

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
TUESDAY APRIL 7, 2015.

PRESENT: MAYOR FRANK KONRAD
COUNCILLOR CHRIS HAMMETT
COUNCILLOR NEIL KROG
COUNCILLOR COLLEEN ROSS
COUNCILLOR CHRISTINE THOMPSON

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

D. Allin
S. Winton
R. Shepherd

GALLERY

CALL TO ORDER

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- a) Adopt agenda
April 7th, 2015, Regular Meeting agenda

MOTION: KROG / THOMPSON

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

CARRIED.

MINUTES

- a) Adopt minutes
March 23rd, 2015, Special Meeting minutes

MOTION: HAMMETT /ROSS

RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the March 23rd, 2015, Special Meeting minutes as presented.

CARRIED.

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- b) Adopt minutes
March 23rd, 2015, Regular Meeting minutes

MOTION: THOMPSON / HAMMETT

RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the March 23rd, 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 reports from Council
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- b) Councillor Thompson's report is attached.
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- c) Councillor Ross reported that:
- she has researched history on social outreach programs and a forensic audit on Habitat for Humanity
 - homeless shelter feasibility study for Hardy View Lodge prepared in 2011, which focuses on supportive and transitional housing in Grand Forks
 - she spoke with regard to the report and the issue regarding transitional housing and homelessness.
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- d) Councillor Hammett had no report.
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- e) Councillor Krog had no report.
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- f) Mayor Konrad had no report.

MOTION: KROG / ROSS

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 Officer's Report
Verbal report from Council's representative to the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary
- attended RDKB board meeting on March 31st
 - attended BEDC meeting early April (full report is attached)
 - earlier in the month, the committee had a visioning/strategic planning session. They reviewed the report and recommendations that came from the session. Councillor Krog provided an overview of the report and discussion that the committee had.
 - there were three main topics of focus for BEDC: trails and trail development, agriculture and community forests
 - he has been appointed to SIDIT

MOTION: THOMPSON / HAMMETT

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

- a) Chief Financial Officer
City Hall interior operational requirements to realize efficiencies

The CFO advised that the request is to spend \$10,000 of money from the contingency plan to complete some of the finishing touches in the office.

CAO added that because of the more compact offices, proper storage is important, as well as privacy for the glass frosting.

MOTION: THOMPSON / HAMMETT

RESOLVED THAT Council authorize \$10,000 to be expended on City Hall Completion Project, to be funded as per the Financial Plan.

CARRIED.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

INFORMATION ITEMS

- a) Grand Forks Seniors' Society
Request for a grant in aid to help with costs for annual Thanksgiving dinner

Council discussed the request:

- adhoc fund, case by case basis, in-kind
- the previous grant in aid policy
- community events vs private functions

MOTION: ROSS / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT Council receive for discussion. The City does not have a Grant in Aid Policy.

CARRIED.

- b) Grand Forks and District Fall Fair
Requesting permission to hold a liquor license for the 2015 GFI being held at James Donaldson Park

MOTION: ROSS / HAMMETT

RESOLVED THAT Council approve the issuing of a special occasion liquor license to the Grand Forks International for their 2015 baseball tournament from June 30th-July 5th, 2015, at James Donaldson Park subject to the Grand Forks International obtaining third party (party alcohol) liability insurance, naming the City of Grand Forks as an additional insured on that policy; all Grand Forks International liquor providers to hold a Serving It Right license certificate; and ICBC "drinking and driving" warning posters to be displayed.

CARRIED.

- c) BC Conservation Foundation
2015 WildSafeBC Program

MOTION: THOMPSON / HAMMETT

**RESOLVED THAT Council receive the information regarding the announcement of being successful in obtaining funding for a WildSafeBC Community Coordinator position beginning May 1st;
AND FURTHER THAT it be included in the 2015-2019 Financial Plan.**

CARRIED.

BYLAWS

- a) Chief Financial Officer
Final reading of 2015-2019 Financial Plan Bylaw 2008

MOTION: THOMPSON / HAMMETT

RESOLVED THAT Council give final reading to 2015-2019 Financial Plan Bylaw 2008.
CARRIED.

- b) 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: THOMPSON / KROG

RESOLVED THAT Council accept and give first and second readings to Zoning Bylaw Amendment No. 1606-A2, 2015, and proceed with the statutory requirements for amending bylaws in accordance with the Local Government Act.
CARRIED.

LATE ITEMS

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA

- a) Les Johnson
He spoke with regard to:
- Grant In Aid requests

James Hamilton

He spoke with regard to:

- Capital Assets

The CAO advised that natural assets cannot be sold, tangible capital assets can be sold.

Councillor Krog advised that when speaking with regard to assets, the BEDC is referring to things that are of value and are considered features of the community.

The CAO advised of an Open House to speak about Asset Management tomorrow night at 6:30 pm at Gallery 2.

Mr. Hamilton spoke further to:

- the selling of water and whether the City has the power to sell this natural asset
- The CAO spoke with regard to the protection of the area's natural assets.

Mr. Hamilton spoke with regard to:

- changes to be made to Bylaw regarding the City owning water meters

CAO stated that this matter is scheduled to come to the May 4th COTW Meeting.

Mr. Les Johnson spoke with regard to:

- the selling of natural assets

The Mayor welcomed David Smith to the team, who will be assisting the Planning Dept.

ADJOURNMENT


a) The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:55 pm

MOTION: HAMMETT

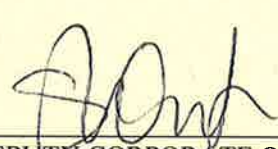
RESOLVED THAT the meeting is adjourned at 7:55 pm

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



MAYOR FRANK KONRAD



DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER - SARAH WINTON