

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, APRIL 28TH, 2014.

PRESENT:

MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR
COUNCILLOR BOB KENDEL
COUNCILLOR NEIL KROG
COUNCILLOR PATRICK O'DOHERTY
COUNCILLOR GARY SMITH
COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WIRISCHAGIN
COUNCILLOR CHER WYERS

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
CORPORATE OFFICER
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER

D. Allin
D. Heinrich
R. Shepherd
S. Winton

GALLERY

CALL TO ORDER

- a) The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:15pm

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Mayor advised that there is a late item to be included in the Agenda under Registered Petitions and Delegations - the External Auditor's Presentation of the 2013 Financial Statements

- a) Adoption of the April 28th, 2014, Regular Meeting Agenda

MOTION: WYERS / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE APRIL 28TH, 2014 AGENDA AS AMENDED.
CARRIED.

MINUTES

- a) Adoption of the April 7th, 2014 COTW Meeting Minutes

MOTION: KENDEL / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE APRIL 7TH, 2014, COTW MEETING MINUTES ARE ADOPTED AS PRESENTED.

CARRIED.

b) Adoption of the April 7th, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE APRIL 7TH, 2014, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES ARE ADOPTED AS PRESENTED.

CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

a) Chief Financial Officer - 2013 Audited Financial Statements

Gaetana Dermody representative of Berg, Lehmann Chartered Accountants presented the City of Grand Forks 2013 Audited Financial Statements.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KROG

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVE THE PRESENTATION MADE BY BERG, LEHMANN CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS WITH REGARD TO THE 2013 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND FURTHER APPROVES AND ACCEPTS THE 2013 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS REQUIRED UNDER THE COMMUNITY CHARTER.

CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

6.1. Corporate Officer's Report

Verbal Reports of Council

Councillor O'Doherty

He reported that:

- The Grand Forks International Committee and baseball teams have been busy getting ready for the tournament.

Councillor Wyers

She reported that:

- On April 8th -11th she attended AKBLG in Creston. There were 17 resolutions that were approved and will be sent on the UBCM.
- On April 15th she attended the Kettle River Water Shed Management Plan meeting "By the Rivers Edge" which was regarding wetland issues.
- The Grand Forks and Regional Public Library AGM took place on April 16th. She

- advised that stats were up in this quarter and there is a new board in place. The annual Starlight Dinner raffle is taking place again this year on July 19th, 2014.
- On April 17th, the FCM Head Start for Young Women met with MLA, Linda Larson for lunch.
 - On April 17th, Citizens on Patrol met and has three new volunteers.
 - April 22nd, was Earth Day and the RDKB celebrated by hosting a Trash to Treasure event.
 - On April 22nd she attended the Air Cadets retirement dinner for Captain James Newal of the Boundary Squadron who has volunteered for 9 years in the Youth Leadership Program.
 - She announced that the Grand Forks and Boundary Regional Agricultural Society is hosting their AGM on April 28th at 6pm at Selkirk College in room 8.
 - The Boundary Dog Sled Association AGM is being held at the station pub upstairs - 7pm on April 28th.
 - There is a Friends of the Library book sale at the local library on May 3rd at 10am
 - Drinking Water Week is May 4th-10th. On May 8th the City is hosting an open house at Well #4/5 from 12pm-3pm, and everyone is encouraged to attend.

Councillor Kendel

He reported that:

- He attended AKBLG from April 8th-11th, and found it informative.
- On April 26th he attended the solar workshop at the Boundary Museum and Interpretive Center where they are in the process of installing a new solar system.
- He is extending an invitation to the public to attend the annual Mother's Day dinner held at Rilko's store each Mothers day. The proceeds are donated to a charity.

Councillor Krog

He reported that:

- He attended the April 10th board meeting at Gallery 2 where details are being finalized for the Gallery's 20th birthday party and he advised that the gift shop renovations are complete.
- He attended The Boundary District Arts Council Show Case at Grand Forks Secondary School which is put on every year in celebration of the beginning of Arts and Culture Week. He advised that it was the 15th year that this group has hosted the concert.
- On April 26th he attended a reception at Gallery 2 where artists and performers celebrated Arts and Culture Week.
- On April 28th he attended the Community Literacy Advisory Committee meeting at Selkirk College where the group reviewed the 3 year literacy plan for the Boundary.

Councillor Smith

He reported that:

- He attended AKBLG in Creston from April 8th -11th.
- He attended the April 25th Deer Committee meeting and spring count. The Count is at 166 animals this spring and the committee is in discussions regarding submitting a request to the province to provide collar monitoring for the deer, and regarding a possible deer cull.
- On April 26th he said a few words at the 15th annual Boundary and District Arts Council Show Case at Gallery 2 for Arts Week.
- The Bat Houses will be installed throughout the community shortly.

- On May 7th he will be at Hutton Elementary School assisting other members of the Environment Committee with solar car building.

Councillor Wirischagin
He had no report.

