

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 2ND, 2014

PRESENT:

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

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
CORPORATE OFFICER
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
MANAGER OF DEVELOPMENT & ENGINEERING

D. Allin
D. Heinrich
R. Shepherd
S. Bird

GALLERY

CALL TO ORDER

- a) 7:00pm Call to Order

RESOLVED THAT the Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- a) September 2nd, 2014
Adopt Agenda

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

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

CARRIED.

MINUTES

- a) August 18th, 2014
COTW meeting minutes

MOTION: KENDEL / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the August 18th, 2014, Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes as presented.

CARRIED.

- b) August 18th, 2014
Special Meeting Minutes

MOTION: KENDEL / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the August 18th, 2014, Special Meeting minutes as presented.

CARRIED.

- c) August 18th, 2014
Regular Meeting Minutes

The Mayor advised that there was an error in the resolution for Policy #804-A1, Tangible Capital Assets.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the August 18th, 2014, 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 O'Doherty
He reported that:

- He attended the Airport Appreciation Day, Fly-In event.
- He attended the Grand Forks Fall Fair.
- He attended Music in the Park, which is now finished for the summer. It was a successful event again this year.

- The Border Bruins start the hockey season tonight.

Councillor Wyers

She reported that:

- She attended the Fly-In and Airport Appreciation Day on Aug 24th and 25th and gave a big thanks to volunteers and staff for all the support. There was 25 visiting aircraft at the event.
- The Dog sled races are taking place on January 17th and 18th and on Saturday September 27th they are hosting the annual fowl dinner as a fundraiser.
- The Head Start for Young Women Program presented to the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary board to inform them of the upcoming conference in October.

Councillor Kendel

He reported that:

- He attended Music in the Park, and thought the music was great.
- He attended the Fall Fair and participated in the fall fair parade. He thought the fair was well attended.

Councillor Krog

He reported that:

- He attended the Fall Fair and the Airport Appreciation Day and thought both events were enjoyable.

Councillor Smith

He reported that:

- The Fall Fair parade and event were great and that Council won first prize for the dignitaries float.
- He sits on the steering committee for the Vital Signs project and advised that the report will be coming out in October. The report is looking good and Karly Olson has done a great job as the Project Coordinator.
- He provided the final budget numbers for the deer collaring program and explained the in kind portion of the program.

Councillor Smith asked for Council's support to move the deer collaring program forward. He advised that he will be meeting with Minister Thompson at UBCM to discuss the program. He advised that Jenny Coleshill has volunteered to track the data from the program and that the funding will come from the current Deer Committee budget. The program will begin immediately if approved by Council.

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that last year at UBCM the Ministry was very supportive of the animal aware program.

Council further discussed the request from Councillor Smith with regard to the deer collar program.

Councillor Wirischagin

He had nothing to report

Mayor Taylor

He reported that:

- The Fall Fair went well and thanked staff for their work on the event.
- The Lobster Dinner fundraiser for the Rotary Spray Park is on Saturday evening at Christina Lake.

- He will be attending the John Jarrett event in Greenwood this Saturday.

MOTION: SMITH / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT Council support the deer collar program and accept the budget as presented by Councillor Smith.

CARRIED.

Councillor Wirischagin opposed the motion

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESLOVED 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 Officer's report
RDKB Representatives report

The Mayor advised he had nothing to report

MOTION: KENDEL / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT the Mayors report on the activities of the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary be received.

CARRIED.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS

- a) Manager of Development and Engineering
Grand Forks Recreation Commission - Request for License of Occupation for demonstration community garden

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT Council approves the License of Occupation and directs staff to proceed with the License of Occupation Agreement with the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary

CARRIED.

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- b) Corporate Services
Volunteer Appreciation Night - Call for Nominations - Policy #204

MOTION: KENDEL / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT Council provides notice to the public calling for nominations from the public for exceptional volunteer service in the City of Grand Forks in accordance with Council Policy #204.

CARRIED.

- c) Chief Financial Officer
Appointments of City of Grand Forks Voting Delegates for the Municipal Insurance Association Annual Meeting.

