

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, JUNE 23RD, 2014

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

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
CORPORATE OFFICER
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER

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

GALLERY

CALL TO ORDER

- a) The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

ANNUAL REPORT

- a) Corporate Officer's Report - Annual Report

2013 Annual Report, consideration of report and submissions and questions from the public

The Chief Financial Officer advised that a variable shows on the Council remuneration and this is due to Council benefits.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE 2013 ANNUAL REPORT, AND CONSIDERS QUESTIONS AND SUBMISSIONS FROM THE PUBLIC.

CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- a) June 23rd Regular Meeting Agenda

The Mayor added three late items to the agenda to be included under Late Items:

1. The Statement of Financial Information
2. Request from the Deer Committee to hold a referendum regarding deer management
3. Request from the Deer Committee to purchase deer tracking and monitoring equipment

MOTION: KENDEL / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE JUNE 23RD, 2014, REGULAR MEETING AGENDA AS AMENDED.

CARRIED.

MINUTES

a) June 9th, 2014

Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE JUNE 9TH, 2014, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED.

CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

a) Sunshine Valley Women's Institute

The building of a sidewalk in front of Silver Kettle Village to Extra Foods

Ms. Linda Dixon of Sunshine Valley Women's Institute spoke with regard to the need for a sidewalk between Extra Foods and Silver Kettle Village. She advised that this is a safety issue.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVE THE PRESENTATION FROM THE SUNSHINE VALLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE REGARDING THE BUILDING OF A SIDEWALK IN FRONT OF SILVER KETTLE VILLAGE TO EXTRA FOODS, AND REFERS TO STAFF TO PROVIDE A REPORT TO COUNCIL FOR DECISION.

CARRIED.

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 FCM conference in Niagara Falls
- He has been busy with the GFI which is beginning on Wednesday night until Sunday. He is looking forward to a big crowd attending.

Councillor Wirischagin

He had no report

Councillor Kendel's report is attached

Councillor Smith

He reported that:

- He and Councillor Kendel attended the EDABC conference in Richmond and spoke with regard to sight selectors, and other interesting items with regard to Economic Development that he and Councillor Kendel encountered at the conference. Overall He felt that it was a worthwhile conference to attend.
- The Phoenix Foundation Vital Signs project is underway and the research is being undertaken to gather information for the report card of the Boundary.
- On June 13th he attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Kiosks, Bat Houses and Riparian Area sign at Observation Mountain and City Park.
- On June 13th he presented scholarships on behalf of the City and the Phoenix Foundation to the Grand Forks Secondary Schools Graduating class.
- On June 18th he attended the Community Showcase and Provincial Nominee Program open house that the City hosted.
- On June 20th he attended a Phoenix Foundation Board meeting.
- On June 20th he attended the open house for City Hall before reconstruction begins.

Mayor Taylor

He reported that:

- The Community Showcase went very well.
- The City is ensuring that there are no delays for developers who are interested in investing in our community.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

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

CARRIED.

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

a) Corporate Officer's Report

RDKB Representatives Report

Mayor Taylor advised that:

- There are changes in Regional District personnel.
- The RDKB is working on the Statement of Financial Information for the organization.
- The decking will be replaced at the pool and will be costly but is necessary.
- Personnel and Policy committee looking at several items such as work place bullying.
- The outdoor exercise equipment is almost installed.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR'S REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE KOOTENAY BOUNDARY BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS

a) Corporate Officer

Appointment of Chief Election Officer and Deputy Chief Election Officer

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPOINTS CORPORATE OFFICER, DIANE HEINRICH AS CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER AT A RATE OF \$1000.00 AND SARAH WINTON AS DEPUTY CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER AT A RATE OF \$750.00 FOR THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZES THE CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER AND THE DEPUTY CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER TO HIRE ELECTION OFFICIALS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING THE 2014 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION.

CARRIED.

b) Manager of Development and Engineering

Grand Forks ATV Club - Request for Licence of Occupation and consideration of in-kind contribution.

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the City's in kind contribution included the use of City equipment, material and signage.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE LICENCE OF OCCUPATION FOR THE "MOTOCROSS" STAGING AREA AND GIVE CONSIDERATION TO PROVIDING AN IN-KIND CONTRIBUTION FOR THE "MOTOCROSS" STAGING AREA.

CARRIED.

c) Manager of Development and Engineering Services

Request for Site Specific Setback Exemption

The approval of this request will be noted on Title to recognize that this is not common.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR A SITE SPECIFIC SETBACK EXEMPTION FOR PROPERTY OWNED BY JUDY HELBIG LOCATED AT #19, 7151 HIGHWAY 3 TO REDUCE THE 100 FOOT SETBACK FROM THE KETTLE RIVER TO 0 FEET IN ORDER TO RENOVATE THE BACK ENTRANCE/EXIT AND CONSTRUCT AN OPEN DECK LOCATED FROM THE TRAILER TO THE REAR PROPERTY LINE.

