

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

Monday, March 10th, 2014, 9:00 am

PRESENT: MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR  
COUNCILLOR BOB KENDEL  
COUNCILLOR PATRICK O'DOHERTY  
COUNCILLOR CHER WYERS

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
FIRE CHIEF	D. Heriot
MANAGER OF BUILDING AND BYLAW SERVICES	W. Kopan
MANAGER OF OPERATIONS	R. Huston

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 9:03 am

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**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA**

Agenda for March 10th, 2014

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT THE COTW ADOPTS THE MARCH 10TH, 2014, AGENDA AS  
PRESENTED.**

CARRIED.

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**REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

Gallery 2 - Steve Hollett - President of the Gallery 2 Board

Mr. Hollett spoke with regard to:

- Highlights of the Gallery
- Visitor Centre
- Campground
- Revenue generation

- Fundraising events
- Staffing
- Volunteers
- Strategic Plan
- Financial Overview

Gallery 2 Requested that the City approve the renewal of the joint 5 year Fee for Service agreement in the amount of \$142,000.

Mayor Taylor spoke with regard to the value of the organization and wonderful arts and culture community that the Gallery has generated.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS THAT COUNCIL RECEIVE THE RECOMMENDATION FROM STEVE HOLLETT, PRESIDENT OF THE GALLERY 2 BOARD, AND REFERS TO THE MARCH 10TH, 2014, REGULAR MEETING FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION.**

CARRIED.

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Boundary District Arts Council Society - Presentation of the Financial Statements

Michelle Garrison of the Boundary District Arts Council spoke with regard to the financial statements of the organization.

She advised that:

- BDAC currently includes 20 member groups; most are from Grand Forks and four or five from the Boundary area.
- BC Arts Council grants are given based on BDAC providing matching funds.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT THE COTW RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO RECEIVE THE PRESENTATION MADE BY THE BOUNDARY DISTRICT ARTS COUNCIL WITH REGARD TO THE REQUEST FOR FUNDING AND REFERS THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO THE MARCH 10TH REGULAR MEETING.**

CARRIED.

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China Creek Internet and the residents of East Grand Forks - Ben Peach on behalf of China Creek Internet Services

Mr. Peach spoke with regard to:

- The request to the City to use one of the Airport beacon sites in order to expand the wireless internet opportunities in the area, by installing wireless internet relay equipment
- The use of this beacon site would enable east Grand Forks residents access to high speed internet
- This particular beacon site is valuable because of location, accessibility, security and it has existing land title
- China Creek is willing to pay a monthly fee for the use of the site

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- Will not cost the City anything
  - China Creek equipment will be contained within the existing fenced area
  - There will be no impact to existing infrastructure

Mayor spoke with regard to the process and next steps involved.

MOTION: WYERS

**RESOLVED THAT THE COTW RECEIVES THE REQUEST FROM BEN PEACH, REPRESENTATIVE FOR CHINA CREEK INTERNET AND THE RESIDENTS OF EAST GRAND FORKS, REGARDING COUNCIL'S SUPPORT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF WIRELESS INTERNET RELAY EQUIPMENT AT AN AIRPORT BEACON SITE.**

CARRIED.

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### **PRESENTATIONS FROM STAFF**

Monthly Highlight Reports from Dept. Managers

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT COTW RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT FROM DEPARTMENT MANAGERS.**

CARRIED.

The Mayor recessed the meeting at 10:02 am

The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 10:14 am

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Manager of Development and Engineering - Community Fiber Optic Network

The Manager of Development and Engineering, Sasha Bird, and Daniel Drexler spoke with regard to:

- The fiber optic network
- The increased speed, reliability and upgrades to the phone system
- Water and sewer and electrical sites are connected
- Data center allows for cost sharing between partners
- Allows City to better plan for future needs
- Current cost savings and future cost savings
- The existing partnership between the School District and the City

Staff advised that the request is for:

- The municipality to offer spam filtering, email hosting, web hosting, and virtual server storage backup that will generate revenue.
- Offer fiber connections focusing on dedicated hookups for larger clients
- Expand fiber optic and Wi-Fi to fortify economic development based on the

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Sustainable Community Plan.

- The ability to investigate partnerships and provide internet, TV and phone service
- The ability to lease the fiber optic network

The Manager of Development Services advised that it would be prudent for the City to move forward with at least some of the recommendations to help offset the cost of the network.

Daniel advised that the Columbia Basin Trust is hoping to supply the internet link to the area as opposed to a larger provider.

