

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Monday, May 15, 2017

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

ABSENT: COUNCILLOR CHRIS HAMMETT ('with notice')

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER-Interim/ CORPORATE OFFICER	D. Heinrich
SENIOR PLANNER	G. Watt
CORPORATE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	D. Popoff

GALLERY

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

- a) Mayor Konrad called the May 15th, 2017, Regular Meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

- a) Adopt agenda
May 15th, 2017, Regular Meeting agenda

The Mayor advised that he was amending the May 17, 2017, Regular Meeting agenda to include two late items:

1. the referral from the Boundary Country Regional Chamber of Commerce discussion from the May 15, 2017, COTW Meeting regarding the 2017 funding provided by the City to the Boundary Country Regional Chamber of Commerce; and
2. the Notice of Motion from the May 15, 2017, COTW Meeting regarding the electronic recording of the In-Camera meetings.

MOTION: THOMPSON / KROG

RESOLVED THAT Council amends the May 15, 2017, Regular Meeting agenda to include two late items:

1. the referral from the Boundary Country Regional Chamber of Commerce discussion from the May 15, 2017, COTW Meeting regarding the 2017 funding provided by the City to the Boundary Country Regional Chamber of Commerce; and

2. the Notice of Motion from Councillor Tripp from the May 15, 2017, COTW Meeting regarding the electronic recording of the In-Camera meetings.

CARRIED.

Councillor Butler and Councillor Tripp opposed the motion.

MOTION: THOMPSON / ROSS

RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the May 15th, 2017, Regular Meeting agenda as amended.

CARRIED.

Councillor Butler and Councillor Tripp opposed the motion.

3. MINUTES

- a) Adopt minutes
April 24th, 2017, Regular Meeting minutes

MOTION: THOMPSON / KROG

RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the April 24th, 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

MOTION: ROSS / TRIPP

RESOLVED THAT all written reports of Council submitted to the May 15th, 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 Konrad had no report to submit; however, stated that the BEDC was proposing a name change to BCDC (Boundary Community Development Committee) and the BCUOMA (BC Used Oil Management Association) would be hiring a consultant to look into the oil recycling program

MOTION: THOMPSON / ROSS

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) Manager of Development & Engineering Services
Application for a Development Variance Permit to vary the exterior side setback from 15 feet to 5 feet to rebuild an existing deck at the same location

MOTION: BUTLER / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT Council approves the Development Variance Permit application by allowing an exterior side setback variance from 15 feet to 5 feet for property located at 6408 - 5th Street, legally described as Lot 1, District Lot 534, SDYD, Plan KAP52745 to rebuild an existing deck at the same location.

CARRIED.

- b) Manager of Development & Engineering Services
Development Variance Permit regarding parcel setbacks and parking requirements for a Habitat for Humanity development

MOTION: BUTLER / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT Council approves the Development Variance Permit application by allowing a front setback variance from 6.0 metres to 4.5 m for properties located at 803 & 813 - 72nd Ave. (Lot 3 and Lot 4, district Lot 108, SDYD, Plan KAP 92057), and a reduction of the east interior parcel setback from 1.5 m to 0.0 m on Lot 3, with one of the parking spaces for Lot 3 to be met with a Parking Access Easement on the westerly portion of Lot 4.

CARRIED.

9. REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

- a) Manager of Development and Engineering
Report on costs and benefits regarding Habitat for Humanity request for fee relief

MOTION: THOMPSON / BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT Council receives for information the memorandum from the Manager of Development and Engineering regarding costs and benefits regarding Habitat for Humanity request for fee relief.

CARRIED.

MOTION: ROSS / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT Council determines to waive the fees as requested by Habitat for Humanity for property located at 803 & 813 - 72nd Avenue.

CARRIED.

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- b) Grand Forks International Baseball Tournament Society
Letter of request for a Special Occasion Liquor Licence from June 27 - July 2, 2017, during the GFI

MOTION: THOMPSON / BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT Council approves the issuing of a Special Occasion Liquor Licence to the Grand Forks International Baseball Tournament Society from June 27-July 2, 2017, from 11:00 am-11:00 pm (depending on projected end time of last game), at James Donaldson 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.

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- c) Interior Regional Board MS Society of Canada
Letter of request for consideration of supporting a civic proclamation for the month of May to raise awareness for MS

MOTION: BUTLER / ROSS

RESOLVED THAT Council does not issue proclamations and directs staff to respond via correspondence advising as such;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council advises the Chair on the MS Society Regional Board that the City recognizes the importance of the work done by the MS Society.

CARRIED.

