

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Monday, March 13, 2017**

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

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

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ABSENT: COUNCILLOR BEVERLEY TRIPP ("with notice")

1. PRESENTATIONS

- a) The presentation of thank you and public recognition to Nancy and Al from Body Edge Fitness for their contribution to the Family Day Event did not take place publicly due to their absence. Staff will deliver their items of recognition directly.

2. CALL TO ORDER

- a) Mayor Konrad called the March 13, 2017, Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 9:00 am.

3. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA

- a) Adopt agenda
March 13, 2017, Committee of the Whole

MOTION: BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT the COTW adopts the March 13, 2017, COTW agenda as presented.
CARRIED.

- b) Reminder that an In-Camera Meeting will be directly following the COTW Meeting.
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4. REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

a) **Boundary Habitat Stewards**

A request to establish a voluntary Stewardship Agreement with the Boundary Habitat Stewards to work together towards the conservation of the Lewis's Woodpecker

Overview:

- Jenny Coleshill gave an overview on the Lewis's Woodpecker, habitat, land use impacts, Riparian thread assessment, Cottonwood mapping, other efforts, non-binding Stewardship Agreement for Council

Discussion:

- threats-habitat loss & invasive species
- private landowners
- natural capital
- deer, cottonwood seedlings

MOTION: THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT the COTW receives for information and discussion the request from the Boundary Habitat Stewards to establish a voluntary Stewardship Agreement with the Boundary Habitat Stewards to work together towards the conservation of the Lewis's Woodpecker.

CARRIED.

b) **Grand Forks Ultimate Club**

Requesting support for tournament in the summer and requesting the City provide in-kind support at a similar level to other events of this kind as well

Overview:

- Dan MacMaster and Ian Mitchell gave an overview of the Ultimate Club, involves children from both elementary schools, team travels to tournaments out of town, July 15&16 event, tourism, thank you for support

MOTION: BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT the COTW receives the presentation from the Grand Forks Ultimate Club for information and discussion.

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- c) Mayor Konrad recessed the March 13, 2017, Committee of the Whole Meeting at 9:36 am.
Mayor Konrad reconvened the March 13, 2017, Committee of the Whole Meeting at 9:39 am.
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- d) The Kootenay's Medicine Tree
Request for implementation of a new bylaw to regulate medical cannabis dispensaries within Grand Forks

Overview:

- Jim Leslie and Marvin Wyers gave an overview of medical cannabis, palliative care, care homes, work with consulting with physicians, referrals, dispensaries, legality, business licenses and fees, Council bylaws and fines
- further documentation will be left for Council

Discussion:

- Mayor Konrad stated that Council is looking at a staff report on this topic to cover all of the elements spoken about, including a division of the RCMP, all bylaws, comparatives, and legislation. CAO suggested that the staff report also be sent to the Municipal Insurance Association for advice on any associated risks
- compassion clubs, dispensaries
- application process for medical cannabis, product testing
- Sgt. Fenske spoke in regards to police closure of dispensaries, no charges were laid, not a raid only a visit

MOTION: THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT the COTW receives the presentation from The Kootenay's Medicine Tree for information and discussion.

CARRIED.

MOTION: KROG

RESOLVED THAT the COTW authorizes staff to provide a report to Council with an expedited timeline of within 30 days regarding the medical cannabis issues.

CARRIED.

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- e) Mayor Konrad recessed the March 13, 2017, Committee of the Whole Meeting at 10:33 am.
Mayor Konrad reconvened the March 13, 2017, Committee of the Whole Meeting at 10:50 am.
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5. **REGIONAL TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION - WITH AREA D**

6. **PRESENTATIONS FROM STAFF**

- a) Chief Administrative Officer
Performance measures update

Overview:

- CAO gave an overview of sustainability of services, project objectives, focus, core services, tools, sustainability assessment

MOTION: THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT the COTW receives the update from the Chief Administrative Officer regarding performance measures.

CARRIED.

- b) Manager of Development and Engineering
Memorandum regarding the Official Community Plan Theme 2 Update - Panel Workshop & Survey results

Overview:

- Graham Watt gave an overview on the Affordable and Sustainable Housing, Official Community Plan update schedule, policy options

Discussion:

- economic opportunities
- Ray Hansen congratulated the City for the workshop on Affordable Housing and mentioned the chart that was up at the workshop
- Bob Huff, Habitat for Humanity, inquired if the City did an inventory of City-owned land for development, BC Housing funds

MOTION: ROSS

RESOLVED THAT the COTW receives for information the Official Community Plan Theme 2 Update on the Panel Workshop and Survey results from the Manager of Development and Engineering.

CARRIED.

- c) Manager of Development and Engineering
Subdivision application for 6401 Highway #3

Discussion:

- waiving right of public access to river, habitat protection

MOTION: BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT the COTW recommends that Council determine whether to approve the applications for Development Permit for Subdivision and Subdivision Application for 6401 Highway #3 at the April 10, 2017, Regular Meeting.

CARRIED.

