

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

MONDAY, MARCH 9TH, 2015

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

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
CORPORATE OFFICER

D. Allin
D. Heinrich

GALLERY

CALL TO ORDER

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- a) Adopt agenda
March 9th, 2015, Regular Meeting agenda

The Mayor advised that he was amending the agenda to include as a late item, the request from the Deer Committee from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 9th, 2015.

MOTION: BUTLER / HAMMETT

RESOLVED THAT Council adds the request from the Deer Committee with regard to the City's Deer Feeding Bylaw for Council's consideration and further to add this to the Late Items in this evening's Regular Meeting Agenda.

CARRIED.

The Mayor further advised that he was amending the agenda to add to Unfinished Business, a proposed amendment from the February 10th Regular Meeting Minutes with regard to the resolution on the Water Rates Committee to remove John Mackey and replace with Dan Zabinsky as per the intent of the motion.

MOTION: THOMPSON / BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the March 9th, 2015, Regular Meeting agenda as amended.

CARRIED.

MINUTES

- b) Adopt minutes
February 23rd, 2015, Regular Meeting minutes

Councillor Thompson made note that her report attached to these minutes were for February 10th, 2015, and asked that her report be replaced with her February 23rd, 2015 report.

MOTION: THOMPSON / KROG

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

CARRIED.

- c) Adopt Minutes
February 23rd, 2015, COTW Meeting

MOTION: KROG / BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the February 23rd, 2015, Committee of the Whole Minutes, as presented.

CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Amendment to the February 10th, 2015, Regular Meeting Minutes with regard to the motion on the Water Rates Committee.

Councillor Thompson reported that there was an error where John Mackey's name was put in in error, and Dan Zabinsky's name was omitted. She is requesting that the minutes be amended to reflect as such.

MOTION: THOMPSON / ROSS

RESOLVED THAT the minutes from February 10th, 2015 be amended with regard to the resolution made on the invitation to the Select Committee for the Water Rates Committee, to remove Mr. John Mackey, and to include Mr. Dan Zabinsky, as originally adopted by Council.

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

a) Corporate Officer's Report
Verbal reports from Council

Councillor Butler reported that:

- See Councillor Butler's report, as attached

Councillor Thompson reported that:

- See Councillor Thompson's report, as attached

Councillor Krog

- Councillor Krog advised that he had no report for this evening

Councillor Hammett

- On March 4th, she reported her attendance at a Special Meeting of Council for the MAAPS (Multi Agency Accommodation Project), and further that the City will be placing an ad in the next two weeks as part of the City's obligations
- She reported on her attendance at a Deer Committee Meeting on March 5th, and advised that there were concerns with chaffing on the neck of two deer, and advised that those collars have been removed. She further commented that there are 6 collars remaining on area deer, and that the reporting has been consistent - not seeing a lot of migration in and out of the City
- She advised that on April 21st at 6:00 am, there is the next scheduled Deer Count
- She spoke with regard to the motions to the Deer Committee which will be addressed as a late item tonight
- She reported that Council has been invited to do a tour at the MAAPS location tomorrow.
- She advised that she would like to talk to Council about Grand Forks participating in the Communities in Bloom program

Councillor Ross

- She acknowledged that International Woman's Day was yesterday, March 8th
- She welcomed and congratulated the Chief Administrative Officer, Doug Allin for his return as the CAO and thanked the Corporate Officer and Deputy Corporate Officer for their work in the past months
- She reported on her attendance at the LGLA Newly Elected Workshop in Kimberley, and advised that the networking part was the most important part of the workshop to her.
- She spoke with regard to the lack of snowpack this year, and the potential for water shortages and possible fire problems come the dry season.
- She reported on attendance to a Special Meeting on March 4th for the MAAP project Delegation, and after the meeting, to attend a Finance Workshop
- Councillor Ross thanked Cher Wyers for sharing her notes and minutes from the past Environment Committee meetings

Mayor Konrad

- Mayor Konrad welcomed Mr. Doug Allin to the City of Grand Forks as their new Chief Administrative Officer.

