

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Monday, March 27, 2017

PRESENT:

MAYOR FRANK KONRAD
COUNCILLOR CHRIS HAMMETT
COUNCILLOR NEIL KROG
COUNCILLOR COLLEEN ROSS
COUNCILLOR CHRISTINE THOMPSON
COUNCILLOR BEVERLEY TRIPP

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER - Interim/
CORPORATE OFFICER
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER
MANAGER OF OPERATIONS
DEPUTY MANAGER OF OPERATIONS

D. Heinrich
J. Rhodes
D. Drexler
D. Reid
C. Gates

GALLERY

ABSENT:

COUNCILLOR JULIA BUTLER ("with notice")

1. CALL TO ORDER

- a) Mayor Konrad called the March 27, 2017, Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- a) Adopt agenda
March 27, 2017, Regular Meeting agenda

MOTION: KROG / ROSS

RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the March 27, 2017, Regular Meeting agenda as presented.

CARRIED.

3. MINUTES

- a) Adopt minutes
March 9, 2017, Special Meeting to go In-Camera minutes

MOTION: TRIPP / HAMMETT

RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the March 9, 2017, Special Meeting to go In-Camera minutes as presented.

CARRIED.

- b) Adopt minutes
March 13, 2017, Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes

MOTION: THOMPSON / ROSS

RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the March 13, 2017, Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes as presented.

CARRIED.

- c) Adopt minutes
March 13, 2017, Regular Meeting minutes

MOTION: HAMMETT / ROSS

RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the March 13, 2017, 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

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Councillor Tripp's report.
- Social Media pages with Councillor comments and Council reports on those pages. Members of Council commented that these postings of Council members are causing issues with the operations of the City.
- Councillor Hammett's involvement at the Gazette. Councillor Hammett explained she is in charge of advertising only while a staff member is off on leave. Councillor Hammett plans to continue retirement once the Gazette staff member returns to work.

as amended at the April 10, 2017
Regular Meeting

meetings

- Suggestion from Councillor Tripp regarding the recording of Council In-Camera minutes. The Mayor spoke regarding the authentication process being followed by staff and Council
- The Mayor spoke about Council behavior between one another. The Mayor explained he was disappointed with Council regarding the discussion of issues in the public.

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MOTION: TRIPP / ROSS

RESOLVED THAT all written reports of Council submitted to the March 27, 2017, Regular Meeting 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

Mayor reported on BEDC, COW, and Board meetings.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Solid Waste Program and Alpine's contract
- Animal Control Program
- Okanagan Film Commission and animation/video creation jobs
- Tax incentives for film and tech industry in Richmond

MOTION: ROSS / 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) Deputy Corporate Officer
Campground insurance

MOTION: HAMMETT / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT Council approves the Service Provider Agreement of the Municipal Insurance Association of BC for the Campground Host Service between the City of Grand Forks and Joan Heart with the dates as set out in the Service Provider Agreement to be adjusted annually following the seasonal campground operations schedule.

CARRIED.

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- b) Deputy Manager of Operations
Policy 114 - Commercial Use of Public Property

MOTION: KROG / TRIPP

RESOLVED THAT Council updates 'Policy 114 - Commercial Use of Public Property' as presented.

CARRIED.

9. **REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE**

10. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

- a) BC Healthy Living Alliance
Information on 'Communities on the Move'

MOTION: HAMMETT / TRIPP

RESOLVED THAT Council receives for information to determine to show support of the initiative (no monetary value).

CARRIED.

- b) Regional District of Kootenay Boundary (RDKB)
In association with Earth Day, April 22nd, promoting 'Trash to Treasure' as a waste reduction activity

MOTION: HAMMETT / TRIPP

RESOLVED THAT Council receives for information purposes the correspondence on the RDKB's 'Trash to Treasure' day event.

CARRIED.

- c) Public Correspondence
Email correspondence from Stan Halluk with Mayor Konrad's reply regarding City Administration

Discussion ensued regarding a possible review of Mr. Weisner's Report from 2003. Due to significant changes in the organisational structure as compared to 14 years ago, the report would not be reflective of today's needs.

MOTION: TRIPP / HAMMETT

RESOLVED THAT Council receives for information purposes the email correspondence from Stan Halluk regarding City Administration.

CARRIED.

