

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

Tuesday, February 14, 2017

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

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	D. Allin
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	J. Rhodes
MANAGER OF DEVELOPMENT AND ENGINEERING	D. Sheets
MANAGER OF OPERATIONS	D. Reid
DEPUTY MANAGER OF OPERATIONS	D. Drexler
FIRE CHIEF	D. Heriot
CORPORATE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	D. Popoff

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ABSENT: COUNCILLOR CHRIS HAMMETT ("with notice")

1. CALL TO ORDER

- a) The Mayor called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

2. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA

- a) The Mayor advised that he was amending the February 14th, 2017, COTW agenda to include two late items:
1. the report from the Manager of Operations regarding the Solid Waste Contract with the RDKB, and
 2. an additional proposed resolution under 5 c) Corporate Services for Council's consideration to put forward at the AKBLG Convention.

MOTION: THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT the COTW amends the February 14, 2017, COTW agenda to include two late items:

1. the report from the Manager of Operations regarding the Solid Waste Contract with the RDKB, and

2. an additional proposed resolution under 5 c) Corporate Services for Council's consideration to put forward at the AKBLG Convention.

CARRIED.

MOTION: THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT the COTW adopts the February 14, 2017, COTW agenda as amended.

CARRIED.

b) Reminder of the In-Camera Meeting directly following the COTW Meeting

3. REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

a) The Grand Forks International Baseball Tournament
Request to allow RV parking at Dick Bartlett Park during June 26-July 3, 2017, by charging a fee, with collection belonging to the GFI

- Gerry Foster spoke in regards to this request

MOTION: TRIPP

RESOLVED THAT the COTW receives for information and discussion a request to allow RV parking at Dick Bartlett Park during June 26-July 3, 2017, by charging a fee, with collection belonging to the Grand Forks International.

CARRIED.

MOTION: BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT the COTW recommends that Council forwards the request from the Grand Forks International for discussion and decision to the February 14, 2017, Regular Meeting.

CARRIED.

b) Boundary Museum Society
Presentation of quarterly financial report

- Cher Wyers gave an overview of the Boundary Museum stats, events, programs, AGM May 13th, Archival Services, new Board members, volunteer recognition, venue bookings, and a summary of the Quarterly Report

MOTION: THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT the COTW receives for information the quarterly report from the Boundary Museum Society and refers the Fee for Service request to the 2017 budgeting process.

CARRIED.

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- c) Local entrepreneurs
Brief presentation regarding a potential technology lab in Grand Forks
- Gary Smith spoke in regards to communities and attracting young families to the area, technology (fab) labs (cafes), KAST (Kootenay Association of Science & Technology), and Google Impact Challenge

MOTION: TRIPP

RESOLVED THAT the COTW receives for information the presentation from local entrepreneurs regarding a potential technology lab in Grand Forks.

CARRIED.

4. REGIONAL TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION - WITH AREA D

5. PRESENTATIONS FROM STAFF

- a) Manager of Development & Engineering Services
Application for a Development Variance Permit to vary the Subdivision, Development and Servicing Bylaw No. 1970, to relax Schedule A and Schedule 1 road specifications to a level appropriate to a rural standard

MOTION: THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT the COTW receives the report and recommends to Council to approve the Development Variance Permit application to vary the Subdivision, Development and Servicing Bylaw No. 1970 for the property described as 6565 - 25th St., Lot 1, LD54, DL533, Plan KAP11391, and refers the report to the March 13, 2017, Regular Meeting of Council for decision.

CARRIED.

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- b) Manager of Development & Engineering Services
BC Conservation Foundation (BCCF) - WildSafeBC Program for 2017

Discussion:

- BC Conservation Foundation will be hiring and receiving the applications for this program

MOTION: THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT the COTW receives the report and further directs staff to present the report to the February 14, 2017, Regular Meeting of Council for their consideration to

support staff submitting the grant application for a WildSafeBC Community Coordinator for the 2017 season and commit \$8,500 from the Wildlife Management budget to match and supplement grant funding.

CARRIED.

