

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

MONDAY, APRIL 7TH, 2014

PRESENT:

MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR
COUNCILLOR BOB KENDEL
COUNCILLOR PATRICK O'DOHERTY
COUNCILLOR GARY SMITH
COUNCILLOR CHER WYERS

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
MANAGER OF BUILDING & BYLAW INSPECTION
SERVICES
GALLERY

D. Allin
S. Winton
R. Shepherd
W. Kopan

CALL TO ORDER

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Mayor advised that there is a LATE ITEM: The Liquor Licensing Branch has requested a change of wording for the liquor license application to the Happy Day's 50's Diner resolution from Council.

- a) Adoption of the April 7th, 2014, Regular Meeting agenda

MOTION: SMITH / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE APRIL 7TH, 2014, REGULAR MEETING AGENDA AS AMENDED.

CARRIED.

MINUTES

- a) March 24th, 2014, Regular Meeting minutes

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE MARCH 24TH, 2014, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AS CIRCULATED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

a) Corporate Officer's Report- Verbal Reports of Council

Councillor Smith

He reported that

- On April 3rd, he attended the Environment Committee meeting where they discussed air quality issues in the area. He advised that Barb Stewart of the Boundary Invasive Plant Management Program is interested in developing a City/RDKB partnership in the weed control program

-On April 4th, he attended the Vital Signs meeting and discussed the upcoming program

-The next Deer Committee meeting is on April 25th at 5:30 am for the deer count with a meeting to follow

-He spoke with regard to the bat houses that are being built and advised that within the month, they will be ready to be erected

MOTION: SMITH / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DIRECT STAFF TO PREPARE A LETTER TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEERS THANKING THEM FOR THEIR WATER CONSERVATION EFFORTS.

CARRIED.

Councillor Kendel

He reported that

- On March 25th, he reported his attendance at a Boundary Country Chamber of Commerce monthly meeting and advised that the Greenwood Board of Trade has agreed to form a partnership with the Chamber. He advised that the board is considering initiating a substantial community ambassador program in the near future, if anyone was interested, to please contact James at the Chamber Office in Grand Forks.

-On April 2nd, he met with Kerri Wall from Interior Health and James Wilson regarding the Vital Signs questionnaire including economic development elements

Councillor Wyers

She reported that

-She attended a March 26th meeting with the Boundary Museum Society, Flour Mill and Venture Grand Forks, who are preparing to open the season at the Flour Mill on May 1st

-On March 28th, she attended BC Liberal Women's Network in Kelowna and heard from Pamela Martin. She spoke with the MLA, Linda Larson, who is coming to Grand Forks on April 17th and will meet with the Head Start group.

-On March 31st, she attended the Multi Use Trail education session, hosted by the ATV Club meeting for the introduction of the new trail system

-She attended the Head Start For Young Women meeting on Saturday, April 12th

-She participated in the Environment Committee meeting on April 3rd, where Councillor Smith spoke to brown field programs. She requested Council support her request to send a letter to Air Quality subcommittee members Peter Shilton, Paul Pinnard, Michelle Caskey and Chris Moslin, thanking them for work done over the past few years in air quality.

MOTION: WYERS / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DIRECT STAFF TO PREPARE A LETTER ON BEHALF OF COUNCIL, TO THE AIR QUALITY SUBCOMMITTEE, THANKING THEM FOR THE GREAT WORK DONE ON AIR QUALITY IN THE CITY.

CARRIED.

- She attended the April 3rd Kettle River Water Shed Advisory Committee meeting, and advised there is an upcoming meeting on April 15th on riparian area management

-She advised the Grand Forks Flying Association is inviting the Snow Bird Aerial Performance group to participate in 2017 for Canada's birthday.

-Citizens on Patrol have been active and they have submitted a letter to the City requesting to expand their patrolling area to include Area D

MOTION: WYERS / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL SUPPORT THE CITIZENS ON PATROL EXPANDING THEIR TERRITORY TO INCLUDE AREA D AND FURTHER TO USE THE CITY VAN.

CARRIED.

-The AKBLG AGM is this week in Creston, the theme this year is ties between our communities.

