

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

**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 26TH, 2015.**

**PRESENT:**

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

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

D. Heinrich  
S. Winton  
R. Shepherd  
S. Bird  
R. Huston  
D. Heriot  
W. Kopan  
K. McKinnon

GALLERY

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**CALL TO ORDER**

- a) The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:06pm

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**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

- a) Adopt Agenda  
January 26th, 2015, Regular Meeting Agenda

The agenda was amended to include:

Event request from Cannafest Kootenays

Request from Council for staff to seek legal advice regarding a conflict of interest and risk to the organization.

Bylaw 2009, Electrical Utility Regulatory Amendment Bylaw

Reinstatement of the Deer Committee

MOTION: THOMPSON / ROSS

**RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the January 26th, 2015, Regular Meeting agenda as amended.**

CARRIED.

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**MINUTES**

- a) Adopt Minutes  
January 12th, 2015, Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: ROSS / BUTLER

**RESOLVED THAT Council amend the January 12th Regular Meeting minutes to show that Councillor Hammett was absent due to her attendance at a deer meeting.**

CARRIED.

MOTION: THOMPSON / HAMMETT

**RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the January 12th, 2015, Regular Meeting minutes as amended.**

CARRIED.

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**REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a) Councillor Ross  
Opting out of the Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement (CETA) - resolution

Councillor Ross spoke with regard to the resolution to opt out of CETA.

MOTION: ROSS / THOMPSON

**Opting Out of the Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement  
(Canada/EU)**

**Whereas the City of Grand Forks and many other municipalities throughout BC and Canada requested open and fair consultation on the Comprehensive and Economic Trade Agreement prior to the final agreement between Canada and the EU, and**

**Whereas according to the UBCM document, RECOGNITION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AS AN ORDER OF GOVERNMENT states that "Local government and the citizens of the communities that make local government should have their rights to govern themselves clearly defined and, to the greatest extent possible, they should have the freedom to determine their individual community's priorities."**

**Therefore be it resolved that the City of Grand Forks request that local governments be exempt from the requirements that the provincial and federal governments are obligated to abide by under CETA. And,**

Be it further resolved that the City of Grand Forks demands that an appropriate consultation mechanism be enforced by the provincial and federal government before any such trade agreements are considered.

CARRIED.

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

- a) Corporate Officer's Report  
Verbal Reports from Council

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Councillor Butler's report is attached

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Councillor Thompson's report is attached

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Councillor Ross's report is attached

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Councillor Hammett's report is attached

MOTION: ROSS / BUTLER

**RESOLVED THAT Council reinstate the Deer Committee as an ad hoc committee of Council and further appoint Councillor Hammett as the Council representative on the committee.**

CARRIED.

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Mayor Konrad's report is attached

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Councillor Krog  
He proposed that a medical marijuana resolution be adopted by Council and forwarded to UBCM through AKBLG and onto the Supreme Court of Canada.

MOTION: KROG / THOMPSON

**WHEREAS the Council for the City of Grand Forks on behalf of its citizens believe that**

everyone has a right to access the best medical treatment available and further that marijuana derivatives such as cannabinoid oils have been shown to have great benefit to patients that cannot use the approved smoke able product.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council for the City of Grand Forks request the Federal Government to include marijuana derivatives as part of the legal medical marijuana program, and further review the legislation and options for greater local access.

CARRIED.

MOTION: THOMPSON / ROSS

**RESOLVED THAT** all reports of members of Council, given verbally at this meeting, be received.

CARRIED.

*Councillor Butler approved the motion. SW*

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**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.

MOTION: ROSS / BUTLER

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

CARRIED.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS**

- a) Manager of Development and Engineering  
British Columbia Conservation Foundation (BCCF) - WildsafeBC Program for 2015

Council discussed:

- the contribution for the WildsafeBC program
- the program requires a minimum contribution of \$2500
- the Province is developing consistent communication and education material.

MOTION: ROSS / KROG

**RESOLVED THAT** Council allow Mr. Gary Smith the opportunity to speak with regard to the deer issue

CARRIED.

Mr. Smith spoke with regard to deer and the WildSafeBC program.

The Chief Financial Officer advised that there is \$45,000 in the Legislative Committee budget that has been allocated for 2015.

MOTION: ROSS / THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT Council supports staff proceeding with preparing the application for a WildsafeBC Community Coordinator for the 2015 season, AND FURTHER approves an amount of \$8,000 be allocated to the program, funded from the 2015 financial plan, and from the Legislative Committee Budget.**

CARRIED.

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**REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE**

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**INFORMATION ITEMS**

- a) Ian Mitchell  
Open letter to Mayor and Council regarding the January 12th, 2015, Regular Meeting.

The Mayor read his response to the Gallery.

A response from Zachary May was read by Councillor Butler.

MOTION: ROSS / THOMPSON

**Receive for information**

CARRIED.

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- b) Communities in Bloom, British Columbia  
Congratulations and information regarding the Communities in Bloom Program

MOTION: KROG / BUTLER

**Receive for Information**

CARRIED.

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- c) Manager of Development and Engineering  
Response to Mr. Gene Koch

MOTION: BUTLER / HAMMETT

**Receive for information**

CARRIED.

