

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, AUGUST 20TH, 2012

PRESENT: MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR
COUNCILLOR BOB KENDEL
COUNCILLOR NEIL KROG
COUNCILLOR PATRICK O'DOHERTY
COUNCILLOR GARY SMITH
COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WIRISCHAGIN
COUNCILLOR CHER WYERS

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
CORPORATE OFFICER

L. Burch
D. Heinrich

GALLERY

CALL TO ORDER:

The Mayor called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

RECESS TO PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE RECESSED AT 7:02 P.M. TO ALLOW FOR THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING, AND THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE RECONVENED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING. CARRIED.

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:10 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE AUGUST 20TH, 2012, REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY JULY 23RD, 2012, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

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MOTION: SMITH / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 23RD, 2012, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

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MOTION: KENDEL / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 23RD, 2012, AND ALL RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

DELEGATION:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Corporate Officer's Report - Kettle Valley Express Advertising Request

Vicom Design is requesting that the City support by way of advertising in their publication, Kettle Valley Express

MOTION: WYERS / KROG

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DETERMINES TO PURCHASE A HALF PAGE ADVERTISEMENT IN THE 2013 EDITION OF THE KETTLE VALLEY EXPRESS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 1,350.00.

CARRIED.

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

Councillor Smith:

Councillor Smith reported on the following items:

- He reported on his attendance on August 8th at the Weed Tour Luncheon hosted by Barb Stewart and in partnership with Washington State neighbours, and further requested that the City consider participating in the program and do our part. The

Mayor advised that Councillor Smith would like to be the liaison on behalf of City Council for the Boundary Weed Committee

- He reported on his attendance at an Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting on August 7th, 2012, and advised that the minutes of that meeting will be available at the next Regular Meeting of Council on Tuesday, September 4th.
- He announced that Barb Haynes from Penticton will be making a presentation at the Senior Citizen's Hall in City Park tomorrow evening from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm regarding Economic Development opportunities. He advised that there is no cost to attend and that everyone is invited to this information evening.
- He announced that the Fly-in Airport Appreciation Day is this Sunday, August 26th from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM with the Elk's Pancake Breakfast starting at 7:00 am. He further proposed to have Market Avenue closed from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in conjunction with the Airport Fly-in Appreciation Day and advised that it would be a good opportunity for those attending the Fly-in Day to come and participate in the downtown activities. He advised that Bron and Son will be providing the use of some sizable trees for the downtown area to provide shade for participants of the event

MOTION: SMITH / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL SUPPORTS THE CLOSURE OF MARKET AVENUE ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 26TH, 2012 FROM 10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM, AND TO DIRECT STAFF TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY BARRICADES TO CLOSE THE STREET AND TO PROVIDE SANDBAGS TO SUPPORT THE TREES WHICH WILL BE ON LOAN FROM BRON AND SON. CARRIED.

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- He advised that one of their new members of the Economic Development Advisory Committee, Sandra Mark, will be speaking to the group with regard to new ways to make due with less.

Councillor Krog:

Councillor Krog advised that he had no report at this time.

Councillor Kendel:

Councillor Kendel reported on the following items:

- He encouraged everyone to come out to the meeting at the Senior Citizen's Hall with Barb Hynes, Speaker for Economic Development, tomorrow evening between 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
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Councillor Wyers:

Councillor Wyers reported on the following items:

- She reported on her attendance at a July 25th, 2012, Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Solid Waste Management Session in Greenwood.
- She reported on her attendance at an Aug 2nd, 2012, Grand Forks Fly-in Association Meeting and advised that the Fly-in Appreciation Day event plans for August 26th is on schedule.
- Councillor Wyers reported on her attendance at an August 8th Boundary Dog Sled Association Meeting and advised that there will be a Fowl Supper on Sunday October 20th to raise funds for the event. She further announced that the Dog Sled "Rail Trail" will be on January 25-27th, 2013, and that it will start at the Grand Forks Station Pub.
- She reported on her attendance at a Grand Forks Library Board meeting on August 15th and announced that Avi Silversteen has assumed the position of librarian at the Library. Councillor Wyers further advised that the Starlight Dinner raised \$2,200 for the library outreach program, and further advised that the Library has received Provincial Funding in the amount of \$48,076.
- She reported on her attendance at a Citizens on Patrol meeting on August 16th.
- She advised that on August 17th – Jordon Andrews, the summer student hired through the Environment Committee, had completed his 14 weeks of work with regard to the Nephelometer study. She further advised that the Nephelometer is on loan to the City from the University of Victoria, and will be returned to the university next year.

Councillor O'Doherty:

Councillor O'Doherty reported on the following items:

- He advised that the Grand Forks International organization is gearing up for this year's Baseball Tournament.
- He advised that the Grand Forks Border Bruins are getting ready to start up in September

Councillor Wirischagin:

Councillor Wirischagin advised that he had no report this evening.

Mayor Taylor:

Mayor Taylor reported on the following items:

- He advised that the Boundary Economic Development Committee is meeting with regard to discussion on Community Forests
- He advised that the Recreation Commission will be meeting on August 24th.
- He announced that the next Deer Committee Meeting is on August 31st, 2102, at the RDKB Boardroom commencing at approximately 9:30-10:00 am.
- The Mayor commented on how great the City flowers look this year.

MOTION: WYERS / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT ALL REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL GIVEN VERBALLY AT THIS MEETING, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED.

REPORT FROM THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY (VERBAL)

The minutes from June 28th, 2012 Regional District of Kootenay Boundary meeting are included in this report.

- The Mayor advised that he had no report with regard to the Regional District this evening

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR'S REPORT GIVEN VERBALLY AT THIS MEETING, ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:

- a) Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Traffic Concerns on 2nd Avenue at 72nd and 68th Avenue Intersections

The Chief Administrative Officer is in receipt of a report from the Manager of Operations, as to safety concerns on 2nd Street, particularly at the intersection of 2nd Street and 72nd Avenue and at the intersection of 2nd Street and 68th Avenue.

Councillor Wirischagin advised that he would like to see the proposed motion split into two parts.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KROG

RESOLVED THAT THE STAFF REPORT, INCLUDING THE MANAGER OF OPERATIONS' REPORT, DATED AUGUST 7TH, 2012, PROPOSING TO INSTALL A 4-WAY STOP INTERSECTION AT 2ND STREET AND 72ND AVENUE, RE RECEIVED, AND COUNCIL FURTHER APPROVES OF THE INSTALLATION OF 4-WAY STOPS ON 2ND STREET AT 72ND AVENUE, SUBJECT TO SOME PUBLIC ADVERTISING OF THE TRAFFIC CHANGE, AND SUBJECT TO THE POSTING OF "TRAFFIC CHANGE SIGNS" AT BOTH INTERSECTIONS.

MOTION TO DEFER: WIRISCHAGIN / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE MOTION REGARDING THE STAFF REPORT, INCLUDING THE MANAGER OF OPERATIONS' REPORT, DATED AUGUST 7TH, 2012, PROPOSING TO INSTALL A 4-WAY STOP INTERSECTIONS AT 2ND STREET AND 72ND AVENUE BE DEFERRED AND REFERRED BACK TO STAFF FOR A REPORT THAT OUTLINES OTHER OPTIONS AND ALTERNATIVES FOR THIS INTERSECTION INCLUDING THE FEASIBILITY OF A ROUND-ABOUT.

CARRIED.

Councillor Krog spoke with regard to the intersection at 72nd Avenue and 5th Street and asked if Staff could look at alternatives for this intersection as well.

MOTION: KROG / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT STAFF LOOK INTO OPTIONS AND ALTERNATIVES WITH REGARD TO 72ND AVENUE AND 5TH STREET INTERSECTION.

CARRIED.

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MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE STAFF REPORT, INCLUDING THE MANAGER OF OPERATIONS' REPORT, DATED AUGUST 7TH, 2012, PROPOSING TO INSTALL A 4-WAY STOP INTERSECTION AT 2ND STREET AT 68TH AVENUE, RE RECEIVED, AND COUNCIL FURTHER APPROVES OF THE INSTALLATION OF 4-WAY STOP AT 2ND STREET AND 68TH AVENUE, SUBJECT TO SOME PUBLIC ADVERTISING OF THE TRAFFIC CHANGE, AND SUBJECT TO THE POSTING OF "TRAFFIC CHANGE SIGNS" AT BOTH INTERSECTIONS.

MOTION DEFEATED.

Councillor Wirischagin voted for the motion.
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b) Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Phoenix Mountain – Updated Master Plan

The City is in receipt of correspondence from the Ministry of Forests, Land and Natural Resources, advising of an Updated Master Plan for Phoenix Mountain.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT, DATED AUGUST 7TH, 2012, REGARDING A REFERRAL NOTICE FROM THE MINISTRY OF FORESTS, LANDS AND NATURAL RESOURCES, RELATIVE TO THE PHOENIX MOUNTAIN UPDATED MASTER PLAN, BE RECEIVED, AND THAT THE MINISTRY BE ADVISED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS SUPPORTS THE PROPOSED MASTER PLAN.

CARRIED.
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c) Corporate Officer's Report – Annual Tax Exemption Bylaw

Staff is working on preparing the Annual Tax Exemption Bylaw which needs to be adopted prior to October 31, 2012, in order that certain properties will receive tax exemption in 2013. Council's confirmation is required as to the properties to be included prior to finalizing the bylaw for Council's consideration.

Councillor Wirischagin stated his intention to vacate Council Chambers at this time due to the fact that his wife, Jessica, is part of the executive of the Grand Forks Child Care Society, an organization that is included in the 2013 Annual tax Exemption Bylaw and that in participating in the matter, he may be perceived to be in a conflict of interest. Councillor Wirischagin left Council Chambers at 8:55 p.m.

MOTION: SMITH / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE STAFF REPORT DATED AUGUST 14TH, 2012, REGARDING THE ANNUAL TAX EXEMPTION BYLAW AND FURTHER APPROVES ALL NINE APPLICATIONS FOR TAX EXEMPTION AND DIRECTS STAFF TO INCLUDE THESE NINE PROPERTIES IN THE ANNUAL TAX EXEMPTION BYLAW.

