

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

**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**

**MONDAY, JUNE 9TH, 2014**

**PRESENT:**

MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR  
COUNCILLOR NEIL KROG  
COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WIRISCHAGIN  
COUNCILLOR CHER WYERS

CORPORATE OFFICER  
MANAGER OF DEVELOPMENT & ENGINEERING  
DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER

D. Heinrich  
S. Bird  
S. Winton

GALLERY

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**CALL TO ORDER**

- a) The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm

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**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

- a) Adoption of the June 9th, 2014, Regular Meeting Agenda

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / KROG

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE JUNE 9TH, 2014, AGENDA AS PRESENTED.  
CARRIED.**

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**MINUTES**

- a) May 26th, 2014

Adopt the minutes

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / WYERS

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE MAY 26TH SPECIAL MEETING TO GO IN-  
CAMERA MINUTES AS PRESENTED.**

**CARRIED.**

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b) May 26th, 2014

Adopt the minutes

MOTION: KROG / WIRISHCAGIN

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE MAY 26TH, 2014, REGULAR MINUTES AS AMENDED.**

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 Wyers

She reported that:

-The Environment Committee's Air Quality Subcommittee worked with Perley, Hutton, and Christina Lake Elementary Schools on solar car construction and hope to have solar cars on display at the Fall Fair

-She attended FCM on May 29th in Niagara Falls. She advised that the conference highlights were: the trade show, Kootenay Grown Collaborative Initiative, the networking, hearing the challenges that similar communities face, how well organized the conference was, and advised that the City provided bus passes for free transportation to showcase Niagara Falls' excellent transportation system, she spoke with regard to the FCM Head Start for young women program, and the study tours.

Councillor Krog

He reported that:

-He attended the FCM Conference and advised that the highlights were the FCM Policy forum he attended. He also spoke with regard to the definition of small towns in relation to infrastructure costs and needs in these communities. He attended the Rural policy forum. He advised that he spoke with Justin Trudeau about the value of small communities and the responsibility the Federal Government has to support the small communities. He spoke with many mayors and councillors from across Canada with regard to water meters and advised that the trade show was great.

Councillor Wirischagin

He reported that:

- He attended the FCM Conference, where there were over 2,000 participants. He advised he had no report at this time from the conference. He spoke with regard to his better understanding of the demographic and make up of women in politics, and that the conference was really well done.
- He congratulated all the graduates this weekend.

Mayor Taylor

He reported that:

- MAAPS (Multi Agency Accommodation Project) had their AGM and are very appreciative of the support the City has given the project. They extended a heartfelt thank you to the City at the AGM.

MOTION: WYERS / 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  
RDKB Representatives Report

Mayor Taylor advised that the Kettle River Water Shed study will be completed shortly and will include a list of recommendations that can be followed through on a regional level. The Mayor advised that he believes the Plan is an extremely comprehensive study of the river and is a good base document for the area.

The Mayor asked that the 2013 Grant in Aid that has been provided by the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary be reviewed by Council, as it demonstrates that Area C, D, and E Directors have contributed a substantial amount to our community and regionally. He asked that Council also review the Gas Tax money that is available as it is listed on the Electoral Area Agenda with the Grant in Aid amounts.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / KROG

**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**

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**REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE**

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**INFORMATION ITEMS**

- a) Rossland Public Library

COUNCIL TO RECEIVE FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

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- b) Anna Lactin, Chair, Canada Day Committee

Invitation to Mayor and Council to participate in the Canada Day event and for the Mayor to MC the event

Mayor Taylor asked if any of Council is interested in walking in the parade and the theme is Home Grown in the Boundary.

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- c) Leslie Groulx, CAO of Clearwater

Thank you for engagement in the Local Government Management Association Teamworks Program

COUNCIL TO RECEIVE FOR INFORMATION

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**BYLAWS**

- a) Chief Financial Officer

Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1958, 2014, and Fees and Charges Repeal Bylaw No. 1671R-A, 2014

MOTION: KROG / WYERS

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL GIVE FINAL READING TO FEES AND CHARGES REPEAL BYLAW NO. 1671R-A, 2014.**

CARRIED.

MOTION: KROG / WYERS

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL GIVE FINAL READING TO FEES AND CHARGES BYLAW NO. 1958, 2014**

CARRIED.

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**b) Corporate Officer**

New Local Government Elections Procedures Bylaw and the repeal of the old Elections Procedure Bylaw and all amendments thereto.

MOTION: WYERS / KROG

**THAT COUNCIL GIVES FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD 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.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / KROG

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL GIVES FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD READING TO THE "PROCEDURES FOR THE CONDUCT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION AND OTHER VOTING BYLAW NO. 1999".**

CARRIED.

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**c) Corporate Officer**

Automated Voting Machine Bylaw for Local Government Elections

The Corporate Officer advised:

- That there will be two machines for the election.
- They will be used at the advance polls, but not the special voting.
- If there was to be a recount, the ballots would be rerun through the machine.
- Scrutineers are still able to be present.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / KROG

**THAT COUNCIL GIVES FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD READING TO THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS "AUTOMATED VOTING MACHINES AUTHORIZATION BYLAW NO. 2000".**

CARRIED.

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**d) Manager of Development and Engineering**

Bylaw amendments to the following three Bylaws:

1. Sewer Regulations and Rates Bylaw No. 1500, 1997
2. Water Regulations and Rates Bylaw No. 1501, 1997



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3. Electrical Utility Regulatory Bylaw No. 1543, 1998

The Manager of Development and Engineering advised that the only change to the rates is not in the costs but in the custom work orders.

MOTION: KROG / WYERS

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL GIVES FINAL READING TO THE SEWER REGULATIONS AND RATES AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1500-A1, 2014.**

CARRIED.

MOTION: WYERS / WIRISCHAGIN

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL GIVES FINAL READING TO THE WATER REGULATIONS AND RATES AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1501-A1, 2014.**

CARRIED.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / WYERS

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL GIVES FINAL READING TO THE ELECTRICAL UTILITY REGULATORY BYLAW AMENDMENT NO. 1543-A1, 2014.**

CARRIED.

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**LATE ITEMS**

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**QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA**

- a) Ms. Julia Butler  
She spoke with regard to:
- Voting machines

Mr. Jim Rankin  
He spoke with regard to:

- FCM
- The sewer piping system that Councillor Krog referred to in his report
- The number and cost of sending Councillors to conferences

The Mayor advised that four Councillors attended and that spouses are not covered other than for one banquet dinner and that the costs and budget for this will be available in the SOFI Report that is available to the public

Mr. Gene Koch  
He spoke with regard to:

- Water meters

Ms. Donna Semenoff  
She spoke with regard to:

- Bylaw No. 1500-A1

- The MDD calculation and the filling of pools

Mr. Roy Ronaghan

He spoke with regard to:

- Voting Machines
- Councillor Wyers conversation regarding communities needing to reinvent themselves

Councillor Wyers spoke in regard to this and advised that she was referring to the need for revenue generation needing to be less reliant on senior levels of Gov't and looking at investing in themselves.

Mr. Les Johnson

He spoke with regard to:

- the definition of small communities

Mr. Gene Koch

He spoke with regard to

- Council reviewing the report from Revelstoke with regard to water meters

The Mayor advised that the report is being looked at by staff

Mr. Jim Rankin

He spoke with regard to:

- Mr. Gene Koch and his recommendation regarding the report.

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

MOTION: WYERS

CARRIED.

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## **CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

  
MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR

  
DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER -  
SARAH WINTON