development Permit
Proposed Highway Commercial Development Lot A, DL 520, SDYD
Plan KAP 83258 PID 026-994-828
(MAXX FX Land Developers Inc.) Property size - 1.12 ha / 2.77 acres

Mr. Dave Smith of Smith Consultants provided a presentation to Council with regard to the proposed development. He spoke with regard to Tim Horton's and the gas station/convenience store. He advised that he is on a contract basis with the City relating to matters such as these.

Councillor Ross expressed concerns on the lack of teeth of the City's Sustainable Community Plan. Councillor Hammett advised that she is excited about the development and the economic benefits it can bring to the community, and that Council can choose to modify its sustainable community plan at a later date. Councillor Butler advised that she would like to see a heritage mural on the building and that the developer could work with the community's historical society. The Mayor advised that this is a good development and that the tax payer's deserve this development. Councillor Thompson echoed that this is a great development for the City. Councillor Krog had concerns for the nearby neighbours and would like to ensure that the residents are not overly impacted by over lighting. He commented that he would like to see a brick exterior to match the community's heritage component.

MOTION: THOMPSON / HAMMETT

RESOLVED THAT Council approves in principle and authorizes final sign-off by the Approving Officer of Development Permit #2016DPMFX, for a multi-building, highway commercial development for a service station, convenience store and restaurant located within the General Commercial Development Permit Area on Lot A, DL 520, SDYD, Plan KAP 83258, PID 026-994-828.

CARRIED.

Councillor Ross opposed the motion.

- c) Manager of Development & Engineering Services
THPSC - Transition Housing Project Steering Committee

MOTION: THOMPSON / ROSS

RESOLVED THAT Council dissolves the THPSC - Transition Housing Project Committee;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Mayor's Office on behalf of Council extends its appreciation to those members who were participants on the Committee;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Grand Forks, through staff representatives, provides positive, appropriate support to BETHS - the Boundary Emergency Transition Housing Society in moving forward with planning to develop transition housing for homeless individuals in Grand Forks.

CARRIED.

9. REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

- a) Grand Forks & District Fall Fair
Requesting Special Occasion Liquor Licence for 2nd Annual Shuck & Cluck Gala, Saturday, June 18th, 2016, at Dick Bartlett Park

MOTION: HAMMETT / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT Council approves the issuing of a Special Occasion Liquor Licence to the Grand Forks & District Fall Fair Society for the Shuck & Cluck Event on June 18th, 2016, at Dick Bartlett Park, subject to the Grand Forks & District Fall Fair obtaining third party (party alcohol) liability insurance naming the City of Grand Forks as an additional insured on that policy; all Grand Forks & District Fall Fair liquor providers to hold a Serving It Right Licence Certificate; and ICBC "Drinking and Driving" warning posters to be displayed.

CARRIED.

- b) School District No. 51 (Boundary)
Walker Development Centre, alternate learning site, an opportunity to participate in the establishment of a scholarship program

Councillor spoke with regard to scholarships for the School District.

MOTION: BUTLER / HAMMETT

RESOLVED THAT Council receives for discussion regarding the decision to participate in the establishment of a scholarship program with the Walker Development Centre, alternate learning site, for School District No. 51 (Boundary).

CARRIED.

Councillor Krog opposed the motion

- c) Peter Matheson and the Learning Garden Team
Request for support regarding the Xeriscape Landscaping Contest developed through the Learning Garden

Members of Council discussed the proposal and that it is for the public to enter a contest.

MOTION: THOMPSON / ROSS

RESOLVED THAT Council determines to support the request from Peter Matheson and the Learning Garden Team to support the Xeriscape Landscaping Contest; AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council determines to contribute a prize to one winner of the contest.

CARRIED.

- d) Canada Day Committee
Invitation for July 1, 2016, City Park participation in the Canada Day Ceremonies. The Mayor advised that he plans to participate in emceeing and entertainment co-chair.

MOTION: ROSS / HAMMETT

RESOLVED THAT Council discuss parade participation, cake serving, and Mayor advises on emceeing and entertainment Co-Chair.

CARRIED.

11. BYLAWS

- a) Chief Financial Officer
2016 Water Rates Amendment

MOTION: THOMPSON / KROG

RESOLVED THAT Council gives first three readings to Bylaw 1973-A2 Water Regulation Amendment 2016.

CARRIED.

Councillor Butler opposed the motion.

- b) Chief Financial Officer
2016 Waste Water Rates Amendment

MOTION: THOMPSON / KROG

**RESOLVED THAT Council gives first three readings to Bylaw 1974-A1 Sewer Regulations Amendment 2016;
AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council amends the 2016 Financial Plan to reduce the 2016 Waste Water transfer to capital reserve from \$72,500 to \$30,000 to be funded from surplus.**

CARRIED.

Councillor Butler opposed the motion.

12. **LATE ITEMS**

- a) Chief Financial Officer
Memorandum - Financial Plan update

The Chief Administrative Officer spoke with regard to the surplus and the great news story this is for the community. Council spoke about the slag fund being used for infrastructure projects in the past. Councillor Ross advised that she would like to see that funding remain as a line item in the slag fund column and Councillor Butler concurred with Councillor Ross.

MOTION: HAMMETT / ROSS

RESOLVED THAT Council receives the memorandum from the Chief Financial Officer for the Financial Plan update as a Late Item.

CARRIED.

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

DERRICK MCDONNOUGH from the Juice Radio station asked when was the last time when something like the Tim Horton's/Gas Station was built in Grand Forks - He was advised that Extra Foods was completed in 2003.

KATE SAYLORS - New Reporter for the Grand Forks Gazette, asked how long the process takes for the Tim Horton's development, and was advised that the timeline will be based on the extent of the information that MOTI (Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure), requires - hopefully in coming weeks.

BRIAN THATE - When would the project be completed? The CAO advised the project should be completed before the snow flies.

GLORIA KOCH - Advised she was following along on the late item sheet and wanted clarification on the figures in the graph. She was advised that the late item showed an option and the information on the screen showed solutions.

14. ADJOURNMENT

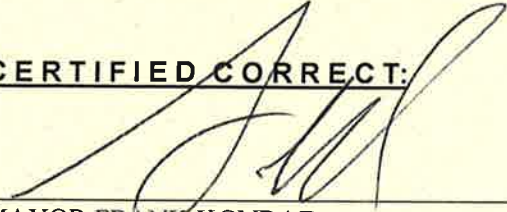
a) The Meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM

MOTION: KROG

RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:34 PM

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR FRANK KONRAD

FOR ACTING CO

CORPORATE OFFICER - DIANE HEINRICH