MOTION: THOMPSON / KROG

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.

Councillor Krog reported that:

- He advised that it's budget time for the Regional District and reported his attendance to several meetings surrounding budgeting;
- On Feb 25th, he attended a Kootenay Boundary Hospital District meeting, and further toured the Kootenay Lake Hospital.
- He reported his attendance at a protective services and board meeting in Trail on Feb 26th
- On March 5th, he reported his attendance at a BEDC meeting.
- Further, with regard to budgeting, Councillor Krog advised that the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary has been looking at the budgets for the recreation services, Animal Control, Museum, Aquatic Centre, and Mosquito Control for Grand Forks and area.

MOTION: ROSS / HAMMETT

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

CARRIED.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS

- a) Rotary
Request for early budget approval and ability to sole source for labour and materials, in order to complete the project in 2015.

Councillor Butler advised the gallery that the Rotary had made a presentation at the COTW Meeting this morning.

MOTION: THOMPSON / KROG

THAT Council determines to give early budget approval for the \$200,000 from the Slag Fund as per the request from Rotary, and further to grant the ability to sole source for labour and materials from Rec Tech, in order to complete the Spray Park project in 2015.

CARRIED.

b) Chris Moslin - Perepelkin Bench

Council spoke about the trails being an important part of our community, and advised that the City would be donating in-kind services towards the project. Council further advised that the placement of the bench is in honor of Mr. Perepelkin, a longtime resident and businessman.

MOTION: BUTLER / HAMMETT

RESOLVED THAT Council approves the request from Chris Moslin of the Grand Forks Community Trails Society, regarding in-kind assistance with the placement of the "Perepelkin Bench" on the Observation Mountain Trail.

CARRIED.

c) Pickle Ball Players from George Longden

Councillor Ross advised that Mr. Longden made a presentation with regard to a conversion of a tennis court at Barbara Ann Park to four pickle ball courts. She asked if the cracks could be fixed, and if the pickle ball court is painted a different colour, there should be no confusion as to which is a tennis court and which are pickle ball courts. She further advised that she would like to have a cost for the posts and the nets and for exploring the options for grant funding. The Chief Administrative Officer advised that Council should talk to the Tennis Group prior to making a decision, and that staff would then want to talk to the Pickle Ball folks.

MOTION: THOMPSON / KROG

RESOLVED THAT Council refers the request back to staff for pricing and consideration to determine the feasibility of converting one of the tennis courts at Barbara Ann Park to four pickle ball courts.

CARRIED.

MOTION: ROSS / HAMMETT

THAT COUNCIL considers the request from George Longden on behalf of the Pickle Ball players, requesting to convert one of the tennis courts at Barbara Ann Park into a pickle ball court.

CARRIED.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

INFORMATION ITEMS

- a) Jacob Noseworthy
Letter of request for financial assistance for the BC Youth Parliament

Councillor Ross advised that it was admirable for youth to pursue politics and civics. Councillor Butler asked if this request is in keeping with the Grant in Aid policy. The Chief Administrative Officer advised that Grants in Aid are not identified in the current Community Support Policy. Councillor Hammett spoke with regard to the program and suggested that Jacob become a GF Youth Councillor. Councillor Thompson would like to invite Mr. Noseworthy to make a presentation to Council as to what he is looking for. Councillor Krog advised that the City does not have a Grant in Aid policy and asked who is supposed to be paying for this and advised that the Tax Payers shouldn't be paying for it. Councillor Ross spoke in support of Mr. Noseworthy's objectives. Councillors Ross and Hammett advised that they would like to see Mr. Noseworthy present to Council as well.

MOTION: ROSS / HAMMETT

Receive for information and discussion.

CARRIED.

MOTION: HAMMETT / ROSS

RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to invite Jacob Noseworthy to make a presentation to Council at a Committee of the Whole Meeting with regard to his request for funds, and further to speak about his opportunity with the BC Youth Parliament.

