

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

Monday June 23rd, 2014, 9:00 AM

PRESENT: MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR  
COUNCILLOR BOB KENDEL  
COUNCILLOR PATRICK O'DOHERTY  
COUNCILLOR GARY SMITH  
COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WIRISCHAGIN

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	D. Allin
CORPORATE OFFICER	D. Heinrich
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	R. Shepherd
DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER	S. Winton
MANAGER OF DEVELOPMENT AND ENGINEERING	S. Bird

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 9:02am

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**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA**

Adopt agenda

Adoption of June 9th, 2014, Agenda

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ADOPTS THE JUNE 9TH, 2014,  
AGENDA AS PRESENTED.**

CARRIED.

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**REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

Grand Forks Community Trails Society

Stewardship Agreement with the City of Grand Forks

Mr. Moslin thanked Council supporting the Trails Society. He provided an update regarding the Commuter Challenge and the first Trails Society work day. He further advised that the Stewardship Agreement identifies the right of the Trails Society to provide maintenance to the trails and acknowledges the work of the Society.

Councillor Kendel advised that Peter Perepolkin donated \$10,000 to the Trails Society for the maintenance of the trails to be disbursed over the next 10 years.

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that expenditures for the trail system would come before Council for approval before moving forward.

Mr. Moslin advised that the Stewardship Agreement is a legal agreement that identifies what is City work and what work volunteers are able to undertake, the formalization gives the society guidance and recognition.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS COUNCIL RECEIVE THE REQUEST FROM THE GRAND FORKS TRAILS SOCIETY TO ENTER INTO A STEWARDSHIP AGREEMENT WITH THE GRAND FORKS TRAILS SOCIETY FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS AND REFERS THE REQUEST TO THE JULY 21ST , 2014, REGULAR MEETING FOR DECISION.**

CARRIED.

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Grand Forks Mural Committee - James Wilson and Sandy Elzinga

Ms. Elzinga spoke with regard to the mural Committees request to Council to support the mural project. She advised:

- They would like to use the lift station for the first Mural
- There are many community benefits
- Creates a legacy
- There are suggested themes
- That the committee would like for Council to suggest a theme

The COTW discussed:

- The use of anti graffiti material
- Preference for the mural committee to present conceptual drawings for Council to choose from
- Budget parameters for the project
- Preference from the artists for Council to provide the theme

The Mayor advised that at the June 23rd Regular Meeting a committee and theme could be identified, and further that a budget amount would be determined Councillor Smith and Councillor Wirischagin volunteered to sit on the committee.

MOTION: SMITH

**THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECEIVES THE REQUEST FROM THE GRAND FORKS MURAL COMMITTEE TO CREATE A MURAL ON THE EXTERIOR WALLS OF THE LIFT STATIONS TWO BUILDINGS (WASHROOM AND PLANT) IN CITY PARK AND**

**TO RECOMMEND A THEME FOR THE MURALS TO THE COMMITTEE, TO ASSIST LOCAL ARTISTS TO DEVELOP CONCEPTUAL SKETCHES FOR COUNCIL'S APPROVAL, AND REFERS THE REQUEST TO THE JUNE 23RD, 2014, REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION PURPOSES**

CARRIED.

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**PRESENTATIONS FROM STAFF**

Monthly Highlight Reports from Dept. Managers

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

**THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORTS.**

CARRIED.

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Manager of Development and Engineering

Medical Marijuana Operations within the City of Grand Forks

The Manager of Development and Engineering advised that:

- As of March 31st, 2014 all personal and designated grow licenses expired
- The current zoning doesn't identify medical marijuana operations
- The current R and I zoning could allow for it
- BC Assessment has announced that the Agricultural Land Reserve currently permits medical marijuana operations
- There are factors such as proximity to schools and residential areas that should be considered in determining the zoning
- Other communities have dealt with this in very different ways; case by case, not at all, or in specific zones.

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that Council will make a decision regarding they grow operations within the City and recommends that Council determine to look at each request on a case by case basis.

The COTW discussed medical marijuana operations with regard to:

- Safety and security issues that would arise
- Council determining not to allow grow operations within the City
- Development of a bylaw specifically regarding grow operations
- Farm status taxation

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that any change to a zoning bylaw requires a public hearing. Council may pass the first reading to amend a zoning bylaw in order to trigger a public hearing.

MOTION: SMITH

**THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECEIVES THE MEMORANDUM REGARDING MEDICAL MARIJUANA OPERATIONS IN THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS AND DIRECTS STAFF TO PREPARE A REPORT TO COUNCIL ADVISING OF THE PROCESS FOR CASE BY CASE REQUESTS.**

CARRIED.

