

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

**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 10TH, 2014**

**PRESENT:** MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR  
COUNCILLOR BOB KENDEL  
COUNCILLOR NEIL KROG  
COUNCILLOR PATRICK O'DOHERTY  
COUNCILLOR GARY SMITH  
COUNCILLOR CHER WYERS

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER  
CORPORATE OFFICER  
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER  
MANAGER OF DEVELOPMENT & ENGINEERING  
DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER

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

GALLERY

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

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**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

- a) Bylaws - Late Item Fee for Service Gallery 2
- b) Late Item: Chief Administrative Officer - Verbal Presentation of Restoration of City Hall

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- a) Adoption of the March 10th, 2014, Regular Meeting Agenda

MOTION : KROG / KENDEL

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ADOPTS THE MARCH 10TH, 2014, REGULAR MEETING AGENDA AS AMENDED.**

CARRIED.

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**MINUTES**

- a) February 24th, 2014, COTW Meeting minutes

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE FEBRUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2014, COTW MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED.**

CARRIED.

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b) February 24th, 2014, Regular Meeting minutes

MOTION: WYERS / SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE FEBRUARY 24TH, 2014, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED.**

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) Councillor O'Doherty

He reported that:

- He attended the February 27<sup>th</sup> Open House for the Grand Forks Rotary Spray Park
- He is working on the budget process with the City
- The Grand Forks International is on track for the upcoming season

Councillor Wyers

She reported that:

- She attended February 27<sup>th</sup> Grand Forks Rotary Spray Park Open House at Gallery 2
- She attended the AKBLG executive meetings in Creston on March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> and advised that the AKBLG resolutions will be available shortly
- She participated in the Communication Policy Development workshop on March 5<sup>th</sup>, with Management and Council
- She attended the March 6<sup>th</sup> Grand Forks Flying Association regular meeting and advised that the committee is preparing for the Fly In event
- She attended the March 7<sup>th</sup>, Concerned Citizens Against Water Meters rally in Gyro Park
- She met with the FCM Head Start group and Wendy McCulloch to discuss their project on March 7<sup>th</sup>
- She celebrated International Women's Day on March 8th
- The Grand Forks Environment Committee meeting will be held on Thursday March 20<sup>th</sup>

- The Grand Forks and District Public Library board meeting will be held Wednesday March 19<sup>th</sup> at 4pm and is open to the public
- The Agricultural land reserve session, with Corky Evans, is being held on March 12<sup>th</sup> at Selkirk College
- The City's Community Engagement and Conversation session is being held on Wednesday March 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the Omega restaurant

Councillor Kendel

He had no report

Councillor Krog

He reported that:

- He attended the Downtown Beautification Open House on February 20<sup>th</sup>
- He attended the Grand Forks Rotary Spray Park Open House at Gallery 2 on February 27<sup>th</sup>
- He attended the March 7<sup>th</sup>, Concerned Citizens Against Water Meters rally in Gyro Park and requested that staff look at watering activities in City parks, etc.
- He attended the Masquerade Ball at Gallery 2 on March 8<sup>th</sup>

Councillor Smith

He reported that:

- He attended the Deer Committee meeting on Friday March 7<sup>th</sup> and advised that the committee decided to remain as a Select Committee of Council.

MOTION: SMITH/KROG

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DIRECT STAFF TO WRITE A LETTER TO THE PROVINCE REGARDING COUNCIL'S REQUEST THAT THE PROVINCE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT WILDLIFE THROUGH THE PROVISION OF A CONSERVATION OFFICER IN THE AREA.**

CARRIED.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KENDEL

**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) RDKB representatives report

Mayor Taylor spoke with regard to the Animal Control Bylaw. He advised:

- The City is being asked to sign a contract and support the animal control service
- He has concerns regarding the cost of the service
- He would like to see the service deal with cats as well as dogs

- He would like to see a better system set up and that Council not support the service at this time

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that:

- The City could look at alternative options for the service
- That 40% for administration fees plus a fee the RDKB charges is a substantial amount.
- It would be a good idea to hear from the RDKB regarding cost, timing, and expectations regarding the service
- Council will then be better equipped to decide whether they would like to continue to support the service.