- d) BC Commuter Challenge
Correspondence regarding celebrating National Environment Week by commuting to work sustainably during the week of June 4-10

MOTION: ROSS / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT Council receives for information the correspondence from the BC Commuter Challenge for anyone who wishes to register in the challenge.

CARRIED.

- e) Grand Forks RCMP Detachment
Quarterly Crime Statistics for January, February, and March

MOTION: ROSS / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT Council receives for information the Quarterly Crime Statistics Report from the Grand Forks RCMP Detachment.

CARRIED.

- f) The Tye
Correspondence regarding 'Six Ways to End Homelessness in BC'

Discussion:

- needs of the homeless people in Grand Forks, feedback from the people working with them
- tent cities, addictions, mental health, safety, resources

MOTION: ROSS / BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT Council receives for information the correspondence regarding 'Six Ways to End Homelessness in BC' from The Tye.

CARRIED.

- g) Solar Now
Letter regarding an opportunity for partnership funding for the installation of the renewable solar energy projects in the community

MOTION: BUTLER / TRIPP

RESOLVED THAT Council receives for information and discussion the letter from Solar Now regarding an opportunity for partnership funding for the installation of the renewable solar energy projects in the community.

CARRIED.

MOTION: BUTLER / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to contact the Program Coordinator for the Solar Now initiative to express an interest in pursuing a solar project for the City.

CARRIED.

11. **BYLAWS**

12. **LATE ITEMS**

- a) Referral from the Boundary Country Regional Chamber of Commerce discussion from the May 15, 2017, COTW Meeting regarding the 2017 funding provided by the City to the Boundary Country Regional Chamber of Commerce

MOTION: THOMPSON / KROG

RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff that the 2017 funding for the Boundary Country Regional Chamber of Commerce be held in abeyance until further notice.

AMENDED MOTION: BUTLER / ROSS

RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff that the 2017 funding for the Boundary Country Regional Chamber of Commerce be held in abeyance until an amicable resolution can be reached with the Boundary Country Regional Chamber of Commerce beginning with a Special Meeting on May 29, 2017.

CARRIED.

Councillor Tripp and Councillor Butler opposed the motion.

- b) Notice of Motion from the May 15, 2017, COTW Meeting regarding the electronic recording of the In-Camera meetings

MOTION: TRIPP / BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT Council directs Staff to electronically record all In-Camera meetings, and as per the City's Closed Session Policy 103-1, these recordings shall remain confidential until such time as Council may deem the information contained on them to be released as per Policy 103-1, or destroyed with Council's unanimous approval, following all provincial legislation surrounding proper disposal of records.

DEFEATED.

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

- a) Kate from the Gazette
- through the Chair, inquired to Councillor Tripp if the Chamber dues that she paid were a Conflict of Interest or perceived as such?
 - Councillor Tripp replied no, only a Member at Large
 - inquired as to how does the Mayor know that the Chamber bylaws were not followed?
 - it was firstly stated that Board Members only were allowed to vote at the AGM and that Councillor Tripp did not vote
 - Mayor Konrad replied that a written complaint was brought forward
 - through the Chair, inquired to Councillor Butler or Councillor Tripp how did it become known that the DBA was not authorized by the Chamber to appear before Council this morning?
 - Councillor Butler stated that she asked the Executive Director at the Chamber Open House
 - through the Chair, inquired to the CAO as to how much the City already paid the Chamber?
 - CAO replied \$20,000 over the past three years, approximately \$80,000 over five years
 - inquired into how the Downtown Business Association signage project would move forward?
 - Mayor Konrad informed that the grant is still there

Gene Koch

- made a suggestion that questions or topics be presented to the Chamber ahead of the Special Meeting of May 29th to prepare answers and specifically address inquiries for quicker expediting

Gloria Koch

- spoke in regards to the electronic recording of In-Camera meetings to be used in-house

Nigel James

- spoke in regards of Council reconsidering how business is conducted and perhaps send a Councillor representative to the Chamber

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

- a) Mayor Konrad adjourned the May 15, 2017, Regular Meeting at 9:38 pm.

MOTION: KROG

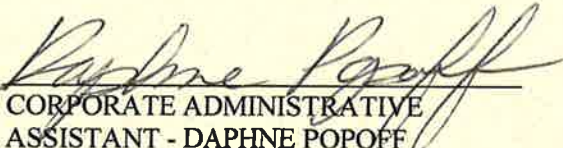
RESOLVED THAT the May 15, 2017, Regular Meeting was adjourned at 9:38 pm.

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



MAYOR FRANK KONRAD



CORPORATE ADMINISTRATIVE
ASSISTANT - DAPHNE POPOFF