Mayor Taylor recessed the meeting at 10:02am

Mayor Taylor reconvened the meeting at 10:16am

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Manager of Development and Engineering

Request for Site Specific Setback Exemption

The Manager of Development and Engineering advised that a development permit is not required in this case and that the Ministry of Environment has no objections to this request; And further that there is an existing patio in place at this time.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS COUNCIL APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR A SITE SPECIFIC EXEMPTION FOR PROPERTY OWNED BY JUDY HELBIG OF #19, 7151 HIGHWAY 3 TO REDUCE THE 100 FOOT SETBACK FROM THE KETTLE RIVER TO 0 SETBACK IN ORDER TO REDO THE BACK ENTRANCE/EXIT AND CONSTRUCT AN OPEN DECK LOCATED FROM THE TRAILER TO THE REAR PROPERTY LINE AT THE JUNE 23RD, 2014, REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL.**

CARRIED.

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Councillor Smith advised that he would like to provide a report regarding the deer committee at the COTW meeting and the Mayor advised that it could be added as a late item.

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**REPORTS AND DISCUSSION**

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**PROPOSED BYLAWS FOR DISCUSSION**

Manager of Development and Engineering

Municipal Ticket Information Bylaw No. 1957, 2013

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN

**RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS COUNCIL RECEIVE THE BYLAW NO. 1957-A2 AS AN AMENDMENT TO MUNICIPAL TICKET INFORMATION BYLAW NO. 1957, 2013, AND REFER THE AMENDMENT BYLAW TO THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL SCHEDULED FOR JULY 21ST, 2014, FOR FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READING.**

CARRIED.

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Manager of Development and Engineering

Water Regulations and rates Repeal Bylaw No. 1501-R, 2014

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS COUNCIL RECEIVE THE WATER REGULATIONS AND RATES REPEAL BYLAW NO. 1501-R, 2014, AND REFER TO THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL SCHEDULED FOR JULY 21ST, 2014, FOR FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS.**

CARRIED.

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Manager of Development and Engineering & Manager of Operations

Water Regulations Bylaw No. 1973, 2014

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS COUNCIL RECEIVE THE INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW WATER REGULATIONS BYLAW NO. 1973, 2014, AND REFER THE BYLAW TO THE REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JULY 21ST, 2014, FOR FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS.**

CARRIED.

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**INFORMATION ITEMS**

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**CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS**

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**LATE ITEMS**

Councillor Smith - Deer Committee

He provided a verbal report regarding the deer committee  
He advised that the Deer Committee is asking that Council consider the following two recommendations:

**1. The committee would like to gauge the level of community support with regard to a deer cull and would like this presented as a referendum question that would be done outside of the election.**

Council spoke with regard to:

- The cost of holding a referendum outside of the election
- Whether the deer issue is regional in scope
- The nature of the referendum question
- Alternatives to a deer cul

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that a cost breakdown with regard to the referendum question could be provided by staff.

**2. To purchase deer tracking and monitoring equipment**

Councillor Smith advised that:

- This would assist with the collection of data for deer
- The cost is \$1,100 per deer/per collar
- The Ministry of Environment would monitor the deer and would pay half the cost of each collar
- 10 collars are recommended

MOTION: WIRISHCAGN

**RESOLVED THAT THE COTW REFER THE REQUEST FROM THE DEER COMMITTEE TO HOLD A REFERENDUM QUESTION WITH REGARD TO CULING DEER TO THE JUNE 23RD, REGULAR MEETING FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION.**

CARRIED.

**RESOLVED THAT THE COTW REFER THE REQUEST FROM THE DEER COMMITTEE TO PURCHASE WILDLIFE TRACKING HARDWARE TO THE JUNE 23RD, 2014, REGULAR MEETING FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION.**

CARRIED.

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

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**QUESTION PERIOD FROM THE PUBLIC**

Ms Donna Semenoff

She spoke with regard to

- The water regulations bylaw and levels of restriction
- The water meter installation RFP

The Mayor asked for volunteers to sit on a committee that would set water rates and look at water anomalies.

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the RFP will be available to the public however the proposal from the proponent will not, and further that the City will consult with their lawyers with regard to implications of making the contract public.

Mr. Gene Koch

He spoke with regard to:

- Signing of the water meter installation contract
- Water meters
- Educating the public regarding water consumption

Mr. Jim Rankin

He spoke with regard to:

- Water meters

The CAO advised that the City does ongoing leak detection and that the numbers are consistent throughout the year.

Ms. Gloria Koch

She spoke with regard to:

- Water meters

Mr. Nigel James

He spoke with regard to:

- User Pay systems

Ms. Donna Semenoff

She spoke with regard to:

- Electronic Voting Technology

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT THE JUNE 23RD, 2014 REGULAR MEETING ADJOURN AT 11:29AM.  
CARRIED.**

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**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

  
MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR

  
DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER -  
SARAH WINTON

JUNE 23, 2014

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING