

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, MAY 4, 2015

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

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
CORPORATE OFFICER
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
MANAGER OF DEVELOPMENT & ENGINEERING
DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER
MANAGER OF BUILDING INSPECTION &
BYLAW SERVICES

D. Allin
D. Heinrich
R. Shepherd
S. Bird
S. Winton
W. Kopan

GALLERY

ABSENT:
COUNCILLOR NEIL KROG
COUNCILLOR COLLEEN ROSS

CALL TO ORDER

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- a) Adopt agenda
May 4th, 2015, Regular Meeting agenda

MOTION: THOMPSON / BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the May 4th, 2015, Regular Meeting agenda as presented.

CARRIED.

MINUTES

- a) Adopt minutes
April 20th, 2015, Special Meeting to go In-Camera minutes

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the April 20th, 2015, Special Meeting to go In-Camera minutes as presented.

CARRIED.

- b) Adopt minutes
April 20th, 2015, Public Hearing Meeting minutes

MOTION: BUTLER / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the April 20th, 2015, Public Hearing Meeting minutes as presented.

CARRIED.

- c) Adopt minutes
April 20th, 2015, Regular Meeting minutes

MOTION: BUTLER / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the April 20th, 2015, Regular Meeting minutes as presented.

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 Butler spoke with regard to her report and clarified that the legal fees of \$230,000 included the purchase of 7212 Riverside Drive which was held in trust at the lawyers during the purchasing process in 2013.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / HAMMETT

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 from Council's representative to the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary
Councillor Krog was absent at the meeting; there was no report for this evening.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS

- a) Manager of Development & Engineering Services
Approval to proceed with the remediation of the City's Gravel Pit and amend the 2015 Financial Plan

The Manager of Development and Engineering spoke with regard to the process for the remediation, and advised that the cost would be around \$175,000 to perform the remediation.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT Council approves staff to proceed with the remediation of the City's Gravel Pit and amend the 2015 Financial Plan utilizing surplus to fund the remediation up to a maximum of \$175,000.

CARRIED.

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- b) Manager of Development & Engineering Services
Application for a Development Variance Permit to construct an accessory building on the property located at 7580 - 16th Street

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT Council considers the following proposal with regard to property known as 7580 - 16th Street, and determines to approve the Development Variance Permit application to:

- 1) allowing an interior setback variance from 5 feet to 2 feet,
- 2) allowing a variance of the ratio of principle building to accessory building to increase from 50% to 93%, and
- 3) the structure being of similar colour and form and character of the existing buildings and neighbourhood.

CARRIED.

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- c) Manager of Building Inspection & Bylaw Services
To provide property owner and/or tenant the opportunity to be heard
The Manager of Building Inspection & Bylaw Services advised that the property owner was not in attendance at the meeting.

MOTION: BUTLER / HAMMETT

RESOLVED THAT Council receive the report from the Manager of Building Inspection and Bylaw Services regarding the property known as 7433 Riverside Drive, and that property's violation of the City's Unsightly Premises Bylaw.

CARRIED.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT Council provide the owner and/or tenant of the property an opportunity to explain their plans to clean-up the property known as 7433 Riverside Drive, so that it is no longer a nuisance and the time frame within which to bring the property in compliance with the bylaw. If Council is not satisfied with the proposed actions of the owner or the owner fails to appear before Council, the following resolution is in order.

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council authorize staff to proceed with the third and final notice after the extension has expired on June 9, 2015.

CARRIED.

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- d) Manager of Building Inspection & Bylaw Services
To proceed with the demolition of the fire damaged property at 721 - 65th Avenue

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT Council authorize the expenditure of up to \$15,000.00 and proceed with the demolition and clean up of 721 - 65th Avenue, and that this will be expensed in 2015 with an offsetting revenue this year and will not affect general taxation.

CARRIED.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

INFORMATION ITEMS

BYLAWS

- a) Manager of Development & Engineering
To amend the current Zoning Bylaw by adding the permitted use of tool and equipment rental facilities to the I-2 (General Industrial) Zone

MOTION: BUTLER / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT Council give final reading to Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1606-A2, 2015.

CARRIED.

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- b) Manager of Development & Engineering
To amend the current Zoning Bylaw by rezoning property located at 832 - 64th Avenue from the current R-1 (Single and Two-Family Residential) Zone to R-4 (Rural Residential) Zone

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT the rezoning application regarding the property known as 832-64th Avenue, be referred to the May 25th, 2015 Regular Meeting for consideration.

CARRIED.

- c) Chief Financial Officer
2015 Tax Rates Bylaw 2012

MOTION: THOMPSON / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT Council give final reading to 2015 Tax Rates Bylaw 2012.

CARRIED.

COUNCILLOR BUTLER OPPOSED THE MOTION.

- d) Chief Financial Officer
2015 Waste Water Rates Amendment

MOTION: THOMPSON / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT Council give final reading to Bylaw 2013 Sewer Regulations Amendment 2015.

CARRIED.

- e) Chief Financial Officer
2015 Water Rates Amendment

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT Council give final reading to Bylaw 2014 Water Regulation Amendment 2015.

CARRIED.

COUNCILLOR BUTLER OPPOSED THE MOTION.

LATE ITEMS

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA

Les Johnson - spoke with regard to the gravel pit remediation
James Hamilton - spoke with regard to the gravel pit remediation

ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:26 PM

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN


RESOLVED THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 7:26 PM

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



MAYOR FRANK KONRAD



CORPORATE OFFICER - DIANE HEINRICH