

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 10TH, 2015.

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

ACTING CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER  
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER  
ACTING CORPORATE OFFICER  
MANAGER OF DEVELOPMENT  
AND ENGINEERING  
MANAGER OF BUILDING AND  
BYLAW SERVICES  
MANAGER OF OPERATIONS

D. Heinrich  
R. Sheperd  
S. Winton

S. Bird

W. Kopan  
R. Huston

GALLERY

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9am.

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**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA**

Agenda  
February 10th, 2015, COTW Agenda

MOTION: BUTLER

**RESOLVED THAT COTW adopt the February 10th, COTW Agenda as presented.**

**CARRIED.**

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**REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

Multi Agency Accommodation Project  
Rick Friesen spoke with regard to the MAAPS project.

- identified needs of the Boundary

- overview of participating organizations
- memorandum of understanding

Jim Harrison - Vice Chair of BETHS

- Habitat for Humanity is requesting that the City of Grand Forks extend the lease at 7212 Riverside Drive from a five year period to a ten year period in order to secure a grant from BC Housing that will support the expansion of the building.
- if the grant request is unsuccessful they will continue to seek other grant opportunities to move forward with the project.

Mr. Friesen introduced the new executive director Mr. Bob Huff

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN

**RESOLVED THAT COTW recommend Council refer the request from the Multi Agency Accommodation Project for a lease extension on 7212 Riverside Drive to the February 10th, Regular Meeting.**

CARRIED.

Graham Watt - Kettle River Watershed Management Plan Steering Committee  
Request for Council's endorsement of the Kettle River Watershed Management Plan

Mr. Watt provided an overview and update with regard to the Kettle River Water shed plan. He thanked the City for their support.

- to further the project they will continue to seek grants
- community education
- water edge planning

Requesting through endorsement:

1. Consider information in the Plan in relevant discussion and decision making;
2. Support implementation of priority strategies and actions where the City of Grand Forks is involved, as appropriate and at Council's discretion;
3. Promote the plan for use by other organizations, agencies and residents;
4. Direct staff to provide advice, information, and data to the Plan Implementation Team and/or working groups;
5. Participate in the annual review and update of the Plan as a member of the Kettle River Round Table

Donald Pharand- Grand Forks Watershed coalition

Spoke with regard to:

- first nations endorsement of the plan

Barry Brandow

Spoke with regard to:

- engagement of the Provincial and Federal governments

Donna Semenoff

Spoke with regard:

- to local water use

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Donald Pharand- Grand Forks Watershed coalition

Spoke with regard to:

- the endorsement of the plan from First Nations

Councillor Butler

Spoke with regard to:

- the commodification of water

Councillor Thompson

Spoke with regard to:

- water conservation

Barry Brandow

Spoke with regard to:

- discussions with the agricultural sector

Roly Russell

Spoke with regard to:

- the request by the KRWS committee and First Nations consultations

Murray Rennie

Spoke with regard to:

- the contribution of the Provincial Government to the plan

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN

**RESOLVED THAT COTW recommend Council refer the request from Graham Watt of Kettle River Watershed Management Plan Steering Committee, requesting Council's endorsement of the Kettle River Watershed Management Plan, to the February 10th Regular meeting for discussion and decision.**

CARRIED.

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James Kay and Jade Jordan - WSP  
Development Showcase initiative

Spoke with regard to the Lands Optimization and Development Showcase Strategy, the intent of the program and the potential options for moving forward with the strategy.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN

**RESOLVED THAT Council receive the presentation by James Kay of WSP, for Information**

CARRIED.

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**PRESENTATIONS FROM STAFF**

Chief Financial Officer  
Policy # 802 - Contracting Authority and Purchasing Policy revision.

She spoke with regard to the recommended changes to the policy.

MOTION: THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that Council adopt Policy #802-A1 - Contracting Authority & Purchasing Policy revision at the February 23rd, 2015, Regular Meeting.**

CARRIED.

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The Mayor recessed the meeting at 10:08am  
The mayor reconvened the meeting at 10:21am

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**INFORMATION ITEMS**

Acting Chief Administrative Officer  
Verbal Report  
The A/Corporate Officer provided information, at the request of Councillor Butler, regarding the BC Plumbing Code and the Authority Having Jurisdiction.

Mr. Bob Kendel  
Spoke with regard to the authority having jurisdiction and the BC Plumbing code.

Donna Semenoff  
Spoke with regard to:  

- City bylaws

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN

**RESOLVED THAT Council receive the verbal report from the A/CAO regarding the BC Plumbing code, for information.**

CARRIED.

COUNCILLOR BUTLER OPPOSED THE MOTION.

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**REPORTS AND DISCUSSION**

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**PROPOSED BYLAWS FOR DISCUSSION**

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**CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS**

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**LATE ITEMS**

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

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**QUESTION PERIOD FROM THE PUBLIC**

Fil Mauro

Spoke with regard to:

- electronic signage in West Kelowna

Donna Semenoff

Spoke with regard to:

- measurable impact of the signs

Brian Taylor

Spoke with regard to:

- to land disposal

Murray Rennie

Spoke with regard to:

- the slag fund

The Chief Financial Officer advised that:

- there is \$1,140,182,000 left in the Slag Fund
- there is a 30 year lease on the slag
- no slag dollars were used in the water meter program

Donna Semenoff

Spoke with regard to:

- the type of chemicals used when flushing water mains

The Manager of Operations advised that no chemicals are used when flushing the water mains.

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**BUDGET PRESENTATION**

Chief Financial Officer  
2015 - 2019 Financial Plan Review - Capital Projects

MOTION: ROSS

**RESOLVED THAT Council receive the budget presentation from the Chief Financial Officer for Information.**

CARRIED.

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**IN-CAMERA RESOLUTION**

Acting Chief Administrative Officer

MOTION: KROG

**THAT COTW recommends Council convene an In-Camera meeting as outlined under Section 90 of the Community Charter to discuss matters in a closed meeting which are subject to section 90 (1) (a) Personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality;  
90 (1) (e) Acquisition, disposition or expropriation of Land or Improvements that could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the Municipality;  
90 (1) (g) Litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality.  
Be it further resolved that persons, other than members, officers, or other persons to who council may deem necessary to conduct city business, will be excluded from the in-camera meeting.**

CARRIED.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:46pm

MOTION: THOMPSON

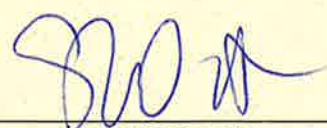
CARRIED.

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**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

  
MAYOR FRANK KONRAD

  
ACTING CORPORATE OFFICER -  
SARAH WINTON