

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2015

PRESENT: MAYOR FRANK KONRAD
COUNCILLOR JULIA BUTLER
COUNCILLOR NEIL KROG
COUNCILLOR COLLEEN ROSS
COUNCILLOR CHRISTINE THOMPSON

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
CORPORATE OFFICER
DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER
MANAGER OF OPERATIONS
MANAGER OF BUILDING INSPECTION &
BYLAW SERVICES

D. Allin
D. Heinrich
S. Winton
D. Reid
W. Kopan

GALLERY

ABSENT: COUNCILLOR CHRIS HAMMETT

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

- a) Adopt agenda
August 17th, 2015, Regular Meeting agenda

MOTION: THOMPSON / KROG

RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the August 17th, 2015, Regular Meeting agenda as presented.

CARRIED.

3. **MINUTES**

- a) Adopt minutes
July 20th, 2015, Committee of the Whole minutes

MOTION: BUTLER / KROG

RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the July 20th, 2015, Committee of the Whole minutes as presented.

CARRIED.

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- b) Adopt minutes
July 20th, 2015, Public Hearing minutes

MOTION: ROSS / BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the July 20th, 2015, Public Hearing minutes as presented.

CARRIED.

- c) Adopt minutes
July 20th, 2015, Regular minutes

MOTION: BUTLER / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the July 20th, 2015, Regular minutes as presented.

CARRIED.

- d) Adopt minutes
July 30th, 2015, Special minutes

MOTION: BUTLER / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the July 30th, 2015, Special minutes as presented.

CARRIED.

4. REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. REPORTS, QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

- a) Corporate Officer's Report
Written reports of Council

MOTION: ROSS / BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT all written reports of Council be received.

CARRIED.

7. **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 attended a Board Meeting on July 30th, 2015, and advised that the City's Chief Administrative Officer made a presentation on the City's Asset Management Program.

- He advised that the RDKB recently purchased a Doukhobor Museum to protect the asset for the community.

- He spoke with regard to a presentation from Mr. Matt Holtz - President from "Our Horizon" with regard to climate change and its effects on communities.

- He advised that a Motion was put forward regarding RF asking the governments to put forward safety code with regard to radio frequencies.

MOTION: THOMPSON / ROSS

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

CARRIED.

8. **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS**

- a) Deputy Corporate Officer/Communications
Communications Policy and Procedures

MOTION: THOMPSON / BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT Council defers the Communications Policy and Procedure to the September 14th, 2015 Committee of the Whole Meeting for discussion.

CARRIED.

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- b) Manager of Operations
Grand Forks Dog Park update

The Mayor advised that the Dog Park group is prepared to move forward using their funds with regard to upgrades to the Dog Park. The Manager of Operations advised that there is a section by the proposed dog park expansion that requires some surveying prior to placing any structures on that portion of the property due to the possibility of an old unmarked grave site.

MOTION: THOMPSON / BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT Council approves that the Dog Park group to start the upgrades on the fencing phase with their own funds for 2015, AND FURTHER THAT THE City would provide preliminary testing, in-kind, to the suggested dog park site to ensure that there are no human remains on the site prior to any upgrades being done.

CARRIED.

- c) Manager of Operations
EV Charging Station

MOTION: KROG / BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT Council proceed with the EV Charging Station Project in the downtown area of Grand Forks; and FURTHER THAT Council approves amending the 2015 Financial Plan from Surplus to include the installation costs of \$5,000.00

CARRIED.

- d) Manager of Operations
Water Regulations Bylaw No. 1973 and Bylaw 2014

MOTION: THOMPSON / KROG

RESOLVED THAT Council repeal Bylaw No. 1973 and Bylaw No. 2014 simultaneously to allow for amended Bylaw No. 1973-A1 to be implemented in their place.

CARRIED.

- e) Manager of Operations
Water Regulations Bylaw No. 1973-A1

The Mayor recused himself from Item 8 (e) and left the chambers at 7:28 PM. Councillor Butler chaired the meeting in the Mayor's absence.

MOTION: KROG / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT Council determines to discuss the Bylaw to allow new timelines to complete the Universal Water Metering Program.

CARRIED.

Acting Mayor Butler commented that the water meter project was not put on hold because of the public, as stated in the document. She further spoke that under Section 10.1 of the old bylaw - it states that the meters remain the property of the City and that section needs to be put into the new bylaw, and further that Section 8.6 was

omitted as well, and should be put back into the new bylaw. Further, she advised that Section 7.4 of the new bylaw, that she has concerns that persons could have their water shut off for non-payment - (perhaps for renters). This section was discussed by Council and determined to be alright as is in the bylaw.

The Acting Mayor further asked staff with regard to Section 6.1 regarding curb stop; the Chief Administrative Officer offered an explanation to Section 6.1.

