

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

**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2015**

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

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	D. Allin
CORPORATE OFFICER	D. Heinrich
DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER	S. Winton
MANAGER OF DEVELOPMENT & ENGINEERING	D. Sheets
MANAGER OF OPERATIONS	D. Reid
DEPUTY MANAGER OF OPERATIONS	D. Drexler

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Prior to calling the meeting to order, the Mayor welcomed Kyra Hogan to the front of Chambers and congratulated Kyra on her fine achievement of winning the 2014-2015; Governor General's Academic Medal Winner and further awarded her with a congratulatory letter from the City.

The Mayor advised that prior to the meeting commencing, that the members in the gallery who are displaying signs, to remove them from Chambers.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

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2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The Mayor advised that he was adding a late item to the agenda with regard to the Deer Management Program.

- a) Adopt agenda  
December 14th, 2015, Regular Meeting agenda

MOTION: THOMPSON / KROG

**RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the December 14th, 2015, Regular Meeting agenda as amended.**

CARRIED.

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**3. MINUTES**

- a) Adopt minutes  
November 30th, 2015, Special Meeting to go In-Camera minutes

MOTION: THOMPSON / KROG

**RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the November 30th, 2015, Special Meeting to go In-Camera minutes as presented.**

CARRIED.

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- b) Adopt minutes  
November 30th, 2015, Regular Meeting minutes

Councillor Butler advised that the motions made to allow Graham Watt to speak were excluded from the November 30th minutes from item 6 a) and item 10 e) and that she would like to have this added to the minutes.

MOTION: THOMPSON / KROG

**RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the November 30th, 2015, Regular Meeting minutes as amended.**

CARRIED.

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**4. REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

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**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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**6. REPORTS, QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

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

Councillor Hammett advised that she attended a Chamber of Commerce meeting last Thursday regarding the presentation at the Municipal Regional Destination Marketing Tax, where the Chamber supported the idea in theory. She advised that the Chamber of Commerce has set an Annual General Meeting for March 10th, 2016 and that she is chair of the nomination committee.

She further advised that there is going to be a junior dragon's den in Grand Forks and they are looking for mentors for the event.

She advised that the Regional Tourism Advisory Committee had a tourism meeting

workshop at Community Futures with Thompson Okanagan Tourism Association, about 5 weeks ago.

Councillor Butler asked how much staff spent on legal costs to Young Anderson this year and that she would appreciate a response from Staff in writing. The Chief Administrative Officer advised that final amounts are distributed in the statement of financial information, and further that the information is considered solicitor-client privilege. He suggested that the matter should be discussed at an In-Camera meeting where Council could make a decision to release more detailed information if they chose.

MOTION: THOMPSON / KROG

**RESOLVED THAT all written reports of Council be received.**

CARRIED.

MOTION: BUTLER / ROSS

**RESOLVED THAT Staff release to Council, the information pertaining to legal expenses in 2015, and to provide a written report with a detailed breakdown of expenses.**

CARRIED.

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**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

The Mayor advised that he attended his first Regional District of Kootenay Boundary meeting on December 1<sup>st</sup> that was focused on Regional Economic Development. He further advised of his attendance at the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary's Inaugural Meeting held on Thursday, December 10th.

MOTION: BUTLER / THOMPSON

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

CARRIED.

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**8. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS**

- a) Deputy Corporate Officer/Communications  
Communications Policy and Procedures  
Councillor Butler advised that this policy was discussed at length, at the COTW meeting this morning.

MOTION: THOMPSON / HAMMETT

**RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the Communications Policy and Procedures as presented by the Deputy Corporate Officer/Communications.**

CARRIED.

Councillor Butler opposed the motion.

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**9. REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE**

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**10. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- a) Association of Kootenay & Boundary Local Governments (AKBLG)  
Notice of Annual General Meeting and First Call for Resolutions 2016

Councillor Thompson advised that she was going to put forward a resolution with regard to the elimination of the annual tax sale and using the same process as the surveyor of taxes. She advised that she had put this forward 2011 that was adopted by the AKBLG and passed through UBCM where they required more information, but as she was absent from Council the following year, nothing more was done in this regard. She advised that she intends to work on this report with the Chief Financial Officer prior to AKBLG deadline and bring it forward for Council's consideration.

