

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS**

**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2014**

**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  
DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER  
MANAGER OF OPERATIONS

D. Allin  
D. Heinrich  
S. Winton  
R. Huston

GALLERY

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**PRESENTATION TO JACOB NOSEWORTHY**

The Mayor presented Jacob Noseworthy with a letter of congratulations for his participation in British Columbia Youth Parliament from the City of Grand Forks.

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**FAMILY DAY DRAW FOR BASKETS**

The Mayor drew two names for the Family Day Baskets. The Winner of:  
The Game / Movie night basket is: Precious  
The Camping basket is: Vincent Lajoie

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

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Additions to the Agenda to be included under Information Items:

- RDKB request for land improvements
- Letter from Council to staff regarding Family Day
- Boundary District Arts Council

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

a) Adoption of the February 24th, 2014, Regular Meeting agenda

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA OF THE FEBRUARY 24TH, 2014, REGULAR MEETING  
BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.**

CARRIED.

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**MINUTES**

- a) Adopt the February 11th, 2014 COTW Meeting minutes

MOTION: KROG / ODOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 11TH, 2014, COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.**

CARRIED.

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- b) February 11th, 2014 – Special Meeting minutes

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING TO GO IN-CAMERA ON FEBRUARY 11TH, 2014, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.**

CARRIED.

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- c) February 11th, 2014 – Regular Meeting minutes

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / WIRISCHAGIN

**RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ON FEBRUARY 11TH, 2014, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.**

CARRIED.

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**REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

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

Councillor Krog

He reported that:

- He attended the Board of Directors meeting at Gallery 2, where they are planning the Masquerade Ball, Canada Day, and anniversary of the Gallery. They are also working with the Chief Administrative Officer on the lease agreement that is coming due, and strategic planning for the coming year.
- He attended the Grand Forks Fall Fair Annual General Meeting.
- He advised that the province is developing legislation regarding off road vehicles.

Councillor Smith

He reported that:

- He attended the FCM Sustainable Communities Conference in Prince Edward Island from February 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, and will have a report ready for Council shortly.
- He attended the Phoenix Foundation Board meeting.
- He attended Phase 2 of the Downtown Beautification Open House at Gallery 2 on February 20<sup>th</sup>.

Councillor Wirischagin

He advised he had no report

Councillor O'Doherty

He reported that:

- He attended Phase 2 of the Downtown Beautification Open House at Gallery 2 on the February 20<sup>th</sup>.
- The Bruins had a wonderful season.
- He is working with the Grand Forks International board and they will be announcing the names of the teams that are participating in the tournament shortly.

Councillor Wyers

She reported that:

- She attended the Boundary Women in Business luncheon on February 12<sup>th</sup>.
- On February 13<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup>, Melissa Newitt visited from the FCM Young Women in Local Government Program. Both she and Melissa attended the Women's Resource Centre fundraiser - Girl Rising. The young women involved in the program have begun work on a project.
- She attended the Grand Forks and District Library board meeting on February 19<sup>th</sup>, and shared the statistics for the month. She spoke with the library board about having a kiosk at the library that would provide information regarding the City. The board passed a motion to discuss what an information kiosk could look like.
- AKBLG introduced a Community Engagement pilot project which the City of Grand Forks was asked to host. The project includes three communities Fruitvale, Grand Forks, Cranbrook. The evening will include dinner and an opportunity to discuss community issues, and what is known about local government in the community. The event is scheduled for March 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm – 9:00pm at the Omega Banquet Room Restaurant.
- She attended the Partnership Building workshop at Community Futures on February 20<sup>th</sup>.
- She attended Phase 2 of the Downtown Beautification Open House at Gallery 2 on the February 20<sup>th</sup>.
- She attended Citizens on Patrol meeting on February 20<sup>th</sup>.

MOTION: WYERS / WIRISCHAGIN

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL WRITE A LETTER OF RECOGNITION AND CONGRATULATIONS TO THE RUSSIAN EMBASSY THANKING THEM FOR A GREAT OLYMPIC EVENT.**

CARRIED.