MOTION: KENDEL / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT Council receives the staff report and resolves to appoint Councillor Wyers as the voting delegate at the 2014 Municipal Insurance Association Annual General Meeting, and Appoints Councillor Smith and Mayor Taylor as the alternates.

CARRIED.

- d) Chief Financial Officer
City Hall Rebuild contingency resolution for financial plan amendment

MOTION: KROG / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT Council include an \$80,000 contingency for the City Hall rebuild to be included in the 2014 financial plan amendment, to be funded from surplus at the Regular September 2, 2014 meeting of Council.

CARRIED.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

INFORMATION ITEMS

- a) Grand Forks Seniors Center Branch 68
Tree Removal

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

Council to receive for information and direct staff to remove the trees as requested by the Grand Forks Seniors Center Branch 68.

CARRIED.

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- b) Green Communities Committee
Congratulations from Green Communities Committee for successfully reducing corporate greenhouse gas emissions for the 2013 reporting year

MOTION: WYERS / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT Council to receive for information

CARRIED.

BYLAWS

- a) Chief Financial Officer
Repeal of Bylaws 1780

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the City of Grand Forks Year 2005-2009 Financial Plan Amendment Repeal Bylaw No. 1780R, 2014.

CARRIED.

MOTION: KENDEL / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the City of Grand Forks Major Industrial Revitalization Area tax Exemption Renewal (Interfor) Repeal Bylaw No. 1881R, 2014.

CARRIED.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the City of grand Forks Amendment to the Major Industrial Revitalization Renewal (Interfor) Repeal Bylaw No. 1912R, 2014

CARRIED.

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

MOTION: WYERS / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT Council give first three readings to Temporary Borrowing Bylaw No. 1950, 2014

CARRIED.

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

MOTION: O'DOHERTY /SMITH

RESOLVED THAT Council gives first three readings to Temporary Borrowing Bylaw No. 1998, 2014

CARRIED.

- d) Manager of Development and Engineering Services
First and Second reading of the Sagamore Road and 2nd Street Road Closure Bylaw No. 2002.

MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT Council give first and second reading to Bylaw No. 2002, cited as the Sagamore Road and 2nd Street Road Closure Bylaw, a bylaw to close and remove the dedication of a road, measuring 1.098 hectares in size, as shown on Plan 21622 and 27765, DL 534, S.D.Y.D. and direct staff to advertise the bylaw and send letters to the surrounding property owners, inviting them to attend the October 6th, 2014 Committee of the Whole Meeting to make representation to Council if they have concerns or comments (written or in person), with regard to the road closure.

CARRIED.

LATE ITEMS

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA

- a) Roxanna Bolton
She spoke with regard to:
- The request that she submitted to the City with regard to a Solar energy and net metering initiative.
 - She asked why Council has not acknowledged her request for this initiative publicly.
- The Chief Administrative Officer advised:
- that this is not a project that is identified in Council's strategic plan.
 - that staff cannot move forward with initiatives and projects until Council provides approval.
 - there is an extensive process that requests from the public go through and that staff had received one request from her regarding this project.
 - that Council had seen the initial proposal from her and that the City wasn't in a position to make a commitment with regard to buying energy back from her until there had been substantial research undertaken by staff
 - the electrical engineer has been away and is back this month to take a look at the

project

Ms. Bolton advised that she had submitted a request to all of Council in April of this year and wondered why Council had not spoken of the project publicly.

Councillor Smith spoke with regard to Ms. Bolton's comments advising that he had spoken with her and advised that the project would be a good fit for the Carbon Neutrality Sub Committee.

Mayor Taylor advised that the electrical engineer would be in attendance to discuss net metering and any implications of the project at the September 15th, 2014, Regular meeting.

ADJOURNMENT


a) The Mayor Adjourned the meeting at 7:48pm

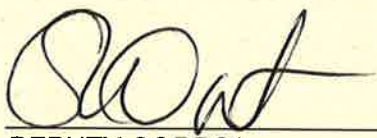
MOTION: SMITH

RESOLVED THAT the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:48pm

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER -
SARAH WINTON