

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

Monday, April 7th, 2014, 9:00 am

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

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	D. Allin
CORPORATE OFFICER	D. Heinrich
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	R. Shepherd
DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER	S. Winton
MANAGER OF DEVELOPMENT AND ENGINEERING	S. Bird
FIRE CHIEF	D. Heriot
MANAGER OF BUILDING AND BYLAW INSPECTION SERVICES	W. Kopan
MANAGER OF OPERATIONS	R. Huston

CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 9:00 am

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA

Adoption of April 7th, 2014, COTW Meeting agenda

MOTION: SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA FOR THE APRIL 7TH, 2014, COTW MEETING BE
ADOPTED AS PRESENTED.**

CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

a) Carbon Neutral Kootenays - Patricia Dehnel

Patricia Dehnel, representative for the Carbon Neutral Kootenays program spoke with regard to:

- The CNK program and provided background information
- Intention is to work towards carbon neutrality
- Provided a review of the 5 year program
- The education, inventories and planning of the program
- Value in Communities
- The change in energy and GHG's (green house gas emissions) from 2008

Mayor advised that the City has saved CNK dollars for 2 years and will continue to do so, and further that the dollars will be used for a carbon neutral project in the community.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVE THE PRESENTATION FROM PATRICIA DEHNEL REGARDING THE CARBON NEUTRAL KOOTENAYS PROJECT.

CARRIED.

b) WildsafeBC Program - Laurie Grant

Laurie Grant, project coordinator for the WildsafeBC program spoke with regard to:

- Deer Conflict Reduction Program for 2014 contract for the City of Grand Forks.
- The Wildlife Alert Reporting Program (data collection program)

Ms. Grant provided an overview of the Grand Forks program to Council and advised that there is a deer count on April 25th with the Deer Committee.

MOTION: SMITH

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVE THE PRESENTATION FROM LAURIE GRANT REGARDING THE WILDSAFEBBC PROGRAM.

CARRIED.

c) Gallery 2

The Manager of Building and Bylaw Services spoke with regard to the Gallery 2 request. He advised:

- The plans were done at the same time that the original renovation was designed, but budget did not permit the project to move forward
- He provided a review of the requested changes.
- The renovation will be funded from the Gallery 2 budget
- The estimated cost of the renovation is not clear at this time

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVE THE PRESENTATION FROM THE BYLAW AND BUILDING INSPECTION OFFICER REGARDING THE REQUEST TO MAKE ALTERATIONS TO THE GALLERY 2 AND HERITAGE CENTRE GIFT SHOP ENTRANCE AND REFER IT TO THE APRIL 7TH, 2014, REGULAR MEETING FOR DECISION.

CARRIED.

PRESENTATIONS FROM STAFF

Chief Administrative Officer

The Chief Administrative Officer spoke with regard to the Respectful Workplace Policy. He advised that the purpose of the policy is to:

- Formalize the responsibility and commitment of the City in ensuring all employees, elected officials, volunteers, residents, customers and visitors enjoy a workplace and service environment that is free from any form of discrimination or harassment.
- To establish that the City promotes a work environment in which everyone is treated with respect and dignity and contribute to a productive and professional atmosphere
- To develop an understanding of what is meant by a respectful workplace and ensure that a respectful workplace is created and maintained
- To provide processes and procedures to handle complaints and remedy situations when they occur.

MOTION: SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS THAT COUNCIL ADOPT POLICY #616 - RESPECTFUL WORKPLACE POLICY AND FORWARDS THE POLICY TO THE APRIL 28TH REGULAR MEETING FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION.

CARRIED.

Manager of Development and Engineering Services

The Manager of Development and Engineering Services advised that this discussion regarding the 81st Avenue Road Closure Bylaw is not a Public Hearing as in a rezoning or OCP process, but that discussion regarding the road closure has been made open to the public.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE COTW HEARS ANY COMMENTS AND CONCERNS AND/OR ACCEPTS WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE SURROUNDING PROPERTY OWNERS AND THE PUBLIC REGARDING BYLAW 1995 - 81ST AVENUE ROAD CLOSURE BYLAW.

