

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, MAY 5TH, 2014.

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

CORPORATE OFFICER
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER

D. Heinrich
R. Shepherd
S. Winton

GALLERY

CALL TO ORDER

- a) The Mayor called the May 5th, 2014 Special Meeting to order at 1PM.

ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA

- a) Adoption of May 5th, 2014 Special Meeting Agenda.

The Mayor added a question period to provide the public with the opportunity to ask questions with regard to the agenda.

MOTION: KENDEL / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE MAY 5TH, 2014, SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA AS AMENDED.

CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

BYLAWS

a) Chief Financial Officer

Tax Rates Bylaw 1997

The Chief Financial Officer presented three options to Council for consideration and recommended option number 2.

Councillor Smith advised that he supports Option 1.

Councillor Wirschagin advised he did not support Option 2, as he would like to see tax rates remain the same for individuals. He further advised that he supports Option 1.

Councillor Kendel advised that he supports Option 1.

The Chief Financial Officer advised that this puts major industry into a higher tax bracket.

Councillor Wyers advised that she would like to see a levelling of the tax burden between individuals and major industry.

Councillor O'Doherty advised that he supports Option 2, and that he does not feel that major industry should have higher rates.

The Chief Financial Officer advised that there was an increase in the 2013 industrial mill rate from 2012.

Councillor Wyers advised that the message to potential investors would not be that the City is open for business.

The Chief Financial Officer advised that with option 1 Industry class 4 (major industry) sees an increase and class 6 (business and light industry) decreases.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL GIVE FIRST THREE READINGS TO 2014 TAX RATES BYLAW 1997, OPTION 2.

DEFEATED

MOTION: SMITH / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ACCEPT OPTION 1 OF THE 2014 TAX RATES BYLAW 1997.

CARRIED.

Councillors O'Doherty and Wyers opposed the motion.

MOTION: SMITH / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL GIVE FIRST THREE READINGS TO 2014 TAX RATES BYLAW 1997, OPTION 1.

CARRIED.

Councillors O'Doherty and Wyers opposed the motion.

LATE ITEMS

- a) The Public spoke with regard to the Tax Rates Bylaw

Ms Christine Thompson

She spoke with regard to home owner grants, the tax exemption bylaw and impact of bylaw on major industry.

Mr. Les Johnson

He spoke with regard to the impact of tax rates on individuals of the community who are on a fixed income.

ADJOURNMENT

- a) Adjourn the meeting

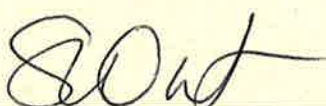
MOTION: O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ADJOURN THE MAY 5TH, 2014 SPECIAL MEETING AT 1:32PM.

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER- SARAH WINTON