

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

Monday May 12th, 2014, 9:00 AM

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

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

CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 9:00AM

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Mayor advised that there would be additional information in the agenda regarding the Manager of Development and Engineering's report on the Close and Consolidation portion of Road - 2nd Street and Sagamore Road.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE MAY 12TH, 2014, COTW AGENDA AS AMENDED.

CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

Grand Forks ATV Club

Mr. Gord Nichols of the Grand Forks ATV Club spoke with regard to the Grand Forks - Christina Lake Integrated Recreational Trail Plan.

He spoke with regard to:

- The development of a multi use trail system
- Support from other community groups
- Importance of collaboration between government groups
- Identifying the area the club is referring to in their request
- The club's progress to date
- The project budget and funding

He further advised that the club is requesting Council's approval of a Licence of Occupation for the Moto Cross staging area.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE COTW RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO RECEIVE THE PRESENTATION MADE BY GORD NICHOLS OF THE GRAND FORKS ATV CLUB REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A GRAND FORKS / CHRISTINA LAKE INTEGRATED TRAIL MANAGEMENT PLAN, APPROVAL OF A LICENCE OF OCCUPATION FOR THE "MOTO-CROSS" STAGING AREA AND TO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO PROVIDING AN IN-KIND CONTRIBUTION TO THE "MOTO-CROSS" STAGING AREA; AND FURTHER REFER THE REQUEST TO STAFF TO PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION AND BRING BACK TO COUNCIL FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION.

CARRIED.

Grand Forks Trails Society

Mr. Chris Moslin, representative of the Grand Forks Trails Society spoke with regard to:

- Past projects of the Trails Society
- He thanked the City for their support for Phase 1
- Phase 2 is not complete
- The existing trails are underutilized because they are not marked
- Provided an overview of trails
- Provided an overview of potential trail projects.

He advised that a rudimentary cost analysis was done for each of the trail upgrades that have been suggested.

Mr. Moslin advised that the prioritizing of the Trails Vision is being left up to Council. The Chief Administrative Officer advised this would be decided through a public consultation process and the City would be looking for potential grants and alternative funding before undertaking any of them.

MOTION: SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE COTW RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO RECEIVE THE PRESENTATION MADE BY THE GRAND FORKS TRAILS SOCIETY AND REFERS THE REQUEST TO STAFF TO PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION AND BRING BACK TO COUNCIL FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION.

CARRIED.

The Mayor recessed the meeting at 10:04am
The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 10:14am

PRESENTATIONS FROM STAFF

Monthly Highlight Reports from Dept. Managers

The Chief Administrative Officer reviewed the monthly managers' reports.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORTS.

CARRIED.

Manager of Development and Engineering

Councillor Krog removed himself from the discussion at 10:31 am, advising that he may have a conflict of interest with regard to mobile catering.

Mobile Catering Vendor in the downtown core

The Chief Administrative Officer spoke with regard to the mobile catering unit.

The Manager of Development and Engineering advised that the zoning bylaw does not address mobile units.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO APPROVE ONE OF THE THREE OPTIONS PROVIDED IN THE REPORT, AT THE MAY 12TH, 2014, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.

CARRIED.

Councillor Krog returned to the meeting at 10:40am.

Manager of Development and Engineering

Road Closure of a portion of unnamed, undeveloped road with Lot 1, Plan KAP73069 and Lot 2, KAP73069.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE REQUEST TO CLOSE THAT PORTION OF UNNAMED, UNDEVELOPED ROAD AND DIRECT STAFF TO PROCEED WITH STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS NECESSARY TO START AND COMPLETE THE ROAD CLOSURE AND CONSOLIDATION OF THAT PORTION OF UNNAMED, UNDEVELOPED ROAD WITH LOT 1, PLAN KAP73069 AND LOT2, KAP73069, RESPECTIVELY AND REFER TO THE MAY 26TH, 2014 REGULAR MEETING.

CARRIED.

James Kay, P.Eng
Regional Manager- Coastal & Interior British Columbia Land Development / Municipal Engineering
Representative for Focus

Mr. Kay presented a Lands Optimization and Development Showcase Strategy. He advised that this strategy is in regards to land that has potential to be put to better use than what it is currently used for. He spoke further with regard to:

- The surplus land would be used to generate revenue for the city
- Opportunities
- The plan
- Ensuring Council is informed and engaged in the process
- Council retains all decision making authority
- Liquidated capital could be used for community projects

MOTION: SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS COUNCIL RECEIVE THE PRESENTATION FROM JAMES KAY OF FOCUS REGARDING LANDS OPTIMIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT SHOWCASE STRATEGIES.

CARRIED.

Chief Administrative Officer

City of Grand Forks - Economic Profile

The Chief Administrative Officer reviewed the document. He advised that the document is for use by the Economic Development Officer and others.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECEIVES THE DRAFT GRAND FORKS ECONOMIC PROFILE AS PRESENTED BY THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER.

CARRIED.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

PROPOSED BYLAWS FOR DISCUSSION

Manager of Development and Engineering

Sewer Regulations Bylaw No. 1500, 1997

Water Regulations Bylaw No. 1501, 1997

Electrical Utility Bylaw No. 1543, 1998

Manager of Development and Engineering advised that there are changes to Schedule A.

MOTION: SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS COUNCIL APPROVE THE AMENDMENTS TO THE SEWER REGULATIONS BYLAW NO. 1500, 1997; WATER REGULATIONS BYLAW NO. 1501, 1997; AND THE ELECTRICAL UTILITIES BYLAW NO. 1543, 1998; AND FURTHER TO GIVE FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READING TO SAID BYLAWS AT THE MAY 26TH, 2014 REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL.

CARRIED.

Chief Financial Officer

Fees and Charges Bylaw

The Chief Financial Officer introduced the process for consolidating of the Fees and Charges Bylaw and reviewed the proposed changes.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO GIVE FIRST THREE READINGS TO FEES AND CHARGES BYLAW NO. 1958, 2014 AT THE MAY 26TH, 2014, REGULAR MEETING;
AND FURTHER THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO GIVE FIRST THREE READINGS TO FEES AND CHARGES REPEAL BYLAW NO. 1671R-A, 2014 AT THE MAY 26TH, 2014, REGULAR MEETING.**

CARRIED.

INFORMATION ITEMS

CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS

LATE ITEMS

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

QUESTION PERIOD FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr. Nigel James

He spoke with regard to City roads and signage

He spoke with regard to the Water Week Open House

He spoke with regard to the beautification efforts of the City

Ms. Julia Butler

She spoke with regard to water meters and the legal obligation of citizens to pay for city property (meters) on private property.

The Chief Administrative Officer advised City Staff would need to seek Legal Counsel to this question, and this would be a cost to the City; the Mayor advised that the City would not be contacting legal counsel with regard to the question.

Ms. Christine Thompson

She spoke with regard to Council using tax payers money to seek legal opinions to address questions from the public.

She spoke with regard to Municipalities operating within a balanced budget

Ms. Donna Semenoff

She spoke with regard to water meters

Mr. Frank Triveri

He spoke with regard to infrastructure

He spoke with regard to projected deficits in the operational plan

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 11:48AM

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR



DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER –
SARAH WINTON