

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD, 2015.

PRESENT:

MAYOR FRANK KONRAD
COUNCILLOR JULIA BUTLER
COUNCILLOR CHRIS HAMMETT
COUNCILLOR CHRISTINE THOMPSON
COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WIRISCHAGIN

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 7:00pm

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- a) Adopt Agenda
February 23rd, 2015, Regular Meeting agenda

MOTION: BUTLER / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT Council request the letter from Staff Sgt Harrison regarding Cannafest Kootenays be included in the agenda.

CARRIED.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the February 23rd, 2015, Regular Meeting agenda as amended.

CARRIED.

MINUTES

- a) Adopt Minutes
February 10th, 2015, COTW Meeting minutes

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the February 10th, 2015, COTW Meeting minutes as presented.

CARRIED.

- b) Adopt Minutes
February 10th, 2015, Regular Meeting minutes

MOTION: BUTLER / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the February 10th, 2015, Regular Meeting minutes as presented.

CARRIED.

- c) Adopt Minutes
February 13th, 2015, Special Meeting to go In-Camera minutes

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / HAMMETT

RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the February 13th, 2015, Special Meeting to go In-Camera minutes as presented.

CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Corporate Services - MAAPS request for lease extension

Council discussed the MAAPS request with regard to:

- long term plans of the City
- future development

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that he believed there was only one parcel of land along that stretch that the City does not own at this time.

- finding an alternative location for the MAAPS Project

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that Council did discuss the project with the Province and at that time the Ministry was not willing to support the project.

- ten years is a substantial amount of time for the lease
- referring the request back to staff for more information
- the City has done some infrastructure work at that property in order to accommodate the project
- could a temporary structure be used?

MOTION: BUTLER / HAMMETT

RESOLVED THAT Council discusses options with regard to the MAAPS (Multi Agency Accommodation Project) Program and property.

CARRIED.

MOTION: THOMPSON / HAMMETT

RESOLVED THAT Council determines to refer the request from MAAPS back to staff for more information.

CARRIED.

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

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

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- b) Councillor Butler reported that:
- she, along with other members of Council, attended a new Council seminar in Kimberley
 - she participated in two In-Camera meetings

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- c) Councillor Thompson's report is attached.

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- d) Councillor Wirischagin
He reported that:
- He would like to make a motion regarding water meters and trying to heal the divide that is in the community.
- Council discussed the resolution:
- number of other options
 - how the City plans to deal with other options
 - pooling input from the community
 - cost, implications of other options, etc.
 - how Council would solicit feedback from the public

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to develop a report that would present different options, to try to satisfy the concerns of the residents who may be opposed to the water meter project. Included in this report will be options on how staff will move forward with collecting the data from residents.

CARRIED.

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- e) Councillor Hammett
She reported that:
- she attended the BCRCC Board Meeting
 - she attended the LGLA session in Kimberley for newly elected officials
 - March 5th is the first Deer Committee Meeting
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- f) Mayor Konrad
He reported that
- he attended the LGLA Conference in Kimberley

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / HAMMETT

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, given verbally at this meeting be received.
Councillor Krog was absent this evening - there was no report.
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RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS

- a) Chief Financial Officer
Policy #802-A1 Contracting Authority and Purchasing revision

MOTION: HAMMETT / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT Council adopt Policy #802-A1 Contracting Authority and Purchasing.
CARRIED.

- b) Corporate Services
Bylaw No. 2011, 2015, A Bylaw to amend Procedure Bylaw No. 1946, 2013.

Council discussed Bylaw No. 2011, 2015, A Bylaw to amend Procedure Bylaw No. 1946, 2013.

- creating a more specific bylaw
- challenges for Council

Council spoke with regard to:

- reasons for written reports
- using an alternative method for posting reports such as First Class folders
- creating more work for Council
- report to be included in the agenda
- Council would make decisions when a Council did not provide a written report
- potential of superseding the Community Charter
- the language used in the amendment to the procedure bylaw
- look at what other municipalities are doing
- other options to writing a report

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / HAMMETT

RESOLVED THAT Council refer Bylaw No. 2011, 2015, A Bylaw to amend Procedure Bylaw No. 1946, 2013, back to staff for more information.