Mayor advised there was not an open bid, it was by invitation that the commissionaires were awarded the contract.

MOTION: WYERS / KROG

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL REQUEST THAT THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE CURRENT ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICE;  
AND FURTHER THAT THE RDKB ATTEND A COUNCIL MEETING IN ORDER TO PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION AND ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS COUNCIL MAY HAVE.**

CARRIED.

MOTION: SMITH/ O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR'S REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY, GIVEN VERBALLY AT THIS MEETING BE RECEIVED.**

CARRIED.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS**

- a) Manager of Development and Engineering - Fiber Optic Network Plan

MOTION: WYERS / O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE COMMUNITY FIBER OPTIC NETWORK PLAN AND AUTHORIZES STAFF TO PROCEED WITH OFFERING VALUE ADDED TECHNOLOGY SERVICES TO COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, LOCAL BUSINESSES AND OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITIES.**

CARRIED.

- b) Corporate Services - West Coast Amusements

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that staff would inform Silver Kettle Village that the Fair will be taking place on April 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 beside Dick Bartlett Park.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DIRECTS STAFF TO ENTER INTO A LAND USE AGREEMENT WITH WEST COAST AMUSEMENTS FOR CITY OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED ON 72ND AVENUE WEST OF DICK BARTLETT PARK, BASED ON THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS OUTLINED IN THE ATTACHED AGREEMENT.**

CARRIED.

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c) Manager of Development and Engineering - Happy Days 50's Diner

MOTION: WYERS / SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL SUPPORT, BY RESOLUTION, THE LIQUOR LICENCE APPLICATION, AS SUBMITTED BY HAPPY DAYS 50'S DINER AND RESOLVE THAT COUNCIL SUPPORT THE PATRON PARTICIPATION ENTERTAINMENT ENDORSEMENT TO HAVE 50'S SOC-HOPS FOUR TO FIVE TIMES A YEAR ENDING AT 10:00PM AND TO HOST BANQUETS FOR PARTIES WHICH SUPPLY FOOD FROM THE MENU, ENDING AT 12:00AM.**

CARRIED.

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d) Manager of Development and Engineering - Dick Bartlett Park Electrical Upgrade

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KENDEL

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL PROVIDE EARLY BUDGET APPROVAL FOR THE DICK BARTLETT PARK ELECTRICAL UPGRADE TO INSTALL A NEW ELECTRICAL SERVICE ESTIMATED TO COST \$10,000 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS.**

CARRIED.

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e) Manager of Development and Engineering - Spragett Bridge Tubing Parking lot

MOTION: KROG / KENDEL

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL 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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f) Manager of Development and Engineering - Well 3



MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL 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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**REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE**

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**INFORMATION ITEMS**

- a) Solid Waste Management Plan Steering and Monitoring Committee (SMC)  
Mayor advised that this group is seeking representation from the Grand Forks Community to support this and asked the public to respond to Mr. Allin if interested in sitting on the committee.

MOTION: KENDEL / O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVE FOR INFORMATION AND REFER TO STAFF.**

CARRIED.

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- b) Bylaw Enforcement Officer - 6401 Highway #3

MOTION: WYERS / O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVE THE REPORT GIVEN BY THE MANAGER OF BYLAW SERVICES WITH REGARD TO THE UPATE ON THE PROPERTY AT 6401-HIGHWAY #3 FOR INFORMATION.**

CARRIED.

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- c) Corporate Officer - Boundary District Arts Council

MOTION: WYERS / KROG

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DETERMINES TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO THE BOUNDARY DISTRICT ARTS COUNCIL (BDAC) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,500 WITH FUNDS TO COME FROM THE 2013 OPERATING BUDGET IN ORDER TO MEET THE GRANT REQUIREMENTS FROM THE BRITISH COLUMBIA ARTS COUNCIL;**

**AND FURTHER THAT COUNCIL DETERMINES TO PROVIDE FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,500 FROM THE 2014 OPERATING BUDGET PROCESS TO THE BOUNDARY**

**DISTRICT ARTS COUNCIL, CONTINGENT ON AN AGREEMENT FOR A FEE FOR SERVICE BETWEEN THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS AND THE BOUNDARY DISTRICT ARTS COUNCIL PRIOR TO THE END OF BDAC'S FISCAL YEAR END ON JUNE 30TH, 2014.**

CARRIED.

