

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, AUGUST 18TH, 2014

PRESENT:

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

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
CORPORATE OFFICER
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER
MANAGER OF DEVELOPMENT & ENGINEERING
MANAGER OF BUILDING AND BYLAW SERVICES

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

GALLERY

CALL TO ORDER

- a) The Mayor called the August 18th, 2014, Regular Meeting to order at 7:00pm.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- a) August 18th, 2014
The Mayor advised that the presentation to Jaclyn Salter would be moved to be included during the Regular Meeting.

MOTION: KENDEL / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the August 18th, 2014, Regular Meeting agenda as amended.

CARRIED.

MINUTES

- a) July 21st, 2014
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the July 21st, 2014, Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes as presented.

CARRIED.

- b) July 21st, 2014
Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: SMITH / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the July 21st, 2014, Regular Meeting minutes as presented.

CARRIED.

- c) July 21st, 2014
Special Meeting to go In-Camera

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the July 21st, Special Meeting to go In-Camera minutes as presented.

CARRIED.

- d) August 8, 2014
Special Meeting minutes

MOTION: SMITH / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the August 8th, 2014, Special Meeting minutes as presented.

CARRIED.

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 O'Doherty

He reported that:

- He attended the open house for water meters
- He attended Music in the Park
- He attended the Park in the Park car show
- That baseball is done and waiting to hear about next year
- That hockey starts next week
- That the Fall Fair and the Fly In are both this weekend

Councillor Wyers

She reported that:

- She has been at AKBLG and had a prior commitment so has not been at the last two scheduled Council meetings
- She participated in Citizens on Patrol this month
- On June 25th, she attended the West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital board meeting and discussed the report regarding acute care in the West Kootenay Boundary as provided by Jim Gustafson; Ingrid Hempf's retirement was also announced
- She Participated in the Grand Forks International Baseball Tournament and thought it was great
- Her primary project this summer has been the Head Start for Young Women Program and the organization of the conference that the Grand Forks chapter is planning. The conference is being planned for October. There are 47 women in Kootenay Boundary local Government who will be invited to attend the conference and bring along any female youth from their communities.
- Grand Forks Airport Appreciation Day and Fly In is this Sunday, August 24th. On Saturday evening there will be a Runway Theatre for kids.

Councillor Kendel

He reported that:

- On July 17th, he and other Councillors attended the Spray Park Sod Turning at City Park
- He attended the water meter open house
- He attended the August 12th monthly meeting of the Boundary Museum. The Visitor Centre is always looking for volunteers to help at the Flour Mill Welcome Center. The Welcome Center is also installing new photo signage that will be installed along Highway 3. Thursday mornings, the museum makes bread that is available to purchase.
- He attended the Park in the Park car show and advised that it went extremely well and he thanked the organizers.

Councillor Smith

He reported that:

- The Rotary Club is fund raising for the Spray Park with a lobster dinner in September. There are also raffle tickets available for West Jet
- On July 22nd, he attended the Water Meter Open House which was well attended by the public
- On July 29th, he attended the vital signs committee meeting, where they are still gathering data for the report due out in September
- On July 11th, he met with two members of the Mural Committee and arranged for \$6,000 to be requested from Council for the project
- On July 15th, he met with the Gilpin Grasslands group to follow up on the meeting with the Nature Trust regarding financial backing for fencing the grasslands
- On July 15th, he MC'd the Habitat for Humanity Raising the Roof fund raiser and the event was great, they raised approximately \$1400.00
- On July 17th, he attended the Park in the Park event where he worked presenting the Solar Car initiative that the elementary school children participated in
- On July 8th, he attended the Deer Committee meeting. He spoke with regard to the tagging of the deer project that Council committed \$10,000.00 to, in partnership with the Ministry of Environment. He advised that they would like to tag a buck and that the MOE has committed \$3,000.00 to the project.
- He advised that the Deer Committee would like to include a deer cull question on the ballot at the upcoming election in November as an opinion poll
- He asked for Council's support to proceed with the tagging program in October and November of 2014. He explained the process for the tagging program
- He advised that the MOE would purchase the collars and that it is a two year project

Councillor Wirischagin

He had no report

The Mayor reported that:

- The Kettle River Watershed project is to be completed shortly
- The City is attempting to set up a meeting with Council and the BCSPCA at UBCM to discuss humane options in the community for dealing with animals
- He is receiving many calls regarding real estate and from people looking to move to the area

MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT Council approves that there be an opinion poll question with regard to a deer cull be included on the ballot during the 2014 Local Government election.

CARRIED.

MOTION: SMITH / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT Council determines to advise staff to provide a detailed report with regard to the Ministry of Environments contribution to the deer tagging program before making a decision to proceed.

Councillor Wirischagin opposed this motion.

CARRIED.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT all reports of members of Council given verbally at this meeting, be received.

CARRIED.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

- a) The Mayor and Council presented their congratulations to Jaclyn Salter for receiving a \$1000.00 prize from the Canadian War Museum for her poem What It Was For on this year's theme, Canada and the First World War, as on of the Colonel Douglas H. Gunther History Awards.
Jaclyn read her poem to the gallery.
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REPORT FROM COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY

- a) Corporate Officer's Report
RDKB Representatives Report

The Mayor advised that:

- the Recreation Commission has asked to review the recreation facility
- the RDKB meets again on the 28th and a review of policies is underway

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / WIRISCHAGIN

THAT the Mayor's report on the activities of the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary be received.

CARRIED.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS

- a) Chief Financial Officer
Mr. Bill Pepin and Owners of Riverside Gardens request to the City to cancel the basic electrical charge

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that a letter will go out to Mr. Pepin this week in the hopes of resolving this issue.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT Council receives for information and discussion.