CARRIED.

COUNCILLOR THOMPSON OPPOSED THE MOTION.

- e) Cannafest Kootenays
Additional information has been submitted by Mr. Varabioff regarding the music event for consideration of Council.

MOTION: HAMMETT / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT Council determines to support the event request as submitted by Mr. Varabioff.

CARRIED.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

INFORMATION ITEMS

- a) Jock and Betty Ann Mackay
Support letter for BETHS

MOTION: BUTLER / WIRISCHAGIN

Receive for Information

CARRIED.

- b) Selina Robinson MLA
Opposition Spokesperson for Local Government and Sport

MOTION: THOMPSON / WIRISCHAGIN

Receive for Information.

CARRIED.

- c) James and Marcella Kastrukoff
Private citizen water meter questionnaire

MOTION: BUTLER / HAMMETT

Receive for Information

CARRIED.

BYLAWS

- a) Chief Financial Officer
Bylaw 2009 - Electrical Utility Regulatory Amendment Bylaw

MOTION: THOMPSON / WIRISCHAGIN

**RESOLVED THAT Council give final reading to Bylaw 2009 - Electrical Utility
Regulatory Amendment Bylaw.**

CARRIED.

LATE ITEMS

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA

- a) Mr. Bob Kendel
He spoke with regard to:
- behaviour of Council causing concern amongst the public
- The Mayor advised that Council is working to resolve issues amongst themselves.
Councillor Butler spoke with regard to Section 90 of the Community Charter and further advised that Council is working to resolve any issues they may have.
- Mr. Murray Rennie
He spoke with regard to:
- water meters
- The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the water meters are not smart meters.

Ms. Donna Semenoff
She spoke with regard to:

- water meters

Mr. Les Johnson
He spoke with regard to:

- information gathered by meters

Mr. Brian Taylor
He spoke with regard to:

- the Water Rates Committee meetings being open to the public

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that generally committee meetings are open to the public

Mr. James Hamilton
He spoke with regard to:

- ownership of water meters
- City's insurance coverage of meters

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the City will look after the meter and if the language is incorrect in the bylaw, then it will be corrected. He further advised that yes, the City's insurers will cover any issues with water meters.

ADJOURNMENT

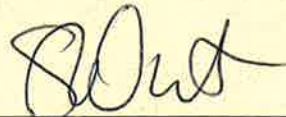
MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02PM

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR FRANK KONRAD


DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER -
SARAH WINTON

REPORT TO COUNCIL

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Councillor Christine Thompson
DATE: February 23, 2015
SUBJECT: Report to Council

On February 17th, I attended the Area D/Rural Grand Forks Town Hall Meeting. Director Roli Russell discussed his role and responsibilities as a Director. He also introduced those members of the Advisory Planning Committee in attendance.

Director Russell then reviewed the draft financial plan for the whole of Regional District, and specifically those services for which the taxpayers of Area D contribute to through taxation. He fielded several questions from the 100 or so attendees.

I was privileged to attend the Elected Officials Seminar held in Kimberley February 18th through 20th. I will be preparing a report that will be brought forward at our next Regular Meeting of Council.

Respectfully,

Christine Thompson, Councillor

Council Report

Julia Butler

Feb 23, 2015

Last week, Mayor Konrad, Councillors Thompson, Ross, Hammett and myself attended a seminar in Kimberley. From Wednesday until Friday we heard from a variety of speakers. Topics included meeting procedures, roles of council and staff, local government law, relationships with regional districts, other government agencies, working with first nations, financial management, community planning and relations with the media. The seminar also afforded us time to meet with the hundred representatives from neighbouring communities, as well as time for our council to get to know one another a little better. I was impressed by the number of down to earth regular people doing their best to lead out in their communities and especially the number of young people involved. I will submit a full report of the seminar by the next regular meeting.

In the last two weeks council has also attended two in camera meetings, one on Feb 13th and one on the 23rd.