

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS**

**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH, 2014**

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

CORPORATE OFFICER  
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER  
MANAGER OF DEVELOPMENT & ENGINEERING  
DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER  
MANAGER OF OPERATIONS

D. Heinrich  
R. Shepherd  
S. Bird  
S. Winton  
R. Huston

GALLERY

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**CALL TO ORDER**

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

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**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

- a) Adopt agenda  
September 15th, 2014, Regular Meeting Agenda  
The Mayor amended the agenda to move the Electrical Utility Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 1543-R, 2014 and Electrical Utility Regulations Bylaw No. 1975, 2014 to the beginning of the meeting. He also stated that Council will open the floor to questions with regard to the Electrical Utility Regulations Bylaw.

MOTION: Smith / Kendel

**RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the September 15th, 2014, Regular Meeting agenda as amended.**

CARRIED.

MOTION: SMITH / KENDEL

**RESOLVED THAT Council allow questions from the floor with regard to the Electrical Utility Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 1543-R, 2014 and Electrical Utility Regulations Bylaw No. 1975, 2014.**

CARRIED.

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**PROPOSED BYLAWS FOR DISCUSSION**

- a) Electrical and Electronics Engineer & Manager of Operations  
Electrical Utility Regulatory Repeal Bylaw No. 1543-R, 2014

The Electrical Engineer reviewed revisions and new additions to the bylaws proposed as a & b with regard to:

- definitions
- clarity for meter locations and supply voltages offered
- A net metering service was added to accommodate residents wanting to install solar PV systems and both purchase and sell energy to the electrical grid
- the definition of rates for common service connections to provide clarity to customers around service fees
- various wording revisions to reflect the current practices of most electric utilities

The Mayor advised that a homeowner who generates this power is responsible for the costs of installing the power in their homes.

Roxanna Bolton:  
spoke with regard to the:

- Cost of \$150.00 of a Bi-directional meter
- Fortis and BC Hydro both offer bidirectional metering

Mr. Love spoke with regard to:

- the amount of power that Ms. Bolton was hoping to generate.
- the measurement system - KVA vs KW

Mr. Peter Metheson  
spoke with regard to:

- net metering

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT Council receive the Electrical Utility Regulatory Repeal Bylaw No. 1543-R, 2014 and refer the bylaw to the Regular Meeting of Council scheduled for October 6th, 2014, for first, second and third readings.**

CARRIED.

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- b) Electrical and Electronics Engineer & Manger of Operations  
Electrical Utility Regulatory Bylaw No. 1975, 2014

MOTION: SMITH / KENDEL

**RESOLVED THAT Council receive the introduction of the new Electrical Utility Regulatory Bylaw No. 1975, 2014 and refer the Bylaw to the Regular Meeting of Council scheduled for October 6th, 2014, for first, second and third readings.**

CARRIED.

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- c) Ms. Donna Semenoff  
She spoke with regard to the types of electrical meters the City uses.

Mr. Love advised that the City web site will be updated to include information on the electrical meters the City uses.

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### **MINUTES**

- a) Adopt Minutes  
September 2nd, 2014, COTW

MOTION: SMITH / KENDEL

**RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the September 2nd, 2014 COTW meeting minutes as presented.**

CARRIED.

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- b) Adopt Minutes  
September 2nd, 2014

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KENDEL

**RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the September 2nd, 2014, Regular Meeting minutes as presented.**

CARRIED.

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### **REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

- a) Sunshine Valley Women's Institute  
Request to Council to consider building a sidewalk along 72nd Avenue between 19th Street and 27th Street.

The Manager of Engineering advised that staff considered the request of a sidewalk in front of Silver Kettle Village and provided two options for Council's consideration.

Options to be considered included:

- choice of materials (asphalt or concrete)
- cost
- area: 19th Street to 27th Street (830 meters) or Cypress Way to 27th Street (440 meters)

The Manager of Engineering advised that other considerations that Staff has given to the project include:

- waiting for the land to be purchased and developed

- referring the matter to the 2015 budget process

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / WYERS

**RESOLVED THAT Council choose to put the request from the Sunshine valley Women's Institute into the 2015 budget process for Council's consideration at that time and if there is no development in the identified section of land by the fall of 2015, to proceed with the installation of a sidewalk in front of Silver Kettle Village.**

CARRIED.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

- a) Corporate Officers Report  
Verbal reports of Council

Councillor Kendel  
He had no report

Councillor Krog  
He had no report

Councillor Smith  
He reported that:

- He attended the Rock Creek Fall Fair and that it was very busy.
- The next deer committee meeting is October 1st and will include a deer count at 6:15am.