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- d) Regional District of Kootenay Boundary From Area C Director, Grace McGregor Provincial Review of the Land Commission and Agricultural Land Reserve with Corky Evans. The Province is looking to give more control of agricultural land to municipalities.

MOTION: KROG / O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVE FOR INFORMATION.**

CARRIED.

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- e) Lieutenant Governor - Program to promote music and community spirit

MOTION: KROG / SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVE FOR INFORMATION.**

CARRIED.

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- f) Manager of Development and Engineering - Memorandum regarding Phase Two Downtown Beautification Open House  
Council reviewed the comments from the Open House.

MOTION: WYERS / KENDEL

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVE FOR INFORMATION.**

CARRIED.

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- g) Manager of Development and Engineering - Decommissioning of septic and underground fuel tanks  
Council discussed the report.

MOTION: WYERS / SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVE THE STAFF REPORT REGARDING THE DECOMMISSIONING OF SEPTIC AND UNDERGROUND FUEL TANKS**

**FOR INFORMATION.**

CARRIED.

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**BYLAWS**

- a) Chief Financial Officer - 2014-2018 Financial Plan Bylaw 1996

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL GIVES FIRST TWO READINGS TO 2014-2018 FINANCIAL PLAN BYLAW 1996.**

CARRIED.

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- b) Late item - Gallery 2 request for a Fee for Service Agreement in the amount of \$142,000  
The Chief Administrative Officer advised that one of the Fee for Service items includes the management of the campground.

MOTION: KENDEL / O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DIRECTS STAFF TO INCLUDE THE REQUEST IN THE 2014-2018 FINANCIAL PLAN FROM STEVE HOLLETT, PRESIDENT OF THE GALLERY 2 BOARD, REGARDING THE FEE FOR SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR GALLERY 2 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$142,000.**

CARRIED.

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**LATE ITEMS**

- a) Chief Administrative Officer - verbal presentation of Restoration of City Hall

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that:

- There will be a workshop with Council to determine what Council would like upstairs in Council Chambers
- Staff are working with the insurance company and project manager on the restoration and are developing the tender for the building as well as looking at grant opportunities

MOTION: WYERS / SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVE THE VERBAL PRESENTATION REGARDING THE RESTORATION OF CITY HALL FOR INFORMATION.**

CARRIED.

**QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA**



Beverley Tripp

Ms Tripp spoke with regard to water meters and Electro Hyper Sensitivity.

David Janzen

Mr. Janzen spoke with regard to the need to have individual water meters on behalf of the residents of Triangle Gardens.

Lori Hess

Ms. Hess spoke with regard to water meter installation per resident in Triangle Gardens.

Donna Semenoff

Ms. Semenoff inquired as to whether Council can develop a binding petition.

The Chief Administrative Officer spoke with regard to this advising that it is possible; however, it is unlikely.

Ms. Semenoff spoke with regard to the Community Conversation and the ALR conversation being held on the same evening. She spoke further to water meters and requested that Council host a town hall meeting.

Zac Waterlow

Mr. Waterlow spoke with regard to hosting bands in City Park over the Canada Day Weekend

Julia Butler

Ms. Butler spoke with regard to correspondence received from the Honorable Coralee Oakes. And spoke further to the McDonald's development proposal.

Les Johnson

Mr. Johnson spoke with regard to the viability of small rural communities.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

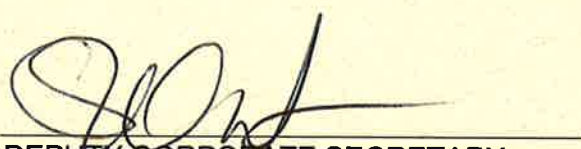
The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 pm

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**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

  
MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR

  
DEPUTY CORPORATE SECRETARY -  
SARAH WINTON