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- d) Canada Day Committee Chair - Anna Lactin  
Request to the City to provide financial support in the amount of \$800 towards the Canada Day celebrations 2015.

MOTION: HAMMETT / KROG

**RESOLVED THAT Council approve the amount of \$800 towards the Canada Day event.**  
CARRIED.

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- e) Zak Eburne  
Social Media Coordinator

MOTION: HAMMETT / BUTLER

**Receive for Information and refer to a future meeting of Council where the Acting Corporate Officer will provide a report regarding Corporate Communications strategies.**

CARRIED.

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- f) Melodie Davidoff - Grand Forks Park in the Park  
Request of donation to purchase a highway banner

Council discussed the purchase of the banner and the Car Show.

MOTION: KROG / BUTLER

**RESOLVED THAT Council support the request from Melodie Davidoff for the purchase of a highway banner in the amount of \$1000 to come from community support.**

CARRIED.

COUNCILLOR ROSS OPPOSED THE MOTION.

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- g) Advocate letters regarding the Kootenay's Medicine Tree

MOTION: HAMMETT / KROG

**Receive for information**

CARRIED.

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**BYLAWS**

- a) Chief Financial Officer  
Bylaw 2007 - The City of Grand Forks 2015 Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw

MOTION: KROG / BUTLER

**RESOLVED THAT Council give final reading to Bylaw No. 2007 - Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw.**

CARRIED.

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- b) Manager of Operations  
Electrical Utility Regulatory Repeal Bylaw No. 1543- 2014

MOTION: KROG / BUTLER

**RESOLVED THAT Council approve Electrical Utility Regulatory Repeal Bylaw No. 1543-R, 2014 and give the bylaw final reading.**

CARRIED.

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- c) Manager of Operations  
Electrical Utility Regulatory Bylaw No. 1975, 2014

MOTION: THOMPSON / ROSS

**RESOLVED THAT Council approve Electrical Utility Regulatory Bylaw No. 1975, 2014 and give the bylaw final reading.**

CARRIED.

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**LATE ITEMS**

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

MOTION: BUTLER / HAMMETT

**RESOLVED THAT Council receive the introduction of Bylaw 2009, Electrical Utility Regulatory Amendment Bylaw and refer to the February 10th, Regular Meeting for first three readings AND INLCUDE OPTION 2 as presented by the Chief Financial Officer.**

CARRIED.

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- b) Acting Corporate Officer  
Event request from Chuck Varabioff regarding holding a Cannafest Kootenays music festival on August 8, 2015, in James Donaldson Park.

MOTION: THOMPSON / HAMMETT

**RESOLVED THAT Council determine to table the request regarding the Cannafest Kootenays music festival on August 8th, 2015.**

CARRIED.

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- c) Council  
Request from Council for staff to seek legal advice regarding a conflict of interest.

MOTION: HAMMETT / BUTLER

**RESOLVED THAT Council determines to table any discussion with regard to water meters until staff receive legal advice to protect the municipality from legal action with regard to the contract with Neptune.**

CARRIED.

COUNCILLOR KROG and COUNCILLOR BUTLER OPPOSED THE MOTION.

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- d) The Mayor brought the resolution **RESOLVED THAT Council determines to table any discussion with regard to water meters until staff receive legal advice to protect the municipality from legal action with regard to the contract with Neptune back to the table for reconsideration.**

MOTION: HAMMETT / ROSS

**RESOLVED THAT Council determines to table any discussion with regard to water meters until staff receive legal advice to protect the municipality from legal action with regard to the contract in place with Neptune.**

CARRIED.

*Councillor Butler opposed the motion. SW*

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- e) City Liaison to the Phoenix Foundation

MOTION: THOMPSON / HAMMETT

**RESOLVED THAT Council determines to appoint Councillor Thompson as the City liaison for the Phoenix Foundation.**

CARRIED.

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- f) City Liaison to the Boundary Country Regional Chamber



MOTION: HAMMETT / THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT Council appoint Councillor Hammett as the City liaison for the Boundary Chamber of Commerce.**

CARRIED.

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**QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA**

- a) Mr. Ian Mitchell  
Spoke with regard to:
- response from Mayor to his letter
  - moving forward with the water meter program

- Mr. James Hamilton  
Spoke with regard to:
- water meters
  - insurable interest

- Phil Mauro  
Spoke with regard
- accurate information presented to Council

- Murray Rennie  
Spoke with regard to:
- the management of wildlife when injured
  - cost associated with rebranding and Grand Forks signs

- Ms. Donna Semenoff  
Spoke with regard to:
- trust amongst City staff, Council and the public

- Ms. Regina Burrows  
Spoke with regard to:
- an experience she had with the City

- Mr. James Hamilton  
Spoke with regard to:
- the release of the Neptune contract

A/CAO advised that a portion of the Neptune contract is still under the Freedom of Information Act.

- Murray Rennie  
Spoke with regard to
- the City branding

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**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: THOMPSON


**The meeting was adjourned at 9:38pm.**


CARRIED.

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**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

  
MAYOR FRANK KONRAD

  
ACTING CORPORATE OFFICER - SARAH  
WINTON