

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, MAY 26TH, 2014.

PRESENT: MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR
COUNCILLOR BOB KENDEL
COUNCILLOR NEIL KROG
COUNCILLOR GARY SMITH
COUNCILLOR CHER WYERS

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
CORPORATE OFFICER
DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER
MANAGER OF OPERATIONS

D. Allin
D. Heinrich
S. Winton
R. Huston

GALLERY

CALL TO ORDER

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- a) Adoption of the May 26th, 2014, Regular Meeting Agenda

MOTION: KENDEL / SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT THE MAY 26TH, 2014, REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED
AS PRESENTED**

CARRIED.

MINUTES

- a) May 12th, 2014

Adoption of the May 12th, COTW Meeting Minutes

The minutes were amended to reflect that Councillor Krog did not return to the meeting until after the motion regarding mobile street vendors was voted on by Council, and not before.

MOTION: SMITH / KENDEL

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

CARRIED.

b) May 12th, 2014

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MOTION: KENDEL / KROG

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE MAY 12TH, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AS AMENDED.

CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

a) Corporate Officer's Report

Verbal Reports of Council

Councillor Smith

He reported that:

- On May 16th he attended the Deer Committee meeting
- On May 22nd the Environment Committee met, and the two Brazilian engineering students were introduced. Barb Stewart of the Boundary Invasive Species Society made a presentation to the committee.
- On May 24th he attended the Grand Forks Recreation Center event to rename the arena to the Jack Goddard Memorial Center
- He participated in the grade 6/7 solar car building at Hutton Elementary school and on Thursday will be at Perley Elementary
- The Park in the Park event is coming along well. Some of the solar cars will be on display at the event in August.

Councillor Krog

He had nothing to report

Councillor Kendel

He reported that:

- On May 21st he attended the meeting for potential candidates for City Council.
- He Congratulated Councillor Wyers on her nomination at the Kootenay Women In Business Awards.

Councillor Wyers

She reported that:

- She was in China from May 8th until May 20th.
- She attended the May 21st Grand Forks and Boundary Regional Library monthly board meeting and advised that the library has received their annual provincial funding, noting that it is slightly less than last year. Wednesday June 18th is the next board meeting.
- She attended the May 21st Boundary Women in Business luncheon.
- She would like to bring a resolution forward regarding a letter of support for an application to a program for entrepreneurial/professional women in the Boundary region, the program is led by Ms. Teresa Taylor.

The Mayor removed himself from the meeting declaring a conflict of interest at 7:10pm

KROG / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL PROVIDE A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO MS TAYOR TO SEEK A FUNDING GRANT FROM THE STATUS OF WOMEN CANADA IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH A BOUNDARY COUNTRY WORKING GROUP FOR ECONOMIC PROSPERITY: POSITIONING WOMEN FOR SUCCESS. CARRIED.

The Mayor returned to the meeting at 7:14 pm

- On May 21st she participated in an evening for potential candidates for City Council
- On May 21st she attended the Boundary Dog Sled Associations meeting where next year's dates were set for January 17th and 18th, 2015.
- On May 22nd the FCM Head Start for Young Women presented to the Grand Forks Rotary Club and announced the launch and completion date of a conference and leadership course on October 3rd-5th in Grand Forks. She extended an invitation to all female politicians to bring up to 3 young women to the conference. The objective of the conference is to develop a youth advisory council for the Kootenay Boundary area.
- On May 22nd the Environment Committee met and she was pleased to present a letter of thanks from Council to the Air Quality subcommittee.
- She welcomed the Brazilian Engineering Students who will be working on the Riparian Threat Assessment with Jenny Coleshill and Graham Watt
- She encouraged everyone to register in the Commuter Challenge during Environment Week.
- She attended the BC Liberal Convention in Vancouver from May 23rd- 25th.

Councillor Smith brought forth a request to Council to purchase promotional material that could be taken to conferences.

SMITH / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF UP TO \$500 FOR PROMOTIONAL ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC RELATIONS BUDGET, TO BE TAKEN TO THE EDABC CONFERENCE.

CARRIED.

Mayor Taylor

He reported that:

- The Provincial Nominee program would be in Grand Forks on June 19th
- The City, in partnership with James Kay of Focus, is hosting a Development Showcase on June 18th, at gallery 2

MOTION: WYERS / KROG

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVE ALL REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL GIVEN VERBALLY AT THIS MEETING.

CARRIED.

REPORT FROM COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVE TO THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY

a) Corporate Officer's Report

RDKB's Representative's Report

- That the RDKB will be re-signing the animal commissionaires contract for one more year.

MOTION: SMITH / KROG

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVE 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

To close that portion of unnamed road located between Sagamore Road and 2nd Street, traversing Lot 1 and Lot 2 Plan KAP73069 and to consolidate that portion of road with Lot 1 and Lot 2, respectively.

MOTION: SMITH / KROG

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DEEM THAT PORTION OF CLOSED ROAD AS SURPLUS TO THE NEEDS OF THE CITY AND 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 LOT 2, KAP73069, RESPECTIVELY.

CARRIED.

b) Manager of Development and Engineering

Pavement rehabilitation for 22nd Street (Highway 3 to 77th Avenue) or 68th Avenue (Kettle River Drive to 19th Street).