Mayor Taylor

He reported that:

- The Downtown business improvements look good, and the visuals and comments are positive, particularly regarding the trees.
- That McDonalds has applied for a development permit.
- He appreciates the leadership role that women play in the community.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / WIRISCHAGIN

**RESOLVED THAT ALL REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, GIVEN VERBALLY AT THIS MEETING, BE RECEIVED.**

CARRIED.

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**REPORT FROM COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY**

- a) Corporate Officer's Report – Verbal Report Regarding the Activities of the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary.

Mayor Taylor advised that:

- He intends to move to formalize a collaborative relationship with Area D Director Roly Russell.
- The Kettle River Water Shed Management plan is near completion, the next meeting is on March 6<sup>th</sup> in Greenwood. He advised that the recommendations in the plan are comprehensive and the committee is committed to ensuring the river is protected.

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.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS**

- a) Manager of Development and Engineering - 81st Avenue Road Closure

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE REQUEST TO CLOSE THAT PORTION OF 81ST AVENUE AND DIRECT STAFF TO PROCEED WITH THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS NECESSARY TO START AND COMPLETE THE ROAD CLOSURE AND CONSOLIDATION OF THAT PORTION OF 81ST AVENUE WITH LOT 18, PLAN 25445.**

CARRIED.

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**REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE**

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**INFORMATION ITEMS**

- a) Interior Health - Kerri Wall

MOTION: SMITH / KROG

**RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS AND INTERIOR HEALTH CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER TO PROMOTE HEALTH AND WELLNESS WITH AN INFORMAL PARTNERSHIP TO STRENGTHEN ACTIONS THAT WILL FURTHER IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF THE COMMUNITY AND REDUCE CHRONIC DISEASE RISK FACTORS.**

CARRIED.

- b) Regional District of Kootenay Boundary request for land improvements

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / WYERS

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DOES NOT PROCEED WITH THIS RECOMMENDATION UNTIL FURTHER KEY ELEMENTS SUCH AS PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND CONSULTATION ARE IN PLACE.**

CARRIED.

Councillor Wirischagin was opposed to this motion.

- c) Letter from Council to staff regarding Family Day

MOTION: WYERS / O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL PREPARE A LETTER OF THANKS TO CITY STAFF AND THE GRAND FORKS FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR FAMILY DAY ON FEBRUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2014.**

CARRIED.

- d) Boundary and District Arts Council

MOTION: KROG / WYERS

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DEFER THE REQUEST FROM THE BOUNDARY DISTRICT ARTS COUNCIL (BDAC) FOR FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,500 FOR 2013 AND \$4,500 FOR 2014, TO THE MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup> COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING FOR DISCUSSION;  
AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT BDAC APPEAR AS A DELEGATION ON MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup> SO THAT COUNCIL MAY ASK SOME QUESTIONS TO THE GROUP PRIOR TO PROCEEDING.**

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**BYLAWS**

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**LATE ITEMS**

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**QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA**

The Mayor advised that Council will not limit discussion from the public to what is on the agenda, but discussion is limited to five minutes.

The Mayor Advised that Council is a democratic Council.

Nathan Bosnar spoke with regard to utilizing the Recreation Centre to provide services such as physiotherapy on the premises.

The Corporate Officer advised that the City does not have a bylaw that makes Petitions binding, but that staff will research this and provide further information to Council.

Mayor Advised that Council has already opposed CETA – Canadian European Trade Agreement and has sent out correspondence to this effect.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

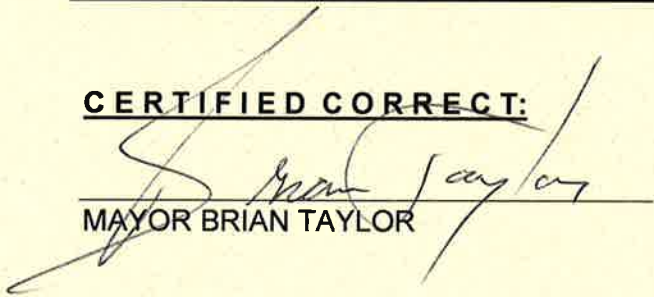
MOTION: O'DOHERTY

Council adjourned at 8:04 pm

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**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

  
MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR

  
DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER-  
SARAH WINTON