

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2015

PRESENT:

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

ACTING CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
ACTING CORPORATE OFFICER

D. Heinrich
S. Winton

GALLERY

ABSENT: COUNCILLOR CHRIS HAMMETT
COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WIRISCHAGIN

CALL TO ORDER

- a) The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7PM.

ANNUAL REPORT

- a) Corporate Officer's Report - Annual Report
2014 Annual Report, consideration of report and submissions and questions from the public

The A/CAO explained the process and the criteria around eligibility for tax exemptions.

The A/CAO advised that the Statement of Financial Information is a separate legislative obligation and is not included as part of the Annual Report.

MOTION: THOMPSON / KROG

RESOLVED THAT Council receive the 2014 Annual Report and consider questions and submissions from the public.

CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- a) Adopt agenda
June 29th, 2015, Regular Meeting agenda as presented

Councillor Thompson advised that her June 15th Council report could be deleted from the agenda as she had combined her two reports.

MOTION: THOMPSON / BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the June 29th, 2015, Regular Meeting agenda as amended.

CARRIED.

MINUTES

- a) Adopt minutes
June 15th, 2015, Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes

Councillor Butler amended the June 15th minutes to reflect the removal of the resolution under the water meter program, "that council choose one of the options and direct staff to proceed accordingly".

Councillor Butler made a second amendment to the June 15th minutes, under the Universal Water Meter item, where she advised that the minutes do not accurately reflect what the CAO said with regard to the snow pack.

MOTION: BUTLER / ROSS

RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the June 15th, 2015, Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes as amended, to reflect the deletion of the resolution stating "that council to choose one of the options and direct staff to proceed accordingly", And Further to reflect a correction to the statement by the CAO to say "we are at 1% of normal snow pack", under the Universal Water Meter item.

CARRIED.

- b) Adopt minutes
June 15th, 2015, Regular Meeting minutes

Councillor Butler asked that the minutes show that Councillor Wirischagin was absent from this meeting.

MOTION: ROSS / BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT Council amend the June 15th Regular Meeting Minutes to show that Councillor Wirischagin was absent.

CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS, QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

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

Councillor Ross spoke with regard to her report in which she put forth a motion with respect to New Source Water Protection Bylaw. She advised that there is an issue in the area with livestock in both rivers that compromises the quality of the water and fish habitat.

Council discussed this motion with regard to:

- This motion could be considered a Notice of Motion and refer it to the July 20th meeting.
- Working with the organizations that are currently focused on this issue rather than creating another committee to do the same work.
- There are concerns that pursuing this is premature right now, but it was brought forward so the community knows that the subject is receiving Council consideration.
- Providing more information regarding impact within City limits and more information of farms impacting the situation.

Councillor Ross advised that she considers herself to be the official environmental liaison for the City as she participates and supports all existing groups and works with them on this subject as well as other environmental concerns.

MOTION: ROSS / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT all written reports from members of Council, be received.

CARRIED.

REPORT FROM COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY

- a) Corporate Officer's Report
Verbal report of Council's Representative to the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary

Councillor Krog had nothing to report.

MOTION: ROSS / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT Councillor Krog's report on the activities of the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary, be received.

CARRIED.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS

- a) Chief Financial Officer
Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) Report

Council discussed the report with regard to:

- The funding source that severance payments were made from
- The Neptune contract payout amount

The A/CAO advised that the Chief Financial Officer will provide this information to Council addressing the requested information.

MOTION: THOMPSON / KROG

RESOLVED THAT Council receive the Chief Financial Officer's Report; and FURTHER approve the Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) for the City of Grand Forks as at December 31st, 2014.

CARRIED.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

INFORMATION ITEMS

- a) Civic Info - UBCM Convention
Meeting requests with Premier Christy Clark and Provincial Cabinet Ministers

A/CAO advised that the information regarding deadlines comes later in the summer. She will advise of the deadline when staff receives the information.

MOTION: BUTLER / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT Council receive for information and note should they wish to meet with the Premier.

CARRIED.

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- b) Civic Info. - UBCM Convention
Meeting request with the Minister of Community, Sport, and Cultural Development

MOTION: BUTLER / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT Council receive the information and note should they wish to meet with the Minister.

CARRIED.

- c) C3 Alliance Corp.
2nd Annual Resource Breakfast Series invitation

Councillor Ross advised that she will attend the breakfast with Bill Bennett.
Council agreed to advise staff of who will attend which breakfasts at a later date.

MOTION: KROG / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT Mayor and Council to advise staff which breakfast they wish to attend and which two members would attend.

CARRIED.

BYLAWS

- a) Manager of Building Inspection & Bylaw Services
Introduction of the Noise Control Bylaw Amendment

Council discussed the Noise Bylaw with regard to:

- The length of time the mill has been operational, and the amount of time that the Ruckle area has been part of the City.
- A typo that appears in Section 2 (I) to change "least" to "latest".
- Concerns about the term "any business" and whether this is too broad.
- Business or industries established would be in keeping with the zoning bylaw.
- Exemptions to the Bylaw are included on page 6.
- Inclusion of decibel levels that include readings from the evening and night times and not just the afternoon.

MOTION: KROG / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT Council receive the report from the Bylaw Enforcement Officer and determine to discuss and further direct staff to present to Council to consider the first three readings at the July 20th, 2015, Regular Meeting of Council.

CARRIED.

b) Chief Financial Officer

Bylaw 2016 - Year 2014-2018 Financial Plan Amendment 2

MOTION: THOMPSON / KROG

RESOLVED THAT Council give first three readings to Bylaw No. 2016 - Year 2014-2018 Financial Plan Amendment 2.

CARRIED.

LATE ITEMS

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA

- a) Brydie Todd - WildSafe BC Coordinator
She introduced herself to Council, as the new WildSafe BC Coordinator, and spoke with regard to the WildSafe BC Program.

Mr. Murray Rennie
He spoke with regard to the Noise Bylaw

ADJOURNMENT


MOTION: ROSS

RESOLVED THAT Council adjourned the meeting at 7:34pm.

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR FRANK KONRAD


ACTING CORPORATE OFFICER – SARAH WINTON