- d) Grand Forks Slow-Pitch Tournament
Requesting permission for a Special Occasion Liquor Licence from 5:00-10:00 pm on July 14 and from 11:00 am-10:00 pm on July 15&16, 2017, at Dick Bartlett Park for the annual slow-pitch tournament.

MOTION: HAMMETT / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT Council approves the issuing of a Special Occasion Liquor Licence to the Grand Forks Slow-Pitch Tournament from 5:00-10:00 pm on July 14 and from 11:00 am-10:00 pm on July 15&16, 2017, at Dick Bartlett Park, subject to obtaining third party (party alcohol) liability insurance naming the City of Grand Forks as an additional insured on that policy; all event liquor providers to hold a Serving It Right Licence Certificate; and ICBC "Drinking and Driving" warning posters to be displayed.

CARRIED.

- e) Government of Canada - Infrastructure Canada
Approved funding for projects in BC under the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund (CWWF). Grand Forks projects and allocations are attached.

Members of Council thanked Staff and former Chief Administrative Officer Mr. Allin for their work regarding the grant applications.

MOTION: THOMPSON / TRIPP

RESOLVED THAT Council receives for information the approved funding for projects in BC under the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund.

CARRIED.

11. BYLAWS

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

discussion regarding:

- campground rates and cancellation fees
- overall increases for electrical and garbage fee adjustments
- meter read charges for manual reads and initial setup
- frequency of electrical readings and type of meters regarding manual meters.

MOTION: THOMPSON / TRIPP

**RESOLVED THAT Council gives the first three readings to the Fees & Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1958-A2;
AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council instructs staff to present the amendment bylaw for adoption at the April 10, 2017, Regular Meeting.**

CARRIED.

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

Council asked to change the name of the bylaw when the next amendment is brought forward to "Solid Waste" from "Garbage".

MOTION: THOMPSON / TRIPP

**RESOLVED THAT Council gives the first three readings of the 'Garbage Regulations and Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 1798-A1, 2017';
AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to present the amendment bylaw for adoption at the April 10, 2017, Regular Meeting.**

CARRIED.

- c) Manager of Operations
Bylaw 2015-A2 - Electrical Utility Regulatory Amendment - housekeeping changes

MOTION: TRIPP / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT Council includes in Bylaw 2015-A2 the housekeeping amendment to Appendix 1 Schedule B Section 3.5b from 'five (5) years' to 'fifteen (15) years'.

CARRIED.

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

MOTION: THOMPSON / TRIPP

**RESOLVED THAT Council gives the first three readings of the 'Electrical Utility Regulatory Amendment Bylaw No. 2015-A2, 2017';
AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to present the amendment bylaw for adoption at the April 10, 2017, Regular Meeting.**

CARRIED.

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

Discussion regarding the financial plan and capital project meetings schedule. Overall solid plan presented by the Chief Financial Officer.

MOTION: THOMPSON / TRIPP

RESOLVED THAT Council gives first three readings to the Five Year Financial Plan 2017-2021 Bylaw No. 2036.

CARRIED.

12. LATE ITEMS

13. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA

- a) Ray Hansen:
- discussion regarding increases on solid waste collection fees and the program as a whole.

Gene Koch, Gloria Koch and Dean Engen spoke regarding In-Camera audio recordings of meetings.

Council and the interim Chief Administrative Officer spoke regarding:

- the written minutes as factual actions of the business of the City
- not as verbatim discussion
- the authentication process of the minutes
- Section 90 requirements
- problematic technological issues around possible FOI requests for In-Camera items.

Les Johnson:

- discussion regarding recording minutes and making those available to the public
- Grand Forks has a lot to offer: cheaper cost of living, natural wonders, quality of life, Fiber optics and animation/tech job possibilities; Council should use these items to market the City and attract new residents.

Chris Palmer:

- He could not attend the past COTW meeting but reviewed it online. Asked who to contact regarding questions about the Financial Plan. Council and Staff advised that the best would be the Chief Financial Officer via email or in writing.

Tom Tripp:

- updated Council on Councillor Butler's attempts to connect to this meeting remotely

Nigel James:

- discussed rate changes for utilities
- information regarding 2009 survey

14. **ADJOURNMENT**


- a) Mayor Konrad adjourned the March 27, 2017, Regular Meeting at 8:43 pm.

MOTION: KROG / ROSS


RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:43 pm

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



MAYOR FRANK KONRAD



DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER – DANIEL
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