CARRIED.

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- b) Chief Financial Officer
Policy 804 Tangible Capital Assets revision

MOTION: SMITH /O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT Council adopts Policy #804⁴-A1, Tangible Capital Assets

CARRIED.

- c) Manager of Bylaw Services
Show Cause Hearing - 721 65th Avenue

MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT Council considers the Show Cause Hearing request should the property owner appear before Council, and determine the next steps required in obtaining compliance with the City's Unsightly Premises Bylaw No. 1962;
And further, should the property owner, choose not to appear, that Council directs staff to deliver a third notice as per the City's Unsightly premises Bylaw No. 1962, to the executor of the estate, Maureen Shaw, for the property civilly known as 721-65th Avenue, Grand Forks, BC. Whereas the third notice will advise of a date and time which the City and/or its contractors intend to enter the property to remove and/or secure the structure and any surrounding materials that are in violation of the City's Unsightly Premises Bylaw No. 1962.**

CARRIED.

- d) Manager of Bylaw Services
Show Cause Hearing - 820-64th Avenue

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / WYERS

**THAT Council considers the Show Cause Hearing request should the property owner appear before Council, and determine the next steps required in obtaining compliance with the City's Unsightly Premises Bylaw No. 1962;
And further, should the property owner, choose not to appear, that Council directs staff to deliver a third notice as per the City's Unsightly Premises Bylaw No. 1962, to the property owner, Gregory Cherrington-Kelly, for the property civilly known as 820-64th Avenue, Grand Forks, BC. Whereas the third notice will advise of a date and time which the City and/or its contractors intend to enter the property to remove and/or secure the structure and any surrounding materials that are in violation of the City's Unsightly Premises Bylaw No. 1962.**

CARRIED.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

INFORMATION ITEMS

- a) Habitat for Humanity
Request for the City to purchase street banners to be used as way of finding signage to the temporary ReStore location.

The Mayor advised that Habitat for Humanity has run into a hold up with the province regarding funding for the project and therefore needs to have a temporary location. The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the dollars could come from surplus or legislative.

Council discussed the request.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT Council supports the request from Habitat for Humanity, to provide five or six street banners to be erected along 2nd Street, that show the location of the temporary ReStore.

CARRIED.

- b) Roxanna Bolton

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / SMITH

Council to receive for information and discussion.

CARRIED.

- c) Councillor Gary Smith
Declaration Under Section 107 of the Community Charter - Contract with the City for Pest Control Services

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT the memorandum, dated July 17th, 2014, from Councillor Gary Smith, outlining that he has provided additional pest control services for the City of Grand Forks at the five Fire Department Halls at an additional \$750.00 plus tax one time charge, inasmuch as there is no other pest control provider in the immediate Grand Forks area, and this be received pursuant to Section 107 of the Community Charter.

CARRIED.

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- d) Hilary Farson
Xplornet to Deliver 25 Mbps Broadband Internet to Rural Canadians

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / SMITH

Council to receive for information

CARRIED.

BYLAWS

- a) Chief Financial Officer
The City of Grand Forks Year 2005-2009 Financial Plan Amendment Repeal of Bylaw 1780R, 2014

MOTION: KENDEL / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT Council give first three readings to The City of Grand Forks Year 2005-2009 Financial Plan Amendment Repeal Bylaw No. 1780R, 2014.

CARRIED.

- b) Chief Financial Officer
The City of Grand Forks Major Industrial Revitalization Area Tax Exemption Renewal (Interfor) Repeal of Bylaw 1881R, 2014

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT Council give first three readings to The City of Grand Forks Major Industrial Revitalization Area Tax Exemption Renewal (Interfor) Repeal of Bylaw 1881R, 2014.

CARRIED

- c) Chief Financial Officer
Major Industrial Revitalization Area Tax Exemption Renewal (Interfor) Repeal of Bylaw No. 1912R, 2014.

MOTION: KENDEL / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT Council give first three readings to the Major Industrial Revitalization Area Tax Exemption Renewal (Interfor) Repeal of Bylaw No. 1912R, 2014

CARRIED

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- d) Manager of Development and Engineering
Water Regulations and Rates Repeal Bylaw No. 1501-R

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT Council give final reading to the Water Regulations and Rates Repeal Bylaw No. 1501-R, 2014.

Councillor Wirischagin opposed this motion.

CARRIED.

- e) Manager of Development and Engineering &
Manager of Operations
Water Regulations Bylaw No. 1973, 2014

MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT Council give final reading to Water Regulations Bylaw No. 1973, 2014.

Councillor Wirischagin opposed this motion.

CARRIED.

- f) Manager of Development and Engineering
Municipal Ticket Information Amendment Bylaw No. 1957-A2, 2014

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT Council give final reading to Municipal Ticket Information Amendment Bylaw No. 1957-A2, 2014.

Councillor Wirischagin opposed this motion.

CARRIED.

LATE ITEMS

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA

- a) The Mayor clarified that this is a question period and will be limited to 15 minutes

Ms Christine Thompson

She spoke with regard to the deer cull question, and asked if the City required a bylaw for the question. Ms. Thompson was advised that the City did not require a bylaw for an opinion poll.

Mr. Tom Tripp

He spoke with regard to meter reader options

Mr. Les Johnson

He spoke with regard to the motion to support Habitat for Humanity's request for street banners.

ADJOURNMENT

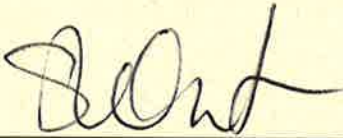
MOTION: SMITH

RESOLVED THAT the August 18th Regular meeting be adjourned at 8:03pm

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER -
SARAH WINTON