

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

September 19, 2016.

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

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	D. Allin
ACTING CORPORATE OFFICER	S. Winton
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	J. Rhodes
MANAGER OF DEVELOPMENT & ENGINEERING	D. Sheets
MANAGER OF OPERATIONS	D. Reid
MANAGER OF BUILDING AN BYLAW	W. Kopan
BYLAW OFFICER	B. Alcock

GALLERY

1. CALL TO ORDER

- a) Mayor Konrad called the September 19th, 2016, Regular Meeting to order at 7:26 pm.

RESOLVED THAT the September 19th, 2016, Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:26 pm.

CARRIED.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- a) Adopt agenda
September 19th, 2016, Regular Meeting agenda

The Mayor amended the agenda to include a discussion about the UBCM Minister meetings, under Late Items.

MOTION: ROSS/KROG

RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the September 19th, 2016, Regular Meeting agenda as amended.

CARRIED.

3. MINUTES

- a) Adopt minutes
September 6th, 2016, Committee of the Whole minutes

MOTION: TRIPP/HAMMETT

RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the September 6th, 2016, Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes as presented.

CARRIED.

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- b) Adopt minutes
September 6th, 2016, Regular Meeting minutes

MOTION: THOMPSON/HAMMETT

RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the September 6th, 2016, Regular Meeting 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

Mayor Konrad advised that he would not allow Councillor Butler to read her Council Report as was his prerogative under s.12.8 of the Procedure Bylaw.
Councillor Butler appealed from the Mayor's decision.

MOTION: BUTLER

Appeal from the decision of Mayor Konrad regarding Councillor Butler's request to read her report and discuss the motion included in it.

THERE WAS NO SECONDER.

Council discussed the notice of motion brought forward by Councillor Butler at the September 6th, 2016, meeting and agreed to allow her to bring it forward.

Councillor Butler read the motion regarding the posting of awarded contracts on the City website.

WHEREAS the City of Grand Forks is a public corporation representing its taxpayers;
AND WHEREAS fiscal responsibility, transparency and community engagement have been highlighted in the 2015-2019 Strategic Plan;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all contracts be posted on the city website and all city RFP's contain a clause stating that contracts will be made available to the public.

Council discussed the resolution with regards to:

- transparency
- public information
- third party release of information
- proprietary information
- MMCD contract standards
- public opening of contracts

MOTION: THOMPSON/ROSS

RESOLVED THAT Council postpone the motion;

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AND WHEREAS fiscal responsibility, transparency and community engagement have been highlighted in the 2015-2019 Strategic Plan;
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that was brought forward by Councillor Butler, until after UBCM.

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 had no report this week.

MOTION: ROSS/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.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS

9. REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

- a) Bylaw Officer
Memorandum update regarding unsightly properties.

CAO spoke to Remedial Action Requirements

MOTION: HAMMETT/KROG

RESOLVED THAT Council allow members of the public to speak regarding property that has been served unsightly premises notices in accordance with Bylaw 1962.

CARRIED.

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- b) Nadine Hieberg spoke to her home that has been served registered letters regarding its unsightly premises.
The Manager of Bylaw and Building Inspection provided an update on this property.

Mayor Konrad left the meeting at 8:05pm
Mayor Konrad rejoined the meeting at 8:05pm

There was an offer from Council to Ms. Heiberg to allow for an extension until November 30, 2016 and that the fine would be suspended until then at which time it will double if the property is not cleaned up by the November date.

MOTION: ROSS/TRIPP

RESOLVED THAT Council offer Ms. Heiburg an extension to clean up her unsightly premises until November 30, 2016; And Further that the fine of \$100 be suspended until then at which time it will double if the property is not in compliance with Bylaw 1962 by the November 30, 2016 date.

CARRIED.

MOTION: ROSS/BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT Council receives the memorandum update from the Bylaw Officer regarding unsightly properties.

CARRIED.

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- c) Manager of Operations & Manager of Development and Engineering
Memorandum on Capital Projects progress review

The Manager of Development and Engineering requested that Council make a decision regarding the Darrell Preide Bridge project, which would require a budget amendment in order for the project to move forward.

MOTION: BUTLER/TRIPP

RESOLVED THAT Council receives for information the memorandum from the Manager of Operations and the Manager of Development and Engineering.

CARRIED.

MOTION: THOMPSON/BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT Council determines to amend the 2016 Financial Plan to include an increase in the amount of \$100,000, to come from surplus in order to complete the Darrell J. Priede Bridge Project.

CARRIED.

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- d) Nathan Vogel
Update on street piano to be placed in Gyro Park

MOTION: ROSS/HAMMETT

RESOLVED THAT Council receives the update from Nathan Vogel regarding placing a street piano in Gyro Park.

CARRIED.

11. **BYLAWS**

- a) Chief Financial Officer
2017 Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 2033

Council discussed the 2017 Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 2033

- area included in exemption

MOTION: THOMPSON/BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT Council gives first three readings to Bylaw No. 2033 - 2017 Permissive Tax Exemptions.

CARRIED. COUNCILLOR KROG OPPOSED THE MOTION.

12. **LATE ITEMS**

a) Mayor Konrad

UBCM - Discussion regarding the Minister Meeting with Minister Fassbender at UBCM to discuss Council Code of Conduct Policy 301.

MOTION: THOMPSON/KROG

RESOLVED THAT council determines to have only the Mayor and CAO attend the meeting at UBCM with Minister Fassbender to discuss Council Code of Conduct Policy 301 and Asset Management.

CARRIED. COUNCILLOR TRIPP AND BUTLER OPPOSED THE MOTION.

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

- a) Kate Saylor - Grand Forks Gazette
- Regard to original cost of 5th Street Bridge
 - UBCM Minister Meetings

Les Johnson

- Media Tower at JD Park

Guy Dubeault

- Letter to Council re: the building of an accessory building.

MOTION: BUTLER/TRIPP

RESOLVED THAT council grant permission to Guy Dubeault to speak with regard to a letter that he has written to Council requesting permission to erect an accessory building prior to obtaining proper permits.

CARRIED.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

- a) Mayor Konrad adjourned the September 19th, 2016, Regular Meeting at 9:40pm.

MOTION: ROSS

RESOLVED THAT the September 19th, 2016, Regular Meeting was adjourned at 9:40pm

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



MAYOR FRANK KONRAD



ACTING CORPORATE OFFICER –
SARAH WINTON