Mayor Taylor
He reported that:

- He thanked Councillor Smith for attending the Arts week event at Gallery 2 in his place.
- There are individuals in the community who have come forward and are willing to work on a cat welfare program. He looked at the cat program Ferry County uses and although it wouldn't be suitable for this area he understands that there is an existing group of volunteers from here to Colville that participate in the program and have expressed interest in participating in a cat welfare program in Grand Forks.
- The City has awarded the water meter installation contract to Neptune .
- He has been informed that the Federal and Provincial programs for infrastructure dollars has been delayed due to lack of funds, the government has announced that there is no money until 2016.

Council discussed the option to request that staff bring back a proposal to address some of the infrastructure deterioration in the area.

Council discussed providing the Mayor's cup for the Park in the Park Car show; Councillor Krog advised that he has the trophy for the prize for Mayor's Choice award.

MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL REQUEST STAFF PROVIDE A REPORT TO COUNCIL THAT RESEARCHES AND PRIORITIZES FOR REPAIR AREAS WITH DETERIORATING ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE WITHIN THE CITY AND FURTHER IDENTIFIES FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION.

CARRIED.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KROG

RESOLVED THAT ALL REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, GIVEN VERBALLY AT THIS MEETING, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED.

REPORT FROM COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY

a) Corporate Officers Report

Mayor Taylor spoke with regard to the Mayor's Caucus Meeting and the discussion regarding the relevancy of the current Regional District mandate.

MOTION: KROG / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR'S REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY, GIVEN VERBALLY AT THIS MEETING BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS

a) Corporate Services

Main Floor and Second Floor of City Hall rebuild
The Chief Administrative Officer spoke with regard to the timeline and expenditures for the rebuild.

MOTION: WYERS / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE FINISHES AND LAYOUT PROPOSAL, AS PRESENTED BY STAFF, FOR THE MAIN FLOOR AND SECOND FLOOR OF CITY HALL, AND FURTHER DIRECTS STAFF TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE PROJECT WITHIN THE INSURANCE ALLOTMENT.

CARRIED.

b) Chief Administrative Officer

Policy #616 - "Respectful Workplace Policy"

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ADOPT POLICY #616 - "REPECTFUL WORKPLACE POLICY".

CARRIED.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

INFORMATION ITEMS

a) 2014 BC Commuter Challenge

Councillor Wyers advised that there is an event being organized for the 2014 BC Commuter Challenge
Receive for information

b) Boundary Taxi Company

Receive for information

c) Phyllis Dubosoff

Request that Council take a formal stance on the Agricultural Land Reserve changes that the Province is proposing.

Receive correspondence for information and discussion.

d) Chief Administrative Officer

LGMA Article - "Proactive Transparency"

Receive for information

BYLAWS

a) Manager of Development and Engineering

Bylaw 1995, A Bylaw to close and remove the dedication of a road shown on Plan 586, District Lot 380, SDYD, as shown on schedule "A" reference plan and forming part of the bylaw.

MOTION: SMITH / KROG

RESOLVED THAT THAT COUNCIL GIVE FINAL READING TO BYLAW NO. 1995, BEING A BYLAW TO CLOSE AND REMOVE THE DEDICATION OF A ROAD SHOWN ON PLAN 586, DISTRICT LOT 380, S.D.Y.D., AS SHOWN ON SCHEDULE "A" REFERENCE PLAN AND FORMING PART OF THE BYLAW.

CARRIED.

b) Chief Financial Officer

Introduction of the 2014 Tax Rates Bylaw 1997

The Chief Financial Officer advised that this is the introduction of the Tax Rates bylaw and there is a Special Meeting on May 5th, that is open to the public, for the first three readings of the 2014 Tax Rates Bylaw and further reviewed the proposed Tax Rate Bylaw options to Council.

The Chief Financial Officer advised that a parcel tax would be applied in order to pay for the Fire truck, which came in under budget. The tax would be applied as part of the 2015 budget. The parcel tax would be applied to all properties (residential and commercial).

The Mayor reiterated that this is up for decision at the May 5th meeting.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THAT COUNCIL GIVE FIRST THREE READINGS TO 2014 TAX RATES BYLAW 1997 AS REFERRED TO THE SPECIAL MEETING OF MAY 5TH, 2014; AND FURTHER THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE REQUEST FROM STAFF FOR THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK OR ASK QUESTIONS WITH REGARD TO THE TAX RATES BYLAW.
CARRIED.

c) Chief Financial Officer
2014-2018 Financial Plan Bylaw 1996

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ADOPT 2014-2018 FINANCIAL PLAN BYLAW 1996
Councillor Wirischagin opposed the motion
CARRIED.

LATE ITEMS

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA

a) Mr. Forrest Seminoff
He spoke with regard to water meters.

Ms. Beverly Tripp
She spoke with regard to an information sharing meeting at Kokamos from 10am on Wednesday April 30th, to discuss RF radiation and water meters. She belongs to the C4ST "Canadians 4 Safe Technology".

Ms. Silvia Treptow through Les Johnson
She spoke with regard to water meter installation.

Ms. Donna Seminoff
She spoke with regard to water meters.


Mr. Donald Pharand
He spoke with regard to water meters.

ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:50pm

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER- SARAH WINTON