CARRIED.

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- b) Peter Smith
Invitation to the Mayor for the Grand Master's Official Visit in Greenwood, on Saturday, April 11th

MOTION: KROG / ROSS

Receive for information.

CARRIED.

BYLAWS

- a) Manager of Building Inspection & Bylaw Services
To give first three readings of the amended Schedule 2-A1 of the Municipal Ticketing and Information Bylaw No. 1957 (re Noise Control Bylaw No. 1963)

MOTION: THOMPSON / ROSS

RESOLVED THAT Council gives first, second and third reading to the Municipal Ticketing and Information amendment Bylaw No. 1957, Schedule 2-A1 regarding the Noise Control Bylaw No. 1963.

CARRIED.

- b) Manager of Building Inspection & Bylaw Services
To give first three readings of the amended Schedule 4-A1 of the Municipal Ticketing and Information Bylaw No. 1957 (re Unsightly Premises Bylaw No. 1962)

MOTION: THOMPSON / BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT Council gives first, second and third reading to the Municipal Ticketing and Information Amendment Bylaw No. 1957, Schedule 4-A1, with regard to the Unsightly Premises Bylaw No. 1962.

CARRIED.

LATE ITEMS

Deer Committee presentation from Mr. Smith and their request from Council to enforce the Deer Feeding Bylaw.

MOTION: BUTLER / HAMMETT

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DETERMINES TO ENFORCE THE CITY'S DEER FEEDING BYLAW.

CARRIED.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA

Peter Matheson asked about the Learning Garden being referred to the March 9th, 2015, but was not on the agenda. Staff advised that they will have something on the March 23rd agenda on this matter.

Les Johnson advised that Jacob Noseworthy was watching the meeting and has advised that that he would like to present to Council.

Ray Hansen asked if all the persons invited to be on the Water Rates Committee are all residents. Councillor Thompson advised that all persons are residents of the City with the exception of Mr. Dan Zabinsky.

ADJOURNMENT

a) The Meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm

MOTION: THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT Council adjourned the meeting at 8:24 PM

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



MAYOR FRANK KONRAD



CORPORATE OFFICER – DIANE HEINRICH

Council Report

Julia Butler

March 9, 2015

On Feb 26th I volunteered for the Heart and Stroke Foundation's fundraiser at the Perley Gymnasium. Many different fitness programs in Grand Forks gave a demonstration of their classes and a nurse was on hand to take blood pressure and blood sugar levels. The event was well attended by the public and raised \$176.

On March the 4th council had a special meeting to discuss the MAPP's project. It was well attended by members of the community and after hearing from a number of people on the status of the project, council voted to extend their lease to facilitate grant applications.

Although council didn't amend our procedures bylaw at the last regular meeting, I have submitted a report to council and staff on my experiences at the LGLA seminar in Kimberly last month.

Council has also been busy reviewing the capital and operational budgets for the year with special attention being given to planning for future replacement of assets. As pipes, roads, buildings and equipment ages and depreciates in value, it is important to put money aside to plan for future replacement costs. This might mean there is less money to spend on "wants" in the short term, but it is important to make sure the money is available for the "needs" of future councils.

REPORT TO COUNCIL

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Councillor Christine Thompson
DATE: March 09, 2015
SUBJECT: Report to Council

As I advised at the February 23rd Regular Meeting, this is a report on my attendance at the 2015 Elected Officials Seminar held in Kimberley February 18th through 20th.

Gary MacIsaac, Executive Director, UBCM opened the seminar and introduced Richard Taylor of the Local Government Leadership Academy. Together they presented a workshop on The W's of Elected Officials – who you are, why you're here and what you wish to accomplish. The 2014 elections had a low voter turn-out provincially; 10 municipal Councils were acclaimed; and 45% are newly elected.

