

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, APRIL 20TH, 2015

PRESENT:

MAYOR FRANK KONRAD
COUNCILLOR JULIA BUTLER
COUNCILLOR CHRIS HAMMETT
COUNCILLOR NEIL KROG
COUNCILLOR COLLEEN ROSS
COUNCILLOR CHRISTINE THOMPSON
COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WIRISCHAGIN

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

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

GALLERY

CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- a) Adopt agenda
April 20th, 2015, Regular Meeting agenda

MOTION: BUTLER / KROG

RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the April 20th, 2015, Regular Meeting agenda as presented.

CARRIED.

MINUTES

- a) Adopt minutes
April 7th, 2015, COTW Meeting minutes

MOTION: THOMPSON / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the April 7th, 2015, COTW Meeting minutes as presented.

CARRIED.

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- b) Adopt minutes
April 7th, 2015, Regular Meeting minutes

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the April 7th, 2015, Regular Meeting minutes as presented.

CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

- a) Corporate Officer's Report
Verbal report from Council

Councillor Butler:

- Advised that she was absent from the April 7th Council meetings due to a family vacation
- She advised that on Wednesday, April 15th, of her participation in the Strategic Planning session, and commented that the session was very beneficial to her
- She advised of her attendance to the Biz after Biz at the newly opened Work and Play store
- She reported on her attendance at the newly renovated Pharmasave open house on Thursday, April 16th.
- She advised that she is looking forward to attending the AKBLG in Nakusp over the next three days.

Councillor Thompson:

- Please see her report, as attached

Councillor Wirischagin:

- Councillor Wirischagin put forward three motions for Council's consideration, as shown at the end of the Council report section.

Councillor Ross:

- Councillor Ross congratulated staff in preparing and presenting the Asset Management session at Gallery 2
- She reported on her participation and enjoyment of the team building exercise presented by the previous mayor from Golden - Christina Benty

- She reported on her attendance to the Learning Garden grand opening, that is was very well attended, and that it was very positive and fun
- She advised that she attended an event in Castlegar, where Naomi Cline, spoke on climate change
- On April 14th, she reported on her attendance at the RDKB - Area D Community Planning session.
- On April 15th, she on reported her attendance and participation at the City's Strategic Planning session.

Councillor Hammett:

- She reported that on April 8th, she attended the Asset Management session at Gallery 2.
- She reported her attendance on April 9th, to the City's Team Building session presented by Caleb Moss and Christina Benty
- On April 10th, she reported on her attendance to the Gilpin - Lost Lake field trip with Councillor Thompson
- Further on April 10th, she attended the Learning Garden grand opening.
- On April 15th, she attended and participated in the City's Strategic Planning session
- On the evening of April 15th, she attended the Biz after Biz at Work and Play
- On April 16th, she attended the newly renovated Pharmasave Grand opening
- She advised that members of Council are off to the AKBLG in Nakusp commencing April 21st
- She spoke with regard to the CBC interview with Donald Pharand regarding the Chief Administrative Officer's severance package and re-hiring by new Council.

Councillor Krog

- He advised that he had no report for this evening.

Mayor Konrad

- He congratulated the local merchants who recently had their new openings and renovations.
- He thanked Council for all of their reports presented this evening.

b) Councillor Wirischagin's motions, as per his report.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / THOMPSON

IN AS MUCH as a Regular Council Meeting is a business meeting for the City of Grand Forks, and in as much, as the gallery of said meetings are invited to observe the meeting, that at the conclusion of a regular meeting of Council, the public is permitted to ask question to Council;

BE IT RESOLVED that Council reaffirms its current position that all questions asked during the question period of the public be directed to the Mayor, and the questions be on point and only in reference to an item on the agenda discussed during the meeting;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT other inquiries should be directed to the Mayor, outside of a scheduled Council meeting, or brought forward as a delegation at a Committee of the Whole meeting.

CARRIED.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / THOMPSON

IN AS MUCH, as the Committee of the Whole meetings are a functional, interactive meeting involving citizens of Grand Forks, who are offered to participate as the meeting progresses, and further that at the conclusion of said meeting, there is a question period for the public;

BE IT RESOLVED that because the public is offered the opportunity to participate throughout the meeting session, that Council directs Staff to remove the "questions from the public", at the conclusion of the COTW meeting, as it is a redundancy;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Staff be directed to make the necessary adjustments to the Procedure Bylaw as necessary and as per legislation;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the public has concerns about issues outside of the COTW agendas, as presented, they should either come as a delegation or make an appointment to speak to the Mayor outside of Council meetings.