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*\*As amended at Jan 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Regular Meeting*

Councillor Ross advised that she would like to bring forward collaborative resolutions, and to work with Area D and other local regions with regard to BC Timber Sales applying for clear cut up the North Fork-Lynch Creek area for over 1000 hectares of new forest to be clear cut, and advised that this will create a network of roads which would have an impact on the Kettle River grizzly. She advised that she would like to see the City enter into a discussion with the Province, to see how the community could work with the Province, as this does impact our climate and our water. She would like to begin to work with the other governments and experts to draft a solid resolution that may be considered by the AKBLG and have the support of at least, Area D, to the resolution as well.

Councillor Butler advised that she has drafted a proposed motion for Council's consideration and for Council to provide feedback and wording suggestions:  
Whereas the privatization of water resources is becoming commonplace worldwide;  
and  
Whereas privatization can lead to decreased access for the public, increased prices and decreased product and service quality;  
Therefore, let it be resolved that the City of Grand Forks urges the Provincial Government to take steps to protect the aquifers and public infrastructure from the purchase of private or corporate interests.

MOTION: THOMPSON / HAMMETT

**RESOLVED THAT Council receives for information and notes first call for resolutions for the 2016 AKBLG Annual General Meeting.**

CARRIED.

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b) Christina Lake Fire Department

Letter of thank you and appreciation to Chief Dale Heriot and Firefighter Jen Dorner for their invaluable assistance during the recent fire investigation at Christina Lake.

MOTION: HAMMETT / BUTLER

**RESOLVED THAT Council receives the letter from the Christina Lake Fire Department for information.**

CARRIED.

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c) Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM)

Letter regarding the Gas Tax Agreement Community Works Fund payment for the fiscal year 2015/16

MOTION: THOMPSON / HAMMETT

**RESOLVED THAT Council receives the letter from UBCM for information purposes.**

CARRIED.

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11. **BYLAWS**

a) Manager of Development & Engineering Services

To amend the current Zoning Bylaw by rezoning property located at 6401 Highway #3 from the current TC (Tourist Commercial) zone to the HC (Highway Commercial) zone

Councillor Butler inquired to the request for re-zoning and the fact that there is only septic there, and not City services. Councillor Ross advised that she won't be supporting this resolution. Councillor Hammett advised the property is already being used for the purposes of a car wash and detailing shop.

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the property is currently non-conforming and re-zoning allows for the conforming use of the property under the new proposed zoning.

MOTION: KROG / THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT Council give first and second readings to the "City of Grand Forks Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1606-A4, 2015" and proceed with the statutory requirements for amending bylaws in the Local Government Act.**

CARRIED.

Councillor Ross opposed the motion.

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- b) Chief Financial Officer  
Bylaw 2019 - The City of Grand Forks 2016 Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw

MOTION: THOMPSON / BUTLER

**RESOLVED THAT Council give three readings to Bylaw No. 2019 - "The City of Grand Forks Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw - 2016".**

CARRIED.

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

Councillor Butler advised that she can't support the bylaw and that she can't support the proposed shutting off of a person's water.

MOTION: THOMPSON / HAMMETT

**THAT Council give third reading to the Water Regulations Bylaw No. 1973-A1.**

CARRIED.

Councillor Butler opposed the motion.

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**12. LATE ITEMS**

The Mayor advised that he was adding a late item that spoke about the Deer Management Program and further advised that Council has dissolved the current Deer Committee, and further that the City will operationalize, the referendum question as per the wishes of the majority vote of the electorate at the 2014 Local Government Election.

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

Harry Nott advised that he is representing the CUPE Local employees and asked if he would be allowed to speak. The Mayor advised Mr. Nott that he would be allowed to speak. Mr. Nott asked that Council do not layoff these employees and further that they employees have some excellent ideas that he feels that the City needs to discuss further. Mr. Nott advised that he is also there to support the employer.

Fil Mauro - Was elated on the transparency of Council, and queried why Council is having so many Section 90 meetings. The Mayor advised that issues that fall under Section 90 need to be discussed there; and that it is Council's prerogative to release certain items from In-Camera if they deem it so.

Laurie Grant - Asked about the Deer Committee being dissolved and what operationalize meant. The Mayor advised that City is respecting the wishes of the electorate.

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**14. ADJOURNMENT**

a) The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM

MOTION: KROG

**RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:42 PM**

CARRIED.

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**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

  
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MAYOR FRANK KONRAD

  
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CORPORATE OFFICER – DIANE HEINRICH