- d) Deputy Manager of Operations
Policy 114 - Commercial use of Public Property

MOTION: BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT the COTW recommends to Council to update 'Policy 114 - Commercial use of Public Property' at the March 27, 2017, Regular Meeting.

CARRIED.

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

MOTION: KROG

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

CARRIED.

7. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

8. PROPOSED BYLAWS FOR DISCUSSION

- a) Acting Deputy Corporate Officer
Fees & Charges Regulation Bylaw No. 1958-A2 Amendment

Discussion:

- 5% gross revenue commercial use of Municipal property, nonprofit organizations, mobile vendors

MOTION: THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT the COTW receives the report and further directs staff to present to Council the first three readings of the proposed Fees & Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1958-A2 at the March 27, 2017, Regular Meeting.

DEFEATED.

MOTION: THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT the COTW amends the report of the proposed Fees & Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1958-A2 to remove Schedule I 'Business Fees and Charges' from the bylaw.

CARRIED.

MOTION: THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT the COTW receives the report and further directs staff to present to Council the first three readings of the proposed Fees & Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1958-A2 at the March 27, 2017, Regular Meeting as amended.

CARRIED.

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- b) Deputy Manager of Operations
Bylaw 1798-A1 - Garbage Regulations and Rates Amendment Bylaw

MOTION: THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT the COTW recommends to Council to give the first three readings to the 'Garbage Regulations and Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 1798-A1, 2017' at the March 27, 2017, Regular Meeting.

CARRIED.

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- c) Chief Financial Officer
Bylaw 2015-A2 - Electrical Utility Regulatory Amendment Bylaw

Discussion:
- transformer fees

MOTION: THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT the COTW recommends to Council to give the first three readings to the 'Electrical Utility Regulatory Amendment Bylaw No. 2015-A2, 2017' at the March 27, 2017, Regular Meeting.

CARRIED.

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- d) Chief Financial Officer
Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 2036

- discussion took place in regards to the Options presented

MOTION: THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT the COTW selects an option and instructs staff to include the financial schedules for that option in the Financial Plan Bylaw No. 2036; AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the COTW presents Financial Plan Bylaw 2036 for first three readings at the March 27, 2017, Regular Meeting.

CARRIED.

MOTION: ROSS

RESOLVED THAT the COTW selects Option 2 and instructs staff to include the financial schedules for that option in the Financial Plan Bylaw No. 2036.

DEFEATED.

Councillor Thompson, Councillor Hammett, Councillor Krog, and Mayor Konrad opposed the motion.

MOTION: THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT the COTW selects Option 3 and instructs staff to include the financial schedules for that option in the Financial Plan Bylaw No. 2036.

CARRIED.

Councillor Butler and Councillor Ross opposed the motion.

MOTION: ROSS

RESOLVED THAT the COTW presents the Financial Plan Bylaw 2036 for first three readings at the March 27, 2017, Regular Meeting.

CARRIED.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

10. CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS

11. LATE ITEMS

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

13. QUESTION PERIOD FROM THE PUBLIC

a) - Kathleen Saylor, Gazette, asked for clarification of who is the Deputy Manager of Operations and Acting Deputy Corporate Officer. CAO stated that the Deputy Manager of Operations and Sustainability is Cavan Gates and the Acting Deputy Corporate Officer is Daniel Drexler.

b) - Gloria Koch spoke with regard to the tax increase and possible impacts to the community

c) - Les Johnson commented that the people of Grand Forks are investing in their own assets when paying taxes

d) - Fred Scott inquired as to what time Committee of the Whole meetings begin and was advised that they begin at 9:00 am

14. IN-CAMERA RESOLUTION

a) Chief Administrative Officer

MOTION: ROSS

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)(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of 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.

DEFEATED.

MOTION: ROSS

RESOLVED THAT the Mayor advised that the In-Camera Meeting motion was to be amended to include Sections 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; and Section 90 (1)(c) labour relations or other employee relations.

CARRIED.

Councillor Butler opposed the motion.

AMENDED MOTION

MOTION: ROSS

RESOLVED THAT the COTW recommends Council convene an In-Camera Meeting as amended and 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; and Section 90 (1)(c) labour relations or other employee relations; and Section 90 (1)(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of 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 opposed the motion.

15. ADJOURNMENT

- a) Mayor Konrad adjourned the March 13, 2017, Committee of the Whole Meeting at 1:11 pm.

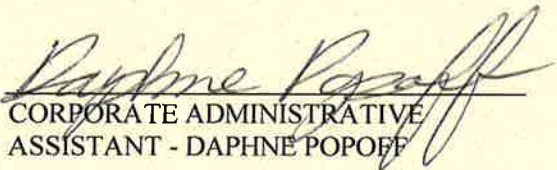
MOTION: ROSS

RESOLVED THAT the COTW adjourn the March 13, 2017, Committee of the Whole Meeting at 1:11 pm.

CARRIED.

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MAYOR FRANK KONRAD


CORPORATE ADMINISTRATIVE
ASSISTANT - DAPHNE POJOFF