MOTION DEFEATED.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / KROG

IN AS MUCH AS Council reports has become an opportunity for members of Council to grandstand, and in as much, as many communities have done away with the Council report agenda item in an effort to streamline the process, Council reports are an important part of what is perceived as important to the agenda;

BE IT RESOLVED that all Council reports, other than motions, be no longer in a verbal presentation, but only as a written format; and further that if a Council member chooses to have a Council report presented then it should be written and submitted to staff no later than Wednesday before a Council meeting to be attached to the agenda package for those interested to read at their leisure;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the written format to come into effect for the next scheduled meeting of May 4th, 2015.

CARRIED.

COUNCILLORS ROSS AND BUTLER OPPOSED THE MOTION.

c) Receipt of Reports from Council

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / ROSS

RESOLVED THAT all reports given verbally, by Council, be received,

CARRIED.

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

- a) Corporate Officer's Report
Verbal report from Council's representative to the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary

Councillor Krog:

He advised that the Regional District has not had a meeting since Council's last meeting, and therefore, has nothing further to report on behalf of the RDKB.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT Councillor Krog'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

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

INFORMATION ITEMS

- a) Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP)
Public Reporting - Climate Actions Survey 2014

MOTION: THOMPSON / KROG

RESOLVED THAT Council receive the Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) Survey for information.

CARRIED.

BYLAWS

- a) Chief Financial Officer
2015 Tax Rates Bylaw 2012

MOTION: THOMPSON / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT Council give first three readings to 2015 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 2012, 2015.

CARRIED.

COUNCILLOR BUTLER VOTED AGAINST THE MOTION.

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- b) Chief Financial Officer
2015 Waste Water Rates Amendment

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT Council give first three readings to Bylaw No. 2013 Sewer Regulations Amendment Bylaw, 2015.

CARRIED.

- c) Manager of Development & Engineering
To amend the current Zoning Bylaw by adding the permitted use of tool and equipment rental facilities to the I-2 (General Industrial) Zone

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / HAMMETT

RESOLVED THAT Council give third reading to Zoning Bylaw Amendment No. 1606-A2, 2015, and continue with the statutory requirements for amending bylaws in accordance with the Local Government Act.

CARRIED.

- d) Manager of Development & Engineering

To amend the current Zoning Bylaw by rezoning property located at 832 - 64th Avenue from the current R-1 (Single and Two-Family Residential) to R-4 (Rural Residential); and review the Sustainable Community Plan designation to determine if an amendment is required

MOTION: KROG / BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT Council give first and second readings to the "City of Grand Forks Zoning Bylaw Amendment No. 1606-A3, 2015" and proceed with the statutory requirements for amending bylaws in the Local Government Act.

CARRIED.

- e) Chief Financial Officer
2015 Water Rates Amendment

MOTION: THOMPSON / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT Council give first three readings to Bylaw No. 2014, Water Regulation Amendment Bylaw, 2015.

CARRIED.

COUNCILLOR BUTLER VOTED AGAINST THE MOTION.

LATE ITEMS

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA

Nigel James:

- Spoke with regard to fire truck and the fire department parking lot.
- Spoke with regard to addressing agenda items and public input

Les Johnson:

- He asked if the Council reports are going to be written from now on and was advised that they will be
- Spoke with regard to Christina Benty and her speaking with regard to communicating with public. He suggested that the City look at the City of Grand Forks, ND Facebook page where personS can "like" the page, but is unable to provide comments.

James Hamilton:

- Spoke with regard to the Water Rates bylaw
- Spoke with regard to EMF problems and urged Council to look into the matter.

Larry Podmoroff:

- Spoke with regard to a carbon footprint in the community

Peter Matheson:

- Advised that he is disappointed that he won't be hearing verbal comments from Council anymore.

ADJOURNMENT

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



MAYOR FRANK KONRAD



CORPORATE OFFICER – DIANE HEINRICH