CARRIED.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

INFORMATION ITEMS

a) Grand Forks Mural Committee

Request for Council's support for a proposed Mural Project in Grand Forks

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that Councillor Smith and Councillor Wirischagin agreed to work with the mural committee on the project. He further advised that the budget amount will need to be determined.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVE 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, IN ORDER TO ASSIST LOCAL ARTISTS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF CONCEPTUAL SKETCHES, FOR COUNCIL'S APPROVAL, FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION; AND FURTHER THAT COUNCILLOR WIRISCHAGIN AND COUNCILLOR SMITH BE APPOINTED TO THE MURAL COMMITTEE.

CARRIED.

b) Canada Day Parade Committee

Invitation to participate in the Canada Day Parade.

Council would like to participate in the Canada Day Parade.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RECEIVE FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION.

CARRIED.

c) Grand Forks and District Fall Fair

Request for sponsorship of Fall Fair

Council discussed sponsorship of the Fall Fair with regard to:

- The City receiving recognition if they so choose to sponsor the event
- The City provides in-kind support for the Fall Fair
- Having the City logo displayed

The Corporate Officer spoke with regard to the event policy and noted that if Council so chooses to sponsor this events it is a "good fit" as per the event policy.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM THE GRAND FORKS FALL FAIR SOCIETY TO SPONSOR THE FALL FAIR EVENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500.00.

CARRIED.

d) Larry Dannhauer

Request from local churches to be granted property tax exempt status on the whole of their lands.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVE FOR DISCUSSION AND REFER TO STAFF FOR RESEARCH AND TO REPORT BACK TO COUNCIL.

CARRIED.

BYLAWS

a) Corporate Officer

Final reading of the new Local Government Elections Procedures Bylaw and the repeal of the old Elections Bylaw and all amendments thereto.

MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL GIVES FINAL READING TO THE REPEAL OF THE CURRENT BYLAW NO. 1391, "THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION PROCEDURE REPEAL BYLAW NO. 1391R-A, 2014.

CARRIED.

b) Corporate Officer

Final Reading of the old Elections Bylaw and all amendments thereto.

MOTION: SMITH / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL GIVES FINAL READING TO THE "PROCEDURES FOR THE CONDUCT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS AND OTHER VOTING BYLAW NO. 1999, 2014

CARRIED.

c) Corporate Officer

Final reading of the proposed Automated Voting Machine Bylaw for Local Government Election Purposes

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL GIVES FINAL READING TO THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS, "AUTOMATED VOTING MACHINES AUTHORIZATION BYLAW NO. 2000".

CARRIED.

LATE ITEMS

a) Chief Financial Officer

Statement of Financial Information

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT; AND FURTHER APPROVES THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS AS AT DECEMBER 31ST, 2013.

CARRIED.

b) Councillor Smith

Request of Council to hold a referendum, separate from the municipal election, in order to gauge the community's level of support for a deer cull.

To request staff research the cost of holding a referendum outside of the election.

MOTION: SMITH / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DIRECT STAFF TO RESEARCH THE COST OF HOLDING A REFERENDUM OUTSIDE OF THE 2014 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION.

CARRIED.

c) Councillor Smith - Deer Committee

Request to purchase deer tracking and monitoring equipment

Councillor Smith advised that:

- The cost would be shared cost with the Ministry of Environment, who have agreed to a 50/50 cost share
- The Ministry of Environment would undertake the tracking of the deer and data compilation
- This is necessary in order to gather more inclusive and scientific data
- The Deer Committee is requesting ten collars.

Council further discussed the tracking of the deer and the relevance of the project.

MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE PURCHASE FOR DEER TRACKING AND MONITORING EQUIPMENT AS REQUESTED BY THE DEER COMMITTEE IN THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF \$10,000 , TO BE FUNDED FROM THE 2014 DEER COMMITTEE BUDGET AND TO BE CONTINGENT ON THE PROVINCE CONTRIBUTING HALF THE AMOUNT.

CARRIED.

Councillor Wirischagin opposed the motion

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA

- a) Ms. Donna Semenoff
She spoke with regard to:
- electronic voting

- Mrs. Gloria Koch
She spoke with regard to:
- the deer issue
 - planting program

- Mr. Les Johnson
He spoke with regard to:
- the deer issue
 - Fall Fair request for funding
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ADJOURNMENT

- a) The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:13pm
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CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER -
SARAH WINTON