

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MONDAY DECEMBER 15TH, 2014

PRESENT: MAYOR FRANK KONRAD
 COUNCILLOR JULIA BUTLER
 COUNCILLOR CHRIS HAMMETT
 COUNCILLOR NEIL KROG
 COUNCILLOR COLLEEN ROSS
 COUNCILLOR CHRISTINE THOMPSON

ACTING CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
ACTING CORPORATE OFFICER
MANAGER OF DEVELOPMENT
AND ENGINEERING
MANAGER OF BUILDING AND
BYLAW SERVICES
MANAGER OF OPERATIONS

D. Heinrich
R. Shepherd
S. Winton

S. Bird

W. Kopan
R. Huston

CALL TO ORDER

Call the meeting to order

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA

Adopt agenda
December 15th, 2014

MOTION: BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the December 15th, 2014, agenda as presented
CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

PRESENTATIONS FROM STAFF

Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Corporate Strategic Plan

The Acting Chief Administrative Officer spoke with regard to the process of arranging the strategic planning session for Council.

MOTION: THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends to Council that staff be directed to obtain a facilitator to hold a workshop session that will define Council's strategic plan for the 2015-2018 term in accordance with the City's purchasing policy and to refer this report to the Regular Meeting of Council on December 15th, 2014 for Council's decision.

CARRIED.

Ms. Donna Semenov spoke with regard to:
Public participation in the Strategic Planning Session

Council discussed the different options for public input into the Strategic Plan

Mr. Jack Koochin spoke with regard to:
Council's representation of the public

Chief Financial Officer
Bylaw 2007 - The City of Grand Forks 2015 Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw

The Chief Financial Officer spoke with regard to The City of Grand Forks 2015 Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw and advised Council that it does come before Council for approval every year as required.

MOTION: KROG

RESOLVED THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends to Council to give first three readings to Bylaw 2007 - 2015 Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw at the January 12th, 2015, Regular Meeting of Council.

CARRIED.

Monthly highlight reports from Department Managers
Staff request for Council to receive the monthly activity report from department managers

The Manager of Development and Engineering provided an update with regards to the move back to City Hall, which will commence at the beginning of January.

Councillor Butler inquired about the new Sign Bylaw and was advised that it is a brand new bylaw that is in the initial stages of development.

MOTION: THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT the Committee of the Whole receives the monthly activity reports
CARRIED.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

PROPOSED BYLAWS FOR DISCUSSION

INFORMATION ITEMS

CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS

LATE ITEMS

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

QUESTION PERIOD FROM THE PUBLIC

Ms. Donna Semenoff

She spoke with regard to the Electrical Bylaw, RF emissions and Safety Code Six

Councillor Butler spoke with regard to the opt out program and the option of an equal payments program.

Councillor Thompson spoke with regard to requiring scientific proof of the health issues associated with RF in Grand Forks, and would like to see data specific to Grand Forks.

The Mayor advised that in order for Council to consider each case it needs to be documented appropriately.

Councillor Ross advised that several options can be included in the electrical bylaw before it receives third reading.

Mr. Jack Koochin

He spoke with regard to the electrical Bylaw and giving it further consideration.

Mr. Les Johnson

He spoke with regard to the RF and the Electrical Bylaw.

Councillor Thompson spoke with regard to the City's use of consultants to provide expert advice and recommendations to Council and Staff.

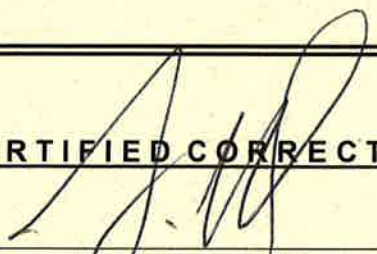
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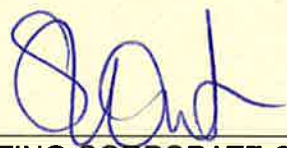
MOTION: THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:48AM

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR FRANK KONRAD


ACTING CORPORATE OFFICER -
SARAH WINTON