MOTION: WYERS

**RESOLVED THAT THE COTW RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO RECEIVE THE PRESENTATION AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO PROCEED WITH THE FIBER OPTIC NETWORK PLAN THEREBY OFFERING THE VALUE ADDED TECHNOLOGY SERVICES TO COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, LOCAL BUSINESSES AND OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITIES AND REFER THE ISSUE FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION TO THE MARCH 10TH REGULAR MEETING.**

CARRIED.

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Manager of Development and Engineering – Dick Bartlett Park Electrical Upgrade

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT THE COTW RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO REFER THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO THE MARCH 10TH, 2014, REGULAR MEETING: "COUNCIL TO PROVIDE EARLY BUDGET APPROVAL FOR THE DICK BARTLETT ELECTRICAL UPGRADE TO INSTALL A NEW ELECTRICAL SERVICE ESTIMATED TO COST \$10,000 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND.**

CARRIED.

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Manager of Development and Engineering - Spragett Bridge Tubing Parking Lot

Manager of Development and Engineering advised that the project would move forward without the financial support from the Ministry of Transportation, but the upgrades would be up to the 17,000. If MOTI cannot provide the 25,000, the City would pursue other grant opportunities.

MOTION: WYERS

**RESOLVED THAT THE COTW RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO REFER THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO THE MARCH 10TH, 2014, REGULAR MEETING: "COUNCIL TO PROVIDE EARLY BUDGET APPROVAL FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PARKING LOT, A PATHWAY LEADING TO THE KETTLE RIVER AND SIGNAGE ON A CITY OWNED RIGHT OF WAY NORTH OF SPRAGETT BRIDGE (66TH AVENUE AREA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$42,000; \$17,000 TO BE FUNDED FROM**

**THE PARKING RESERVE FUND, AND \$25,000 FROM A GRANT FROM THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION.**

CARRIED.

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Manager of Development and Engineering - Well 3

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT THE COTW RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO REFER THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO THE MARCH 10TH, 2014, REGULAR MEETING: "COUNCIL TO PROVIDE EARLY BUDGET APPROVAL FOR THE WELL 3 REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF THE VERTICAL TURBINE PUMP ESTIMATED TO COST \$40,000 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND."**

CARRIED.

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### REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

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### PROPOSED BYLAWS FOR DISCUSSION

Manager of Building Inspection and Bylaw Services - Noise Control Bylaw Amendment

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT THE COTW RECOMMENDS COUNCIL RECEIVE THE REPORT AND REFER TO THE MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR MEETING.**

CARRIED.

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Manager of Development and Engineering - Grand Forks Recreation Commission

Manager of Development and Engineering spoke with regard to the RDKB request to use land for an outdoor exercise park.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT THE COTW RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE LICENCE OF OCCUPATION AND DIRECT STAFF TO PROCEED WITH THE LICENCE OF OCCUPATION AGREEMENT WITH THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY.**

CARRIED.



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Chief Financial Officer - Financial Plan Bylaw

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT COTW RECOMMENDS THAT COUNCIL CONSIDERS GIVING FIRST AND SECOND READING TO YEAR 2014-2018 FINANCIAL PLAN BYLAW 1996 AND REFER TO THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 10TH, 2014.**

CARRIED.

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**INFORMATION ITEMS**

Climate Action Revenue Incentive Public Report for Year 2013

**Receive for Information**

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Building Permit Statistics for Grand Forks and Surrounding Area

**Receive for Information**

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**CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS**

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**LATE ITEMS**

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

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**QUESTION PERIOD FROM THE PUBLIC**

Mr. Les Johnson

He spoke with regard to the letter thanking Russia for the Olympics.

Ms. Christine Thompson

She spoke with regard to the COTW meetings.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

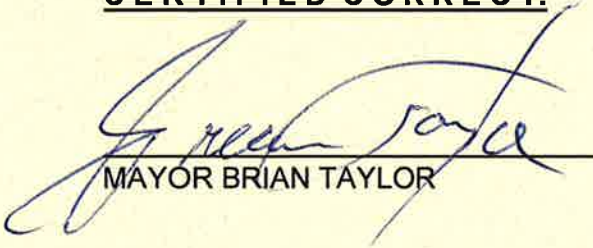
**RESOLVED THAT MARCH 10TH, 2014, REGULAR MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT  
11:10AM**

CARRIED.

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MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR

  
DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER-  
SARAH WINTON