

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2017

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

ABSENT:

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| <u>ADMINISTRATION:</u> | CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER | D. Allin |
| | CORPORATE OFFICER | D. Heinrich |
| | CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER | J. Rhodes |
| | MANAGER OF DEVELOPMENT & ENGINEERING | D. Sheets |
| | MANAGER OF OPERATIONS | D. Reid |
| | DEPUTY MANAGER OF OPERATIONS | D. Drexler |
| | BUILDING INSPECTORS | D. Bruce |
| | | W. Kopan |
| | BYLAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER | B. Alcock |

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

- a) Adopt agenda
January 16, 2017, Regular Meeting agenda

MOTION: ROSS / HAMMETT

RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the January 16, 2017, Regular Meeting agenda as presented.

CARRIED.

3. MINUTES

- a) Adopt minutes
December 5, 2016, Special Meeting minutes

MOTION: HAMMETT / TRIPP

RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the December 5, 2016, Special Meeting minutes as presented.

CARRIED.

- b) Adopt minutes
December 12, 2016, Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes
Councillor Thompson advised that she would like to add to the minutes that Councillor Krog was absent "with notice."

MOTION: HAMMETT / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the December 12, 2016, Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes as amended.

CARRIED.

- c) Adopt minutes
December 12, 2016, Regular Meeting minutes

MOTION: TRIPP / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the December 12, 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
Councillor Butler queried if there was a conversation between the Chief Administrative Officer and Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Chief Administrative Officer regarding recreation as per her report. She was advised that the conversation hadn't yet happened.

MOTION: TRIPP / THOMPSON

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 advised that on January 3rd, there was a Boundary Economic Development Committee (BEDC) meeting, and following that meeting was a Boundary Stakeholder Committee Meeting, where there was a discussion and preliminary presentations with regard to services and costs which were referred to the next meeting. The Mayor further advised that there was a Committee of the Whole (COTW) on January 11th, where there was an Election of various vice chairs and preliminary budget discussions.

MOTION: KROG / 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

**a) Administrative Services
Strategic Plan update**

MOTION: THOMPSON / TRIPP

RESOLVED THAT Council accepts the Strategic Plan updates from Administrative Services for information.

CARRIED.

b) Corporate Services

Community Futures proposal for Grand Forks Community Centre facility

The Chief Administrative Officer spoke with regard to the size of the project and the amount of work involved. Councillor Butler spoke about the leading persons forming a committee and that a member of Council should be on the committee to bring back information to Council.

Councillor Krog spoke with regard to a previous plan to build a community centre in the community, and advised to avoid making a similar mistake of over-emphasizing the project, that resulted in no community centre being built.

MOTION: BUTLER / TRIPP

RESOLVED THAT Council receives the correspondence from Community Futures Boundary and report from staff for discussion and decision with regard to the Grand Forks Community Centre facility idea.

CARRIED.

MOTION: KROG / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT Council supports the idea, as proposed by Community Futures Boundary, to explore the feasibility of a Community Centre facility for the Grand Forks area, providing that any proposed financial elements involving municipal funds pertaining to the suggested project be brought to Council for consideration prior to implementation;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council supports Community Futures Boundary and Area D Director, Roly Russell, to take the lead on this project.

CARRIED.

Councillors Hammett, Tripp and Butler opposed the motion.

- c) Chief Financial Officer
Write-off of 1998 playground equipment (Tot Lot)

MOTION: THOMPSON / HAMMETT

RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to record the disposal of decommissioned playground equipment originally purchased in 1998, and write-off the remaining book value as an adjustment to the 2016 fiscal year end.

CARRIED.

- d) Manager of Development and Engineering Services
Community Signs Project
Councillor Butler spoke with regard to the symbols and possible kilometer indicators to show how far persons have to go to get to City Hall, etc.; Councillor Hammett spoke about the symbols being universal. Council further spoke about the old "expo" sign on the highway, and how that ties in with the signage.

MOTION: BUTLER / HAMMETT

RESOLVED THAT the motion to accept the community's recommendation for the sign design concept and staff implementation be tabled.

CARRIED.

Councillor Krog opposed the motion.

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- e) **Manager of Operations / Manager of Development and Engineering Services**
Early budget approval for 2017 Capital Projects Part 1. As per the afternoon budget deliberations on January 16th, Council determined to remove the \$500,000 for the Electrical Voltage Conversion, and to add an additional \$20,000 to the Sign, Wayfinding and Decoration Line of the report. The early budget approval resolution amount reflects those changes.

MOTION: THOMPSON / TRIPP

RESOLVED THAT Council gives the early budget approval and funding for January 2017, in the amount of \$1,071,500, for the Capital Projects, as highlighted in the report and the attached updated 20-year Capital Plan.

CARRIED.

- f) **Manager of Operations**
Construction of an electrical substation

The Mayor advised that there would be a brief recess at 8:07 PM. The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 8:24 PM

MOTION: HAMMETT / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT Council determines to grant the early budget approval of \$500,000. to be funded from Capital Reserves, for City of Grand Forks staff to proceed with the design of the estimated 5.6 million-dollar substation construction.

CARRIED.

Councillor Butler opposed the motion.

9. **REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE**

10. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

- a) **Bylaw Officer**
Memorandum regarding unsightly properties. The Bylaw Enforcement Officer advised that no property owners showed up to the meeting to speak with regard to the properties.

MOTION: HAMMETT / TRIPP

RESOLVED THAT Council receives for information, the memorandum from the Bylaw Officer regarding unsightly properties.

CARRIED.

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- b) **AKBLG Resolutions Committee**
Notice and procedure for submitting resolutions for the 2017 AKBLG Annual General Meeting. Submission deadline is by February 24, 2017.

Members of Council discussed some issues that Council could consider to put forward resolutions at the AKBLG this year. The Chief Administrative Officer advised that Council should utilize the City's first class communication area to present and discuss their suggestions as a group and develop their intended resolutions, and further that this would give enough time for staff to place the resolutions in the agendas for February 14th, 2017.

MOTION: THOMPSON / TRIPP

RESOLVED THAT Council receives for information the notice and procedure requirements for submitting resolutions for the 2017 AKBLG Annual General Meeting by February 24, 2017, with proposed resolutions to be presented at the February 14th meetings.

CARRIED.

11. **BYLAWS**

12. **LATE ITEMS**

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

KATE, reporter from the Grand Forks Gazette, wanted to clarify that Council voted on the Electrical substation as presented, and was advised that yes, that is how Council had voted.

WAYNE KOPAN introduced Mr. Dave Bruce, who is the City's the new building inspector. Council welcomed Mr. Bruce to the City and the community.

LES JOHNSON - requested clarification on the costs of the information signs project, and was advised that they are at a cost of \$65,000. He further spoke about the conversation surrounding the community centre item.

JUICE FM - The community reporter for the radio station wanted to invite everyone to the Bruins game where he advised that he was shaving his head for Canadian Cancer Society initiative.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**


- a) The meeting was adjourned at 8:43pm

MOTION: TRIPP


RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:43 PM

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



MAYOR FRANK KONRAD



CORPORATE OFFICER - DIANE
HEINRICH