Councillor O'Doherty

He reported that

-The Grand Forks International board is busy planning the ball tournament, and after Easter weekend, will go full speed ahead

-Music in the park is booked for the season

Mayor Taylor

He spoke with regard to

- The SPCA issue and the lack of available humane resources in the community for dealing with animals. He pointed out that there are problems with feral cats and he would like to appeal to the public to volunteer to manage a program

MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

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 Officer's Report- RDKB Representatives report
Mayor Taylor spoke with regard to the meeting of the Boundary Economic Development Committee. He advised that there is an effort on behalf of Community Futures and Area E Director, Bill Baird, to have a Welcome Centre/Information booth at Rock Creek. The Mayor further spoke with regard to West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital Board.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

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) Building Inspection and Bylaw Services
Alteration to Gallery 2 facility

MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE ALTERATION PLANS TO THE ENTRY
DOORWAY OF THE GIFT SHOP AT THE GALLERY 2 FACILITY.**

CARRIED.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

INFORMATION ITEMS

- a) Boundary Taxi Company
Rate increase information

MOTION: KENDEL / SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVE FOR INFORMATION THE CORRESPONDENCE
FROM THE BOUNDARY TAXI COMPANY REGARDING RATE INCREASES.**

CARRIED.

- b) Public Works Association of British Columbia
Public Works Week

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KENDEL

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DIRECTS STAFF TO WRITE A LETTER TO PUBLIC WORKS
THANKING STAFF FOR ALL THEY DO IN RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC WORKS WEEK.**

CARRIED.

- c) Boundary Family and Individual Services Society

Request from Boundary Family and Individual Services Society for Council to support
a resolution regarding Social Policy framework at AKBLG.

MOTION: WYERS / O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL SUPPORT THE REQUEST FROM BOUNDARY FAMILY AND
INDIVIDUAL SERVICES SOCIETY FOR COUNCIL TO SUPPORT A RESOLUTION
REGARDING SOCIAL POLICY FRAMEWORK AT AKBLG.**

CARRIED.

The resolution which will be presented for consideration at the AKBLG reads as follows:

WHEREAS EVERY BRITISH COLUMBIAN DEPENDS ON SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTH CARE, JUSTICE AND EDUCATION SERVICES;

AND WHEREAS OUR COMMUNITIES ARE PARTNERS IN THE DELIVERY OF MANY OF THESE SERVICES AND ARE FACING INCREASINGLY COMPLEX SOCIAL CHALLENGES REQUIRING COORDINATION BETWEEN MULTIPLE SOCIAL MINISTRIES OF GOVERNMENT, MUNICIPALITIES AND THE COMMUNITY AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT DELIVER SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA CALL UPON THE PREMIER TO BEGIN A CONSULTATION WITH BRITISH COLUMBIANS TO INITIATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SOCIAL POLICY FRAMEWORK THAT WILL SET OUT KEY POLICY DIRECTIONS, VALUES, PRIORITIES, ROLES AND EXPECTATIONS AND GUIDE THE CREATION OF PUBLIC POLICY TO MEET OUR SOCIAL NEEDS NOW AND INTO THE FUTURE.

BYLAWS

- a) Chief Financial Officer
2014-2018 Financial Plan

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL GIVE THIRD READING TO 2014-2018 FINANCIAL PLAN BYLAW 1996.

CARRIED.

LATE ITEMS

- a) Manager of Development and Engineering

Liquor License for Happy Day's 50's Diner

The Liquor Licensing Branch has requested a change of wording for the liquor license application to the Happy Day's 50's Diner resolution from Council, to read as follows:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVE THE STAFF REPORT DATED JANUARY 10TH, 2014, WITH REGARD TO THE HAPPY DAY'S 50'S DINER APPLICATION TO THE LIQUOR CONTROL AND LICENSING BRANCH FOR A LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION

FOR PREMISES LOCATED AT 131 CENTRAL AVENUE, AS OUTLINED IN THEIR APPLICATION AND FURTHER ADOPTS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION TO BE SENT TO THE LIQUOR CONTROL AND LICENSING BRANCH;

WHEREAS THE NEW LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION FOR THE 139 SQUARE METER OF THE DINING AND DANCING AREA OF THE RESTAURANT INTENDED ON ACCOMMODATING APPROXIMATELY 50 SEATS, INSIDE THE ESTABLISHMENT, WILL HAVE NO POTENTIAL FOR ADDITIONAL NOISE, AS IT IS AN INDOOR LICENSED AREA WITH NO OUTDOOR SEATING;

