

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, OCTOBER 6TH, 2014

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

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
MANAGER OF OPERATIONS
DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER

D. Allin
R. Shepherd
R. Huston
S. Winton

GALLERY

CALL TO ORDER

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

RESOLVED THAT the October 6th, 2014, Regular meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

a) Adopt agenda
October 6th, 2014

MOTION: SMITH / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the October 6th, 2014, agenda as presented

CARRIED.

MINUTES

a) Adopt the Special Meeting to go In-Camera minutes
September 15th, 2014

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the September 15th, Special Meeting to go In-Camera minutes as presented.

CARRIED.

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- b) Adopt the Regular Meeting minutes
September 15th, 2014

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the September 15th, 2014, Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.

CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

- a) Corporate Officers Report
Verbal Reports of Council

Councillor Kendel
He reported that:

- He attended FCM in Whistler and that he and the other Councillor's had meetings with several Ministers. The Rural BC Dividends Fund, which is part of the Rural BC network, will establish an advisory council. He attended a panel on Strong Communities, where a cultural strategy was discussed, and also attended the Small Business Awards where the City received an award. He thanked management and staff for all their hard work.

Councillor Krog
He had no report

Councillor Smith
He reported that:

- He attended FCM in Whistler and he spoke about the highlights of the conference such as; the small talk forum, the concept of the Committee of the Whole, Minister Meeting with the Honorable Minister Thompson who he spoke with regarding urban deer issues.
- He asked to make a motion and requested Council's support on the opinion pole question that will be included on the ballot.
- The Vital Signs role out is at Gallery 2 on Tuesday October 7th.

Councillor Wirischagin

He reported that:

- He attended FCM in Whistler and that he attended some very good meetings with the Ministers
- The Border Bruins are doing very well
- Grand Forks International Annual General Meeting is October 6th at 7 pm at Community Futures.

Councillor O'Doherty

He reported that:

- He attended the dog sled fundraising dinner and that they raised extra funds with the 50/50 draws
- 68th avenue is looking good
- He attended a Bruins Hockey game and they are playing very well.
- The downtown work is looking very good

Mayor Taylor

He reported that:

- The SPCA is showing a high level of interest in working in our community, and hopes the SPCA will come to the community and have a public engagement session to discuss what the community needs in the humane treatment of animals
- He advised that the Honorable Coralee Oakes would like to see the City play a larger role on Rural Advisory Committee

MOTION: SMITH / WIRISHCAGIN

RESOLVED THAT Council ask the question on the ballot at the 2014 Municipal Election "are you in support of a deer cull as a deer management option in Grand Forks".

CARRIED.

MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

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 Officers Report
RDKB Representatives verbal report

The Mayor had nothing to report

MOTION: SMITH / WIRISCHAGIN

THAT the Mayor's report on the activities of the Regional District of the Kootenay Boundary, given verbally at this meeting be received.

CARRIED.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS

- a) Manager of Development and Engineering
Status and next steps of the West Side Fire Protection Project

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the West Side Fire Protection Project was authorized in Bylaw 1922. He provided an update and overview of next steps in order to move through the project, and advised that Council's approval is required for this project in the upcoming 2015 budget process.

The standby power unit is still under consideration.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / WIRISHCAGIN

RESOLVED THAT Council receives the report from the Manager of Development and Engineering regarding the status and next steps of the West Side Fire Protection Project.

CARRIED.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

INFORMATION ITEMS

- a) Mural Committee
Revised budget from the Mural Committee.

A representative from the Mural Committee provided background and an update to Council with regard to the changes and advised that at another meeting:

- there was some concerns with the walls and surface to be painted on
- looking at 2 murals instead of four
- would like to putout a call for artist's
- have an \$800 honorarium for art and use of art
- important to have a leader to organize the project, and provide an honorarium for this work
- community involvement was discussed and would account for the additional \$1000
- each wall would be 10x20

The Mayor spoke to the project with regard to shelving the project until a later date but to make sure that it was revisited.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / KROG

RESOLVED THAT Council determines to open the floor to the artist present for the discussion regarding the mural project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION: KROG / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT Council receive the request from the Mural Committee and to suspend the request and forward onto the next council.

