

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Thursday, June 4, 2015

PRESENT:

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

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
CORPORATE OFFICER
DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER
MANAGER OF DEVELOPMENT & ENGINEERING
MANAGER OF OPERATIONS

D. Allin
D. Heinrich
S. Winton
S. Bird
D. Reid

GALLERY

ABSENT: COUNCILLOR NEIL KROG
COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WIRISCHAGIN

CALL TO ORDER

- a) The Mayor called the meeting to order at 1:37 PM

ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA

Amendment to the Agenda

- a) Amendment to the agenda
June 4th, 2015, Special Meeting agenda
The Mayor advised that he was including late items as the following: 8 a) - The appointment of members of Council to the Transitional Housing Steering Committee, and 8 b) Discussion on the bottle water resolution made by Council on May 25th, 2015 Regular Meeting; and 8 c) Discussion regarding the release of a communications piece.

MOTION: THOMPSON / BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the Special Meeting Agenda of June 4th, 2015, to include a late item under 8 a) The appointment of members of Council to the Transitional Housing Steering Committee; 8 b) Discussion around the water bottle resolution passed by Council at the May 25th Regular Meeting; and 8 c) Discussion regarding the release of a communications piece, as amended.

CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS

- a) Manager of Development and Engineering
Approval to proceed with applying for grant funding

The Manager of Development and Engineering advised that the Canada 150 Grant Application is requiring a shelf-ready plan that is already within the Financial Plan. The Chief Administrative Officer spoke of the replacement of the playground equipment renovations which could be an option, as it is already in the budget.

MOTION: THOMPSON / BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL determines to allow members of the Rotary Club to speak with regard to the Spray Park project.

CARRIED.

Ms. Burch, from the Rotary Club, spoke with regard to the rules of the grants they have received, that is required to be spent by 2015. She further spoke that the Regional District has budgeted \$25,000 to this project contingent on it be completed by 2015.

MOTION: THOMPSON / BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT Council receives the staff report regarding the proceeding with preparing an application for the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program.

Councillor Thompson advised that she wished to amend the motion to read:

MOTION: THOMPSON / HAMMETT

RESOLVED THAT Council directs Staff to apply for the grant application for the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program to be directed towards the playground equipment renovations that is located adjacent to the proposed spray park project.

CARRIED.

MOTION: ROSS / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the proposed grant funding as it relates to the playground equipment renovations and the Financial Plan in a total amount of \$45,000.

CARRIED.

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- b) Manager of Operations - Report
New UAV Training Facility at the Grand Forks Airport

The Manager of Operations made a presentation to Council with regard to the Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Training Facility at the Grand Forks Municipal Airport. The Manager Of Operations advised that the business has a license to operate a UAV Training Facility from Navigation Canada for a one year period, and can only fly within the restrictions within their permit restrictions. He further advised that the business plans to put out a communique informing the public. The Manager Of Operations advised that the business is going through the business license steps which is contingent on the Transport Canada approval.

MOTION: THOMPSON / HAMMETT

RESOLVED THAT Council receive the report regarding the UAV Training Facility at the Grand Forks Municipal Airport, from the Manager of Operations, as presented.

CARRIED.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

BYLAWS

LATE ITEMS

- a) Appointment of Council members to the Transitional Housing Steering Committee

MOTION: ROSS / BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT Councillors Krog, Thompson, and Ross be appointed to participate in the Transitional Housing Steering Committee with regard to special needs housing for the Municipality.

CARRIED.

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- b) Discussion regarding the Water Bottle resolution passed by Council at the May 25th Regular Meeting
The Chief Administrative Officer spoke with regular to the volunteer fire department and their required usage of bottled water. The Chief Administrative Officer advised that Staff will put forward a water policy for Council to consider at some time during the year.

MOTION: ROSS / THOMPSON (for discussion)

RESOLVED THAT the motion that read, "WHEREAS the Corporation of the City of Grand Forks does not support the commodification or the privatization of water; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Corporation of the City of Grand Forks will not purchase bottled water in individual serving size bottles; be amended to include "except for the fire department".

CARRIED.

AMENDED MOTION:

MOTION: ROSS / THOMPSON

WHEREAS the Corporation of the City of Grand Forks does not support the commodification or the privatization of water; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Corporation of the City of Grand Forks will not purchase bottled water in individual serving size bottles except for the fire department.

CARRIED.

c) Discussion regarding the release of a communications piece.

MOTION: HAMMETT / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT Council have Staff draft a thank-you letter to the Chamber of Commerce regarding their interview provided by Alan Cooper, to the CBC for responding on behalf of the business community.

CARRIED.

QUESTION PERIOD FROM THE PUBLIC

James Wilson of the Boundary Community Chamber of Commerce - Advised that on June 16th at Gallery 2 from 6-8 pm, that Council and Staff are invited to participate in a round table to discuss the needs of a community from a business perspective. He further advised that an official invitation will be forthcoming. He further asked if he could meet with the Mayor to chat on perspectives at a future date.

Martin Domai - He advised that he is the Chair of the Grand Forks & Regional District Library Board and spoke with regard to the first item of the agenda regarding renovations to the library basement as was mentioned in the Grant Funding report. He wished to thank the City on the HVAC upgrades which were done last year at the library. He further asked to see a City representative appointed to the board in the near future.

Craig Lindsey - Asked about the Transitional Housing Steering Committee - if it was an adhoc committee. He was advised that is was.

ADJOURNMENT

a) Special Meeting adjourned at 2:57 PM

MOTION: THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 2:57 pm

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



MAYOR FRANK KONRAD



CORPORATE OFFICER - DIANE HEINRICH