George B. Cuff, well regarded across Canada as an expert in local government was the keynote speaker. Mr. Cuff's talk included strategies, about setting the tone at the top, setting priorities, governance and policies, roles of Council and Management, and the need to respect the professionalism of Management. He said that well qualified staff are a blessing. We also recommended that Council take the time to ponder, work collaboratively and that as a Council we need to support each other.

I attended the workshops for returning elected officials. Gary MacIsaac presented on UBCM Funding Programs. He advised that the Gas Tax Fund is distributed 75% to the Community Works Fund, and 25% to the Strategic Priority Fund. Community Works Fund grants are delivered 2 times a year to municipalities who are successful in their applications for eligible projects. Strategic Priority Fund grants are for large scale infrastructure projects that have a regional impact and that are innovative. The distribution of these funds are application based outside the Greater Vancouver Regional District. Mr. MacIsaac also discussed the New Building Canada Fund, a national program. The federal government has committed 109 million over 10 years that local governments and the provincial government need to match. Projects eligible are similar to those of the Gas Tax Fund with exceptions being recreation, sport, tourism, culture and capacity building.

Gordon McIntosh, President, Local Government Leadership Institute gave an excellent overview of the roles, responsibilities, and teamwork; and the art of working together. He divided his presentation into 3 separate parts: 1. The Ideal – Roles and Responsibilities; 2. The Reality – Hourglass and Local Government Functions; and 3. Collaboration – Preventative and Remedial Strategies.

Dr. McIntosh conducted a workshop titled Seeking Confidence: Strategic Decisions and Priorities. He began this presentation by asking each participant to complete a behavioural patterns inventory. He then reviewed a decision making model and flow chart and discussed some problem solving difficulties. He also discussed the issue of balancing competing demands with limited resources, and offered some recommendations that could be used in priority setting.

Sandra Carter and Pam Jefcoat of Valkyrie Law Group conducted a legal clinic regarding Council/Board Members as Individuals. Some delegates were asked to participate in a mock public hearing that included issues of conflict of interest, liabilities, in-camera confidence, and personal bias. While the hearing was entertaining, it certainly profiled the difficulties that elected officials could find themselves, perhaps unwittingly involved in.

Lee-Ann Crane, CAO of the East Kootenay Regional District gave an overview of the history, representation, weighted voting of Regional Districts. Advantages of Regional Districts are shared services and low cost borrowing through the Municipal Finance Authority. It was noted that Regional Districts do not tax for policing or roads.

Richard Taylor from the Local Government Leadership Academy moderated a panel on Local Government Partnerships and Collaboration. Terry Melcer, President of the Local Government Management Association, Grace Van den Brink of the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development and Laura Schwagele from the BC Assessment Authority discussed the roles, responsibilities and relationships with partner governments and agencies. The Municipal Finance Authority, The Municipal Insurance Association and the BC Assessment Authority are the major partnerships local governments work with.

A Local Government Mentoring Panel included Director Hans Cunningham from the Central Kootenay Regional District, Nelson's Mayor Deb Kozak, Elkford's Mayor Dean McKerracher and Invermere's Mayor Gerry Taft. These veterans shared their experiences and knowledge of being in local government.

Jan Enns, an expert in communications conducted 2 workshops. The first dealt with clear, consistent and effective messaging. She advised that messages should be clear and concise. The second dealt with improving decisions through citizen engagement. This workshop provided some excellent pointers on effective ways of getting the message out. She said 1 hour of good planning saves 8 hours of dealing with issues.

Norman Stowe from Pace Group made a presentation about the art of media relations. Topics included where people get the news, building trust with the media and the public and preparing for an interview.

Christina Benty, former Mayor of Golden who now has her own business offering strategic solutions led a workshop titled Lead Your Own life: The Pitfalls of Political Life and How to avoid them. Two things she said that truly resonated with me were: 1. Be a role model for your community; and 2. Titles don't define who you are, they are only yours temporarily.

I appreciated the opportunity to attend 2015 Elected Officials Seminar and am confident that I can put into practice much of what I learned.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Christine Thompson