CARRIED.

There were no comments or concerns voiced from the public

Monthly Highlight Reports from Dept. Managers

The Chief Administrative Officer reviewed the Monthly Management reports.

The Chief Administrative Officer spoke with regard to the proposed amendments to the Fees and Charges Bylaw.

Mr. Triveri , a member of the gallery, spoke with regard to the 2014-2018 Financial Plan.

The Chief Financial Officer responded with regard to the 2014-2018 Financial Plan and advised that there was approximately 1.2 million dollars in the combined reserve funds at the end of 2013.

The Chief Administrative Officer spoke with regard to water meters and the installation of a new well and further to the utilities of the City. He advised that the City does use revenue from utility and other services to fund other activities, projects and social issues of the City. He further advised that there were several Budget discussions at the COTW meetings where the public has been encouraged to attend.

Ms. ChristineThompson, a member of the gallery, spoke with regard to the level of service the City provides and how the community pays for the current level of service; whether through tax increases or reduction in service levels.

Mr. Nigel James, another member of the gallery, spoke with regard to the 2014-2018 budget, street sweeping, electrical utility, and the Traffic Control Bylaw.

The Chief Administrative Officer spoke with regard to the Traffic Control Bylaw and the responsibilities of property owners to clear snow, and sweep sidewalks, etc.

The Mayor recessed the meeting at 10:20 am

The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 10:33 am

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

PROPOSED BYLAWS FOR DISCUSSION

INFORMATION ITEMS

Boundary Family and Individual Services Society Correspondence:
Leda Leander, Executive Director of Boundary Family and Individual Services Society
and Connie Bielert, BFISS Board Chair were present in the gallery.

Ms. Leander spoke with regard to the Social Policy Framework that social service agencies across BC are asking the Province to develop.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE COTW RECEIVE THE INFORMATION FROM THE BOUNDARY FAMILY AND INDIVIDUAL SERVICES SOCIETY REGARDING SUPPORT FOR A MOTION ON SOCIAL POLICY THAT IS BEING BROUGHT FORWARD TO THE AKBLG AGM FOR CONSIDERATION AND REFERS THE MATTER TO THE APRIL 7TH, 2014, REGULAR MEETING FOR DECISION.

CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS

LATE ITEMS

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

QUESTION PERIOD FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr. Gene Koch

He spoke with regard to the Community Charter and specifically, petitions to Council and the Alternative Approval Process.

The Chief Administrative Officer spoke with regard to the why's and why not's of water meters.

Mr. Nigel James

He spoke with regard to water.

Mr. Les Johnson

He spoke with regard to power and energy sales.

Mr. Frank Triveri

Spoke with regard to the generators that the City installed in relation to fire protection.

The Fire Chief advised that the generators do satisfy the needs for fire protection for the area.

The Mayor spoke with regard to the necessary replacement of Well 2 because it had reached its life expectancy.

Ms. Christine Thompson

She spoke with regard to selling electricity back to BC Hydro.

Councillor Wirischagin

He spoke with regard to Kimberley selling power back to the grid.

Ms. Donna Semenoff

She spoke with regard to selling power back to the grid.

The Chief Administrative Officer spoke with regard to Well #2 and the expected 2014 replacement.

Ms. Donna Semenoff

She spoke with regard to water meters.

She spoke with regard to the Request for Proposal for water meter installation.

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The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the engineers who prepare reports for the City can prepare information at the City's request, but there would be costs associated with the request.

The Mayor advised that there is a conflict with releasing the Water Meter RFP to the public, and that the request to do so is being looked at by the City's legal team at this time.

Mr. James Hamilton

He spoke with regard to the public process and the passing of bylaws, and whether they would be impacted by the International Council of Environmental Issues.

Mr. Les Johnson

On behalf of viewer Ms. Julia Butler regarding:

Power in Dick Bartlett Park and renovations to City Hall


ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

The meeting was adjourned at 12:06 pm

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER-
SARAH WINTON