

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, MARCH 24TH, 2014

PRESENT:

MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR
COUNCILLOR BOB KENDEL
COUNCILLOR NEIL KROG
COUNCILLOR PATRICK O'DOHERTY
COUNCILLOR GARY SMITH
COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WIRISCHAGIN
COUNCILLOR CHER WYERS

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
MANAGER OF DEVELOPMENT & ENGINEERING
MANAGER OF BUILDING AND BYLAW SERVICES

D. Allin
S. Winton
R. Shepherd
S. Bird
W. Kopan

GALLERY

CALL TO ORDER

- a) The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- a) Adoption of the March 24th, 2014, Regular Meeting agenda

The agenda was amended to include the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Head Start for Young Women program as a delegation.

MOTION: WYERS / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ADOPTS THE MARCH 24TH, 2014, REGULAR MEETING AGENDA AS AMENDED.

CARRIED.

MINUTES

- a) March 10th, 2014
Adoption of the March 10th, 2014, COTW meeting minutes

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ADOPTS THE MARCH 10TH, 2014, COTW MEETING MINUTES AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

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- b) March 10th, 2014
Adoption of the March 10th, 2014, Regular meeting minutes

MOTION: KENDEL / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE MARCH 10TH, 2014, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

Sue Adrian, Carley Kruger and Jacqueline Salter from the FCM Head Start for Young Women program made a presentation to Council. They spoke with regard to:

- The potential project the group is undertaking which is looking at the barriers that young women face in the local government sector, the research will be included in the FCM guidebook for the continuance of the project across Canada.
- The group has participated in 3 local events.
- Funding for the program in the amount of \$3,000 has been provided by FCM.
- A request to Council to adopt a resolution to provide \$5,500 towards the program, to be distributed to the program participants as a stipend in recognition for their time and commitment to the program and the community.
- The group has not yet determined how the money will be spent, but are leaning towards a youth council of sorts

Chief Administrative Officer advised that this does fit under Council's strategic priorities for succession planning and it would fall under Council's expenditures.

MOTION: WYERS / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM THE FCM HEAD START FOR YOUNG WOMEN PROGRAM TO PROVIDE \$5,500 IN FUNDING TOWARDS THE PILOT PROJECT TO BE FUNDED FROM THE 2014-2018 BUDGET.

CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

a) Corporate Officer's Report
Verbal Reports from Council

Councillor O'Doherty

He reported that

- The hockey season is over and the Grand Forks International Board is working hard at preparing the fields

Councillor Wirischagin

He reported that

- He thanked Councillor Smith for his report from the Sustainable Communities Conference at FCM in PEI
- He thanked Councillor Wyers for attending the Community Consultation on March 12th.

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the audit is a required audit which enables the City to meet its legislative requirements.

Councillor Wirischagin read a report that he prepared with regard to the installation of water meters. He advised, that until the issues in his report are addressed, he is requesting that Council consider his motion to amend its current position on the installation of mandatory and universal water meters and elect to move towards a voluntary water meter project for the year 2014 with the possibility of expanding to the application of universal water metering in 2015 as originally proposed via the City's billing information.

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that a legal opinion would need to be sought and presented to Council in an In-Camera meeting. Council would then need to make a decision based on the information provided. He further advised that this would be a costly and time-consuming process.

Council further discussed seeking legal consultation on the matter.

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that a bylaw would need to be established regarding the installation process, and there are no legal issues with the installation of the meters as individuals book appointments for the installation, no one enters the home without an appointment and if customers do not have water meters installed inside their homes, they can opt to have a pit meter installed.

Mayor Taylor, Councillor O'Doherty, Councillor Wyers and Councillor Smith are opposed to the motion.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL AMENDS ITS CURRENT POSITION ON THE INSTALLATION OF MANDATORY AND UNIVERSAL WATER METERS AND ELECTS TO MOVE TOWARDS A VOLUNTARY WATER METER PROJECT FOR THE YEAR 2014 WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF EXPANDING TO THE APPLICATION OF UNIVERSAL WATER METERING IN 2015 AS ORIGINALLY PROPOSED VIA THE CITY'S BILLING INFORMATION.

DEFEATED.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / KROG

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL TABLE THE INSTALLATION OF UNIVERSAL WATER METERS.

DEFEATED.

Councillor Wirischagin supported the motion.

Councillor Smith

He reported that

- He made great connections at the Sustainable Communities conference in PEI.
- The Fire Fighters are practicing water conservation and thanked them

Councillor Krog

He had no report

Councillor Kendel

He reported that

- He attended monthly meeting of Boundary Museum, they have received a Green Grant from the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary in the amount of \$77,000 for solar installation
- He attended the AKBLG Community Engagement Session at the Omega on March 12th and felt it went well and identified what is important to the community.
- Unifab has several new contracts and are looking to hire 10 plus employees over the next year.
- He commended Councillor Smith on his report from the Sustainable Communities Conference in PEI.

Councillor Wyers

She reported that

- She attended the Boundary Musical Society's production of the play "Footloose" and complemented the organization on a great performance.
- March 11 Kettle River Water Shed Management advisory committee meeting

in Midway- topic of discussion was "sustaining the flow".

