

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

Tuesday, February 24th, 2014, 9:00 am

PRESENT: MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR
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
MANAGER OF DEVELOPMENT AND
ENGINEERING
DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF
MANAGER OF BUILDING AND BYLAW
SERVICES
MANAGER OF OPERATIONS

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

S. Bird
K. McKinnon

W. Kopan
R. Huston

PRESENTATION TO URBAN SYSTEMS BY THE MAYOR

The Mayor presented Mr. Scott Shepherd and Mr. Ken Oliver of Urban Systems with a letter of thanks to their organization in assisting the City throughout the years.

CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 9:05am

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA

Agenda for February 24th, 2014

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA FOR THE FEBRUARY 24TH COTW MEETING BE
ADOPTED AS PRESENTED

CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

Boundary Country Regional Chamber of Commerce - James Wilson presented the Chamber Budget as requested by Council.

James advised that funding from the City would go towards projects such as:

- Downtown core and upgrades to empty store fronts
- Signage plan and working with businesses

The Chief Administrative Officer spoke with regard to a proposal that could combine business license fees and chamber fees or the collection thereof and advised that at this time, Chamber memberships and business license fees are separate.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO RECEIVE THE PRESENTATION BY JAMES WILSON OF THE BOUNDARY COUNTRY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

CARRIED.

Urban Systems – presentation of the Final Draft of the Grand Forks Water Supply Plan.

Mr. Ken Oliver representative from Urban Systems provided an overview of the Grand Forks Water Supply Plan. He spoke with regard to:

- The purpose of the Water Supply Plan
- Maximum Day Demand or MDD
- Confirmed Supply
- Cubic meters per day versus Lps
- Storage
- Fire flows
- Treatment (not dealt with in this report as the assumption is that nothing will change)
- Scenarios that were considered with regard to the plan
- Conclusions and observations
- Well safety factors
- Well capacity
- Demand
- Reservoir recovery
- The current fire flow is running at less than the system can handle.

The Mayor advised that the Scada System maps the use of water within the City's system.

Mr. Oliver spoke with regard to the future:

- His prediction rate is a growth rate of 1% over a 20 year period and a conservation rate of 20%

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- He provided 2 solutions:
 1. Increase elevated storage, new well supply to meet MDD for a cost of \$1,248,000
 2. Use existing available storage, supplement flows and MDD from additional well supply for a cost of \$1,405,000
 - He provided the pros and cons of each option
 - He provided a recommended approach for the short term
 - He provided an action plan for moving forward

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that once water metering is in place and with further water conservation efforts, the time line for this project could be stretched out to avoid having to borrow money. He spoke further to the Gas Tax Funding and the annual contribution received by municipalities.

The Mayor advised that the City will accomplish 20% conservation of water through the combination of water meters and education programming. He spoke with regard to the mock billing process and the ability of customers to follow and gauge their water usage.

Mr. Oliver advised that sand point wells could pose a problem if all residents utilized them as ground water would become an issue.

MOTION: SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS COUNCIL RECEIVE THE FINAL DRAFT REPORT REGARDING THE WATER SUPPLY PLAN FROM URBAN SYSTEMS.

CARRIED.

The Mayor recessed the meeting at 10:27am

The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 10:40am

Boundary Museum Society – Sue Adrian

Request that the City renew the Fee For Service Contract with the Boundary Museum.

Ms. Adrian spoke with regard to:

- Recent projects
- Grants
- Building projects
- Events
- Partnership with Venture Grand Forks
- Explained the relationship between the Union of Spiritual Communities of Christ and the Boundary Museum

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO RECEIVE THE PRESENTATION BY SUE ADRIAN OF THE BOUNDARY MUSEUM SOCIETY.

CARRIED.

PRESENTATIONS FROM STAFF

Manager of Development and Engineering Services - RDKB request for land improvements

MOTION: SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS THAT COUNCIL RECEIVE THE PRESENTATION AND DOES NOT PROCEED WITH THIS RECOMMENDATION UNTIL FURTHER KEY ELEMENTS SUCH AS PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND CONSULTATION ARE IN PLACE AND FURTHER THAT IT BE REFERRED TO THE FEBRUARY 24TH, 2014, REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL.

CARRIED.

Chief Financial Officer - 2014-2018 Financial Plan Review

The Chief Administrative Officer and Chief Financial Officer presented the financial plan.

Council prioritized the Capital requests.

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that it would be prudent to leave the amount allocated in the 2014 budget to library upgrades and further advised that staff would provide a comprehensive assessment of the library, done by an independent company, to Council for consideration.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS THAT COUNCIL RECEIVE THE PRESENTATION AND REVIEW OF THE 2014-2018 FINANCIAL PLAN AND RECOMMEND THAT STAFF MOVE FORWARD IN PREPARATION OF THE FINAL FINANCIAL PLAN BYLAW.

CARRIED.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

INFORMATION ITEMS

CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS

LATE ITEMS

PROPOSED BYLAWS FOR DISCUSSION

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

QUESTION PERIOD FROM THE PUBLIC

Onya Soroka – Representative from the Boundary District Arts Council (BDAC)

Ms. Soroka spoke with regard to BDAC's request to Council to provide funding in the amount of \$4,500, in order for the organization to be eligible to receive matching grant funds from the province.

She advised:

- All funds received are distributed to smaller organizations, used for events, and provide scholarships to Grand Forks Secondary School students.
- BDAC receives \$500 from Area C.
- The fiscal year for the group ends in June.
- BDAC receives funding from the Phoenix Foundation but these funds are restricted to Capital expenditures.

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that Council would need to pass a resolution in support of providing funding to BDAC for 2013 and 2014. He further recommended that BDAC consider a fee for service agreement that would outline what Council can expect from the organization.

Mayor requested that a copy of the financial statements be brought to the City shortly.

Mayor recessed the meeting at 12:34pm

Mayor reconvened the meeting at 1:10pm

Mayor spoke with regard to:

- The provision of Regional funding for groups such as the Boundary District Arts Council.
- Council approaching Area D Director, Roly Russell, before making any decisions based on funding and gas tax dollars for community groups.

Council discussed the request for funding from the Boundary District Arts Council.

Mr. Les Johnson,

He spoke with regard to digital information systems.

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that McDonalds has applied for a development permit within the City limits.

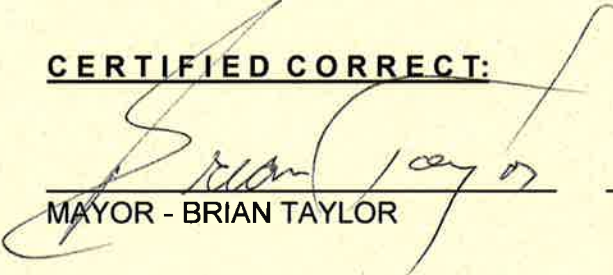
ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ADJOURN THE FEBRUARY 24TH COTW MEETING AT 2:12PM.

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR - BRIAN TAYLOR


DEPTUY CORPORATE OFFICER -
SARAH WINTON