MOTION: ROSS / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT Council amend the Bylaw to allow new timelines to complete the Universal Water Metering Program by December 31, 2015, and incorporate housekeeping items.

CARRIED.

The Mayor returned to the meeting at 7:41 pm

9. REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

- a) Jess F. Kraus
Letter regarding the archival services staff at the Boundary Museum & Interpretive Centre

MOTION: THOMPSON / ROSS

RESOLVED THAT Council receive for information and direct staff to send a copy of the letter to the Boundary Museum.

CARRIED.

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- b) Cowichan Energy Alternatives Society
Information to educate on alternative options to becoming carbon neutral

Councillor Ross advised that she is thrilled to see these options.

MOTION: THOMPSON / BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT Council receive for information.

CARRIED.

11. **BYLAWS**

- a) Manager of Building Inspections & Bylaw Services
Introduction of the Schedule 12 - A3, Amendment to the Municipal Ticketing & Information Bylaw No. 1957

MOTION: THOMPSON / KROG

RESOLVED THAT Council give the Municipal Ticketing & Information Bylaw No. 1957, Schedule 12, final reading at the August 17, 2015, Regular Meeting of City Council.

CARRIED.

- b) Manager of Building Inspections & Bylaw Services
Noise Control Bylaw Amendment

MOTION: THOMPSON / ROSS

RESOLVED THAT Council give the Noise Control Bylaw Amendment 1963 A-1 final reading at the August 17th, 2015, Regular Meeting of City Council.

CARRIED.

Councillor Krog opposed the motion.

- c) Manager of Building Inspections & Bylaw Services

Water Regulations Bylaw No. 1973 A-1, amendment to include, under Section 12 Offences and Prohibitions a new clause, *12.12 Any Person who contravenes any of the provisions of the Stage 1 through Stage 4 Watering Regulations may be subject to a fine as described in Schedule 12 - A3 of the Municipal Ticketing and Information Bylaw No. 1957.*

Councillor Butler made note that the Bylaw should read "watering regulations" and not "water restrictions" as indicated in the agenda. The Manager of Building Inspection and Bylaw Services advised that he would make the necessary changes.

MOTION: THOMPSON / ROSS

RESOLVED THAT Council receive the report from the Bylaw Enforcement Officer and to consider giving the first three readings of the Water Regulations Bylaw No. 1973, A-1 at the August 17th, 2015, Regular Meeting of City Council.

CARRIED.

12. **LATE ITEMS**

13. **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA**

DONNA SEMENOFF - She spoke to Bylaw 1973-A1 - regarding the shutting off of water for non-compliance and the 30 days' notice and asked if is it the City or the landlord that gives the notice. City advised that it would only want to hear from the land owner; not the renter.

DONNA SEMENOFF - Wanted to speak regarding water meters. Mayor recused himself from the meeting at 7:57 pm; Councillor Julia Butler chaired the meeting at this time.

Ms. Semenoff spoke with regard with the ideas presented to Council regarding water meters and that the Request For Proposal currently advertised in the paper for the balance of installations of meters didn't utilize any options. Councillor Thompson advised that all documentation from the public regarding water meter options was included in the package for Council's consideration on the July 17th meeting, and advised that if Council wanted to do something other than was decided, it would've been put forward by Council at that time. She further advised that the majority of the public is happy that the project is going forward. Councillor Ross spoke that the City will go forward with the "low hanging fruit" and then address those opposed to the project.

At ROMA **Amended as per Council Resolution - Regular Meeting April 14, 2015.*
ROMA HAMILTON - Advised that she did not know that Council had considered an opt out option for water meters. CAO advised that opt out options would be discussed by the water rates committee. Ms. Hamilton further asked if the City is doing a flat rate opt out option, would the City consider the size of the property; she was advised that this would be discussed at the water rates committee level as well.

ARLENA WALLACE – She spoke regarding the current flat rate and asked if it couldn't continue as it is now; and was advised that the City doesn't know how much water individuals consume and that the rates would go up, and again, is contingent on the Water Rates Committee decision.

GLORIA KOCH - Asked on the amount we pay now - do the costs we pay now cover all costs? The CAO advised that it does not and went on to explain replacement costs.

The Mayor returned to the meeting at 8:26 pm.

LES JOHNSON - Asked about the process regarding the bi-election. The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the City must appoint a Chief Election Officer and the election must occur within 80 days of that appointment. He advised that the bi-election will cost of approximately \$8000-\$10000.

EDWARD SIMMS - From the Dog Park Group - spoke with regard to the presentation they gave at a Committee Of The Whole earlier in the year. He advised that the group would providing funding for the materials, and that the group assumed that the City would provide the labour for the project. Councillor Butler advised that Council was not prepared to amend the budget for this year; but that the City would re-evaluate the project next year.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

a) The meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.

MOTION: ROSS


RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:33 PM

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



MAYOR FRANK KONRAD



CORPORATE OFFICER - DIANE HEINRICH