- She attended March 12th Boundary Women in business lunch, the next meeting is in Greenwood in April.
- She attended the March 12 Community Conversation at the Omega which was a pilot project of the AKBLG and the City. There will be a final report that will be released to the public.
- She attended the March 19th Grand Forks Public Library monthly board meeting
- She attended the March 20th Gilpin Concerned Citizens meeting who meet regarding the Gilpin Grasslands Provincial Park.
- She attended the March 20th Citizens on Patrol Annual General meeting.
- On March 20th she met with Council and staff for a visualization exercise for the City Hall renovation

Mayor Taylor

He advised that:

- The Community Conversation identified how we get more interest in running for council as an issue; He advised that the City will host a session for anyone interested to meet with the current Council to discuss the role of an elected official. He spoke to the potential for a different process to be used for the All Candidates meetings.
- Compliment to the Chief Administrative Officer for his engagement with big industry in the community.

MOTION: WYERS / 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

Mayor Taylor advised that he had no report

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the Chief Administrative Officer of the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary has been invited to present to Council on the services that they provide to the City.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS

- a) Manager of Development and Engineering Services
Real Estate Strategy Guiding Principles Policy #806

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that this report was presented to Council in January, when Council directed staff to proceed with the creation of the Real Estate Principles Policy. The Policy will guide Council with the acquisition, disposition and leasing of City-owned land, in order to maximize these financial resources.

Council discussed the policy

MOTION: KROG / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ADOPT POLICY #806 "REAL ESTATE STRATEGY GUIDING PRINCIPLES".

CARRIED.

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- b) Manager of Development and Engineering Services
Grand Forks Recreation Commission - Request for Licence of Occupation

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE LICENCE OF OCCUPATION AND DIRECTS STAFF TO PROCEED WITH THE LICENCE OF OCCUPATION AGREEMENT WITH THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY.

CARRIED.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

INFORMATION ITEMS

- a) Jacob Noseworthy
Thank you card to Council

MOTION: KROG /SMITH

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE THANK YOU CARD FROM JACOB NOSEWORTHY

CARRIED.

- b) World Wide Fund for Nature
Earth Hour – March 29th, 2014

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE WORLD WIDE FUND FOR NATURE REGARDING EARTH HOUR ON MARCH 29TH, 2014 AND COMMITS TO TURNING OFF ALL NON ESSENTIAL LIGHTS.

CARRIED.

- c) Councillor Smith
Report from FCM Sustainability Conference in PEI

MOTION: KROG / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVE COUNCILLOR SMITH'S REPORT REGARDING THE FCM SUSTAINABILITY CONFERENCE IN PEI FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES.

CARRIED.

- d) Nelson Police Department
Grant-In-Aid request for the Nelson and District "Emergency Services Camp 2014"

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE REQUEST FROM THE NELSON POLICE DEPARTMENT REGARDING GRANT-IN-AID FOR DISCUSSION AS THE CITY DOES NOT HAVE A GRANT-IN-AID POLICY.

CARRIED.

- e) B.C Seniors Games 55 Plus, Zone 6
Request for support and participation

MOTION: SMITH / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE REQUEST FROM THE BC SENIORS GAMES 55 PLUS, ZONE 6, REGARDING SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION FOR DISCUSSION AS THE CITY DOES NOT HAVE A GRANT-IN-AID POLICY.

CARRIED.

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- f) BC Transplant
April is National Organ Donor Awareness Month

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DIRECT STAFF TO HOST THE "ARE YOU REGISTERED BANNER" DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL, ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE IN SUPPORT OF BC TRANSPLANT'S INITIATIVE.

CARRIED.

BYLAWS

- a) Manager of Development and Engineering
To close a portion of 81st Avenue and to consolidate that portion with Lot 18, Plan 25445 located north of 8091 Pineview Crescent.

MOTION: KROG / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL GIVE FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READING TO BYLAW NO. 1995, BEING A BYLAW TO CLOSE AND REMOVE THE DEDICATION OF A ROAD SHOWN ON PLAN 25445, DISTRICT LOT 380, S.D.Y.D. AND DIRECT STAFF TO ADVERTISE THE BYLAW AND SEND LETTERS TO SURROUNDING PROPERTY OWNERS INVITING THEM TO ATTEND THE APRIL 7TH, 2014 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE WITH ANY COMMENTS OR CONCERNS REGARDING THE ROAD CLOSURE.

CARRIED.

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

MOTION: KROG / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DEFER THE NOISE CONTROL BYLAW AMENDMENT.

CARRIED.

- c) Chief Financial Officer
2014-2018 Financial Plan Bylaw

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL REFER THE THIRD READING TO 2014-2018 FINANCIAL PLAN BYLAW 1996 TO THE APRIL 7TH REGULAR MEETING.

CARRIED.

LATE ITEMS

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA

Donna Semenoff

She spoke with regard to water meters.

Gene Koch

He spoke with regard to water meters.

David Janzen

He spoke with regard to Area D and Grand Forks sharing the same water source.

Mayor advised that regionally there is an appetite for water conservation.

Beverley Tripp

She spoke with regard to water meters.

Zac Waterlow

He spoke with regard to an event request submitted for 2014.

Julia Butler

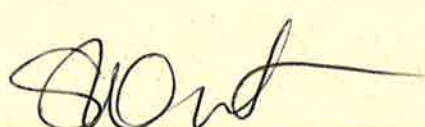
She spoke with regard to pit meters.

ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:05 pm

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER- SARAH
WINTON