AND WHEREAS THE IMPACT ON THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY WILL SEE THAT THE HAPPY DAY'S 50'S DINER PATRONS WILL BE LOCATED IN A CONTROLLED INDOOR AREA, FOR THE PATRON'S PARTICIPATION, AS REQUESTED IN THE APPLICATION;

AND WHEREAS THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS HAD NOTIFIED THE SURROUNDING PROPERTY OWNERS BY WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE AND NO INDIVIDUALS HAD RESPONDED EITHER BY CORRESPONDENCE OR IN PERSON AT THE DEADLINE DATE STATED IN THE CORRESPONDENCE;

AND WHEREAS THERE WILL BE NO AMENDMENT REQUIRED FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT BEING OPERATED IN A MANNER THAT IS CONTRARY TO THE PRIMARY PURPOSE, WHICH WILL BE A LIQUOR LICENSED RESTAURANT AND IS A PERMITTED USE IN THE CURRENT ZONING OF THE PROPERTY;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ADVISES THE LIQUOR CONTROL AND LICENSING BRANCH OF COUNCIL'S SUPPORT FOR HAPPY DAY'S 50'S DINER LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION, AS DESCRIBED IN THE APPLICATION AND DETERMINES THAT THERE WERE NO NEGATIVE RESPONSES WITH REGARD TO THE APPLICATION.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ADVISES THE LIQUOR CONTROL AND LICENSING BRANCH OF COUNCIL'S SUPPORT FOR THE HAPPY DAY'S 50'S DINER APPLICATION FOR A PERMANENT LIQUOR LICENSE AREA FOR PATRON PARTICIPATION ENTERTAINMENT ENDORSEMENT TO HAVE 50'S SOC-HOPS FOUR TO FIVE TIMES A YEAR ENDING AT 10:00 PM AND TO HOST BANQUETS FOR PARTIES WHICH SUPPLY FOOD FROM THE MENU, ENDING AT 12:00 AM AND THAT ANY NEGATIVE IMPACT AND POTENTIAL FOR NOISE TO THE SURROUNDING BUSINESSES AND RESIDENTS WOULD BE CONSIDERED STANDARD FOR THIS AREA OF THE CITY.

CARRIED.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA

Ms. Donna Semenoff

She spoke with regard to the water meter RFP.

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that he anticipates that the water meter project will take more than a year to complete.

Ms. Semenoff spoke further to the water meter project.

The Mayor advised that Council is elected to look after City business.

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the type of meter chosen for installation would adhere to Federal health and environmental standards.

James Hamilton

He spoke with regard to Bylaws

The Mayor advised that Bylaws are not made in closed meetings, but must be presented and adopted before the public.

The Chief Administrative Officer spoke with regard to the process for passing a bylaw as legislatively required.

Ms. Chris Thompson

She spoke with regard to voluntary water meters and advised she would like to volunteer to be one of the first.

Mr. Roy Ronaghan

He spoke with regard to the Carbon Neutral Kootenay program and the Provincial program.

The Mayor spoke with regard to the Carbon Neutral Kootenay program and the process.

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that a meeting with the building inspector and bylaw officer and Mr. Ronaghan could be arranged to discuss the carbon neutral program.

Mr. Les Johnson

On behalf of Julia Butler through Facebook

She spoke with regard to Build Canada Grant.

Mayor Taylor spoke with regard to gas tax funding and explained that the Canada Build funding could be matched by the province to assist with the infrastructure replacement program.

Mr. Nigel James

He spoke with regard to the Snow Birds (Sarah, what is this in reference to?) and the presentation that the Chief Administrative Officer gave at the COTW with regard to the water system.

He spoke further to the SPCA

He spoke further to the restoration of City Hall

He spoke further to the Fire Protection System and services.

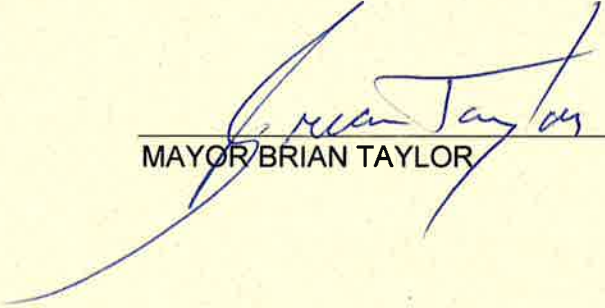
ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ADJOURN THE APRIL 7TH, 2014, REGULAR MEETING AT
8:05 pm**

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR



DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER-
SARAH WINTON