Councillor O'Doherty  
He advised that:

- The Bruins season has started and that they are off to a great start. He attended the sponsorship wine and cheese event on September 11th and met all of the new players on the team.
- The work on 2nd Street looks wonderful and the staff and contractors are doing a great job.

The Manager of Operations provided a short update on 68th Avenue.

Councillor Wyers  
She advised that:

- She attended the Rotary Spray Park lobster dinner fundraiser. There was a terrific turn out of over 220 people and the evening was a great success. The current fundraising for the project is approximately \$175,000.
- On September 8th she attended the Freeman of the City presentation to Dorothy and Eli Popoff at Dorothy's home.
- The FCM for Head Start conference that is taking place in October is moving

forward nicely; the planning is going well and she let Council know when the Agenda is complete and registration is open.

- She attended the Rock Creek Fall Fair, and spoke with the Fortis representative there and discussed the rebate program.
- The next library board meeting is September 17th, at 12pm.

Mayor Taylor

He reported that:

- The celebrations for John Jerrett was great and the stories were wonderful.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT all reports of members of Council, given verbally at this meeting, be received.**

CARRIED.

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**REPORT FROM COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY**

- a) Corporate Officers Report  
RDKB representatives verbal report

Mayor Taylor reported that the multi materials, green bin program is going to be extended to include Area D. The anticipated start date is spring 2015, and the RDKB is accepting waste from the abattoir so that it can process local area animals.

MOTION: SMITH / KENDEL

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

CARRIED.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS**

- a) Chief Financial Officer  
Inventory Policy # 807

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT Council adopt Inventory Policy #807.**

CARRIED.

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- b) Manager of Development and Engineering  
Setback and Off-Street Parking Variances

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The Manager of Development and Engineering advised the property is currently non-conforming; the owner has had the opportunity to sell, but the current zoning setbacks don't allow for any new building so she is requesting that the rezoning take place prior to her listing the property.

MOTION: SMITH / WYERS

**RESOLVED THAT Council approve a setback variance to 0 meters from all property lines and vary the off-street parking requirements from 2 to 0.**

CARRIED.

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**REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE**

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**INFORMATION ITEMS**

- a) Charlette McLeod - District of Taylor  
Discontinuation of Community Training Library Program

Councillor Wyers advised that she has spoken with the Grand Forks Library librarian, Avi Silberstein, who requested that Council support this important training program.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT Council receive the request regarding the discontinuation of the Community Training Library program and support it at UBCM.**

CARRIED.

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**BYLAWS**

- a) Manager of Building Inspection and Bylaw Services  
Noise Control Bylaw Amendment No. 1963-A1

Council discussed the report.

MOTION: KENDEL / WYERS

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

**Councillor Krog opposed this motion.**

CARRIED.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT Council determines to give first three readings to Bylaw 1963-A1, an amendment to the Noise Control Bylaw at the September 15th, Regular Meeting of Council.**

**Councillor Krog opposed this motion.**

**CARRIED.**

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- b) Chief Financial Officer  
2015 Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 2004**

The Mayor advised that the wildlife hall (Baptist Church) has been included.

**MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KROG**

**RESOLVED THAT Council give first three readings to Bylaw No. 2004-2015 Permissive Tax Exemptions**

**CARRIED.**

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- c) Chief Financial Officer  
Temporary Borrowing Bylaw No. 1950, 2014**

**MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY**

**RESOLVED THAT Council give final reading to Temporary Borrowing Bylaw No. 1950, 2014.**

**CARRIED.**

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- d) Chief Financial Officer  
Temporary Borrowing Bylaw No. 1998, 2014**

**MOTION: WYERS / O'DOHERTY**

**RESOLVED THAT Council give final reading to Temporary Borrowing Bylaw No. 1998, 2014.**

**CARRIED.**

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### **LATE ITEMS**

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### **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA**

- a) Mr. Craig Lindsey  
He spoke with regard to:**

- The Raise a Reader program and invitation to Council to help out again this year. The money raised funds literacy programs in the area. The date for the event is Wednesday October 8th.

Ms. Donna Semenoff

She spoke with regard to:

- the green bin program

The Mayor advised that the material from the green bins is cap material used in landfills throughout the boundary

Mr. Les Johnson

He spoke with regard to:

- the green bin program and wild life
- His and Hers is closing

Mayor advised that the City is cutting the red tape and simplifying the process to open a business or invest in the community.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

a) Adjourn the meeting

MOTION: WYERS

**RESOLVED THAT the September 15th, 2014, Regular meeting is adjourned at 8:07pm  
CARRIED.**

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**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

  
MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR

  
DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER -  
SARAH WINTON