- c) Corporate Services
AKBLG Final Resolutions for 2017

- discussion took place in regards to the resolutions below:

Councillor Thompson brought forth the following resolution:

WHEREAS research has shown the practice of changing to Pacific Daylight Savings Time each spring can have a negative impact on people's health and cognitive awareness; and

WHEREAS certain religious groups practice prayer times based on sunrise and sunset and the practice of Daylight Savings Time can interfere with their practices; and

WHEREAS there have been petitions and calls for the abolition of Daylight Savings Time,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Kootenay Boundary Local Governments request the Union of British Columbia Municipalities petition the Provincial Government to consult with the people of BC with a view to abolishing Daylight Savings Time.

Councillor Tripp brought forth the following resolution:

WHEREAS exposure to artificial electromagnetic frequencies (EMF) has not been proven safe, while tens of thousands of peer-reviewed scientific studies indicate that exposure to EMF is harmful to both human health and the health of the environment, and

WHEREAS the telecom industry is now placing powerful EMF-emitting small cell transmitters on existing City-owned infrastructure to increase cellular and WiFi coverage while circumventing the public consultation process required for installing Cell Towers,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all telecommunications companies be obliged to consult with the public in each municipality, and neighbourhood where they intend to introduce said microcell transmitters, in order to determine if such installation is appropriate, and if so, the least harmful placement of the transmitters.

MOTION: TRIPP

RESOLVED THAT the COTW recommends to Council to receive and discuss the attached resolution(s), as presented or modified thereof, and refers the resolution(s) to the February 14th Regular Meeting for consideration to adopt.

CARRIED.

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

Discussion:

- electrical substation engineering
- public consultation
- Donald Pharand spoke in regards to a \$500,000 study for the electrical substation
- snow removal at senior centers

MOTION: TRIPP

RESOLVED THAT the COTW receives the monthly activity reports from department managers.

CARRIED.

6. **REPORTS AND DISCUSSION**

7. **PROPOSED BYLAWS FOR DISCUSSION**

8. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

9. **CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS**

10. **LATE ITEMS**

- a) Manager of Operations - Solid Waste Contract with the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary

Overview:

- February 1st held information workshop on background of solid waste and MMBC
- June 30, 2017, service contract expires with RDKB

MOTION: THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends to Council to renew the contract with the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary for weekly solid waste, green bin, yard and garden waste collections, and join the regional service model with MMBC (multi-material BC) providing the recycling service within the City of Grand Forks and surrounding area and refer the decision to the February 27th, 2017 Regular Council meeting;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the public consultation for the proposed change be as per the City's Communication Policy # 206.

CARRIED.

11. **REPORTS, QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL (VERBAL)**

- a) Mayor Konrad recommended that the seating order of Council will be changing effective as of the February 14, 2017, Regular Meeting to an alphabetical order by last name of Acting Mayors beginning counterclockwise.
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12. **QUESTION PERIOD FROM THE PUBLIC**

- a) - Derek from Juice FM inquired regarding the Daylight Savings Time resolution
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- b) - Donald Pharand inquired into the budgeted amount for the water meter program and additional associated costs. Mayor Konrad stated that there is a Council resolution that anything pertaining to the water meter program will not be discussed.
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13. **IN-CAMERA RESOLUTION**

- a) Chief Administrative Officer
Immediately following the COTW Meeting, Council will hold an In-Camera Meeting

MOTION: THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT the COTW recommends Council convene an In-Camera Meeting as outlined under Section 90 of the Community Charter to discuss matters in a closed meeting which are subject to Section 90 (1)(a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT persons, other than members, officers, or other persons to whom Council may deem necessary to conduct City business, will be excluded from the In-Camera Meeting.

CARRIED.

Councillor Butler was opposed to this motion.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**


- a) Mayor Konrad adjourned the February 14, 2017, Committee of the Whole Meeting at 10:48 am.

MOTION: THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT the February 14, 2017, Committee of the Whole Meeting was adjourned at 10:48 am.

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR FRANK KONRAD


CORPORATE ADMINISTRATIVE
ASSISTANT - DAPHNE POPOFF