CARRIED.

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- b) Boundary Country Regional Chamber of Commerce
Letter of congratulations on the Open for Business award

MOTION: SMITH / WIRISCHAGIN

Receive for Information

CARRIED.

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- c) Canadian Bureau for International Education
Thank you to the City for continued support of the Canada-Brazil Scholarship Program and hosting of Students

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KENDEL

Receive for Information

CARRIED.

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- d) Ralph White - President of the Seniors Centre
Request for sponsorship of a Thanksgiving Dinner for Grand Forks Seniors.

Councillor Krog removed himself from the discussion declaring a conflict of interest at 7:40pm

Council discussed the request with regard to:

- providing funding for the dinner
- question of fairness to tax payers who are not seniors
- potential for dinner organizers to approach other organizations or sponsors
- Council does not have a grant in aid policy

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT Council receives for information.

CARRIED.

Councillor Krog returned at 7:43pm

BYLAWS

- a) Chief Financial Officer

Councillor Wirischagin excused himself declaring a conflict of interest at 7:44pm

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KROG

RESOLVED THAT Council give final reading to Bylaw No. 2004 - 2015 Permissive Tax Exemptions.

CARRIED.

Councillor Wirischagin returned at 7:47pm

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

Councillor Krog advised that he does not support the bylaw and would like to see it have more structure and consistency.

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that staff could provide information on decibel levels for Council to compare to the industry standards to noise.

Council discussed having the decibel levels be brought forward prior to the final reading

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to include 5 (i) an amendment to include the Industrial Operations within the exclusions section of this Bylaw as previously presented;

And further that Council determines to give final reading to Bylaw 1963-A1, an amendment to the Noise Control Bylaw.

DEFEATED.

- c) Manager of Development and Engineering
To close that portion of unnamed, undeveloped road traversing Lot 1 and Lot, District Lot 534, S.D.Y.D., Plan KAP73069 located between Sagamore Road and 2nd Street.

MOTION: KROG / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT Council gives Bylaw 2002, being the Sagamore Road and 2nd Street

Road Closure Bylaw, third reading.

CARRIED.

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- d) Manager of Operations
Electrical Utility Regulatory Repeal Bylaw No. 1543-R, 2014

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT Council approve Electrical Utility Regulatory Repeal Bylaw No. 1543-R, 2014 and give the bylaw first and second readings.

CARRIED.

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- e) Manager of Operations
Electrical Utility Regulatory Repeal Bylaw No. 1975, 2014

Alex Love, Electrical Engineer for the City, spoke with regard to the proposed bylaw. He advised that:

- Commercial is kept out of the bylaw
- 10KvA systems are in excess of what a residential system would typically use
- 10KvA would be excessive for a house to hold in terms of solar panels
- this type of a system would be used to offset an electrical system
- There is potential for there to be an impact to the City's system if a proposed system was too large

He discussed the Solar Community Garden that is underway on Nelson.

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the City can take this bylaw out to the public for further input.

MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT Council the Electrical Utility Regulatory Bylaw No. 1975, 2014 first and second readings.

CARRIED.

LATE ITEMS

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA

- a) Ms. Donna Semenoff
She spoke with regard to:
- electrical meters

Mr. Love advised that the City does not use smart meters, and that standard and or higher power meters used because standard meters do not have enough power to get

through walls.

Ms. Christine Thompson

She spoke with regard to:

- Dogs off leash in City Park and process for any issues around liability

ADJOURNMENT

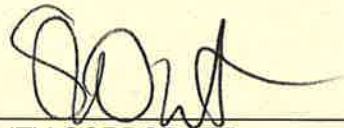
MOTION: SMITH

RESOLVED THAT Council adjourned the meeting at 8:22pm.

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER -
SARAH WINTON