MOTION: SMITH / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE RECOMMENDATION OF URBAN SYSTEMS AND MOVES FORWARD WITH THE MILL AND REPLACE PROGRAM FOR PAVEMENT REHABILITATION OF 68TH AVENUE AND FURTHER RESOLVES THAT COUNCIL APPROVES A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR BEING PARTIALLY FUNDED THROUGH GAS TAX, BORROWING BYLAW 1923 OR SLAG RESERVES.

CARRIED.

CARRIED UNANAMOUSLY

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

INFORMATION ITEMS

a) Manager of Development and Engineering

ICBC Intersection Review Recommendations

MOTION: KROG / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVE THE REPORT FROM THE MANAGER OF PLANNING AND ENGINEERING REGARDING THE ICBC INTERSECTION REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS.

CARRIED.

b) Clinton Ekdahl

Request that Council proclaim May 29th as "Day of the Bee"

Council does not make proclamations

MOTION: SMITH / KENDEL

RECEIVE FOR INFORMATION

CARRIED.

BYLAWS

a) Chief Financial Officer

MOTION: SMITH / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL GIVE FIRST THREE READINGS TO FEES AND CHARGES BYLAW 1958, 2014.

CARRIED.

MOTION: KENDEL / KROG

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL GIVE FIRST THREE READINGS TO FEES AND CHARGES REPEAL BYLAW NO. 1671R-A, 2014.

CARRIED.

b) 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
3. Electrical Utility Regulations and Rates Bylaw No. 1543, 1998

MOTION: SMITH / KENDEL

1.RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL GIVE FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READING TO THE SEWER REGULATIONS AND RATES BYLAW AMENDMENT NO.1500-A1, 2014

CARRIED.

MOTION: WYERS / SMITH

2.RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL GIVE FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READING TO THE WATER REGULATIONS AND RATES BYLAW AMENDMENT NO.1501-A1, 2014

CARRIED.

MOTION: SMITH / KENDEL

3. RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL GIVE FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READING TO THE ELECTRICAL UTILITY REGULATORY BYLAW AMENDMENT NO. 1543-A1, 2014
CARRIED.

c) Corporate Officer

Introduction of the new Local Government Elections Procedure Bylaw and the repeal of the old Elections Bylaw and all amendments thereto
The Corporate Officer reviewed the additions to the Elections Procedure Bylaw.

Council requested that Boundary Lodge be included in the special voting opportunities.

MOTION: SMITH / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES FOR INTRODUCTION AND DISCUSSION, THE PROPOSED UPDATED LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS BYLAW NO. 1999 AND THE REPEAL OF CURRENT BYLAW NO. 1391 AND REFERS SAID BYLAWS TO THE JUNE 9TH, 2014, REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL FOR FIRST THREE READINGS.
CARRIED.

d) Corporate Officer

Introduction of the proposed Automated Voting Machine Bylaw for Local Government Elections purposes

MOTION: SMITH / KROG

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES FOR INTRODUCTION AND DISCUSSION, THE PROPOSED USE OF AUTOMATED VOTING MACHINES FOR GENERAL LOCAL ELECTIONS BYLAW NO. 2000, AND REFERS SAID BYLAW TO THE JUNE 9TH, 2014, REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL FOR FIRST THREE READINGS.
CARRIED.

e) Corporate Officer

Introduction of the proposed Mail Ballot Authorization and Procedure Bylaw
Council discussed the pros and cons of mail in ballots.

MOTION: SMITH / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES FOR INTRODUCTION AND DISCUSSION, THE PROPOSED USE OF MAIL BALLOT AUTHORIZATION FOR GENERAL LOCAL

ELECTIONS BYLAW NO. 2001, AND DETERMINES IF IT IS COUNCIL'S WISH TO REFER SAID BYLAW TO THE JUNE 9TH, 2014, REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION OF FIRST THREE READINGS.

DEFEATED UNANOMOUSLY.

LATE ITEMS

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA

- a) Ms. Christine Thompson
She spoke with regard to the Elections Procedure Bylaw.
The Corporate Officer advised that Phoenix Manor could be approached to be included as well as Sunshine Manor and Hardyview Lodge
Ms. Thompson spoke with regard to the inclusion of the RDKB in the use of automated voting machines.
The Corporate Officer advised that the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary is not included in City's ballots.

Ms. Elizabeth ~~Seminoff~~ *Semenoff*
She spoke with regard to electronic voting

Mr. Les Johnson
He spoke with regard to the Grand Forks short film contest that is taking place May 27th, at the GEM Theatre

Ms. Julia Butler
She spoke with regard to electronic voting machines
She spoke with regard to the replacement of pavement down 68th Avenue

Ms. Donna ~~Seminoff~~ *Semenoff*
She spoke with regard to the total cost of the last municipal election
She spoke with regard to security concerns regarding voting machines

The Mayor recessed the meeting at 8:10pm
The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 8:15pm

Ms. Beverly Tripp
She spoke with regard the Pavement Improvement Request for Decision
She spoke with regard to the limitations on Council spending

ADJOURNMENT

a) Adjourn the meeting

MOTION: KENDEL / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:21PM

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


DEPTUY CORPORATE OFFICER-
SARAH WINTON