CARRIED.

Councillor Wirischagin returned back to chambers at 8:57 PM

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT INFORMATION ITEMS NUMBERED 11(a) TO 11(l) BE RECEIVED AND ACTED UPON AS RECOMMENDED AND/OR AS AMENDED. CARRIED.

- a) Thank you note from the Good Sam Club regarding a door prize they won for a stay at the City Park Campground as supported by the City. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- b) From Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission – Advising of proposal of redistribution of Federal Electoral Boundaries in BC. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- c) Mobile Nephelometer Monitoring of the Grand Forks Airshed – Report from Jordan Andrews, student hired through the City's Environment Committee for the summer. **Recommend to receive for information.**

- d) Correspondence from the Grand Forks Fall Fair – Offering the City the opportunity to sponsor a chuck wagon tarp as it did in 2011. The City had a tarp made with the City Logo in 2011, so the tarp is already in place. **Council to determine to sponsor a miniature chuck wagon by utilizing the existing “City of Grand Forks” tarp, in the amount of \$500 at the 2012 Grand Forks Fall Fair as it had done in 2011.**

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DETERMINES TO SPONSOR A MINIATURE CHUCK WAGON TARP AS IT DID IN 2011 FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$500 BY UTILIZING THE EXISTING “CITY OF GRAND FORKS” TARP IN SUPPORT OF THE 2012 GRAND FORKS FALL FAIR. CARRIED.

- e) Correspondence and response to/from Don Brown - Thanking the City for its assistance at the airport during the July 20th storm. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- f) Memo from CAO regarding the 90th Anniversary Time Capsule - Staff recommendation to open the time capsule at the September 4th, 2012 Regular Meeting. **Recommend to receive for information - Staff to proceed with the advertising of this event.**
- g) Message from Ministry of Highways - Advising of Columbia River Crossing Project on US 395 to Colville, WA. **Recommend to receive for information - work on the bridge has now commenced – delays and restrictions in traffic flow.**
- h) Registration information for the Grand Forks Fall Fair Parade - Parade is on September 8th at 10:00 am. **Council has determined not to have a float this year. The Mayor and Councillor Smith advised that they will try to be a part of the “Stagecoach Float” done by the Wood Workers Guild Organization. Councillor Wyers has advised that she is already a participant on another float.**
- i) Correspondence from Les Gyug – Registered Professional Biologist - Providing praises to the community and information regarding the active Lewis’s Woodpecker nests located in Grand Forks area. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- j) From UBCM - Gas Tax Agreement Community Works Fund Payment. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- k) Green Communities Committee - Thanking the City for its commitment to the BC Climate Action Charter. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- l) July 23rd Meeting Task List - List of Completed and In-Progress Tasks. **Recommend to file.**
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BYLAWS:

a) Chief Administrative Officer's Report-Bylaw 1931-Roxul Road Closure Bylaw

These road closures and disposal of close road lands to Roxul, are proposed to be in exchange with other Roxul properties for roadways, trail properties and trail amenities.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1931, CITED AS "Roxul Road Closure Bylaw No. 1931, 2012, BE GIVEN FIRST READING. CARRIED.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1931, CITED AS "Roxul Road Closure Bylaw No. 1931, 2012, BE GIVEN SECOND READING. CARRIED.

MOTION: WYERS / KROG

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1931, CITED AS "Roxul Road Closure Bylaw No. 1931, 2012, BE GIVEN THIRD READING. CARRIED.

b) Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Bylaw 1937-Residential Garbage Collection Rates and Regulations Amendment Bylaw

A bylaw to amend the City of Grand Forks Garbage Collection Regulations and Rates

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1937, CITED AS "Garbage Regulations and Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 1937, 2012, BE GIVEN FIRST READING. CARRIED.

MOTION: KENDEL / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1937, CITED AS "Garbage Regulations and Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 1937, 2012, BE GIVEN SECOND READING. CARRIED.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1937, CITED AS "Garbage Regulations and Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 1937, 2012, BE GIVEN THIRD READING. CARRIED.

c) Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Bylaw 1940-City of Grand Forks Campground Fees

MOTION: WYERS / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1940, CITED AS "City of Grand Forks Municipal Campground Regulation Bylaw No. 1940, 2012, BE GIVEN FIRST READING. CARRIED.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1940, CITED AS "City of Grand Forks Municipal Campground Regulation Bylaw No. 1940, 2012, BE GIVEN SECOND READING. CARRIED.

MOTION: KENDEL / KROG

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1940, CITED AS "City of Grand Forks Municipal Campground Regulation Bylaw No. 1940, 2012, BE GIVEN THIRD READING. CARRIED.

LATE ITEMS:

None

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

MONA MATTEI – She spoke with regard to the road that goes past her place and advised that since the burm was removed, the traffic has increased and is very dusty. She has asked if the City would consider putting the burm back up. Staff advised that they will look into the matter.

MOTION TO GO IN-CAMERA: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

Resolution required to go into an In-Camera Meeting.

Adopt resolution as per Section 90 as follows:

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL CONVENE AN IN-CAMERA MEETING AS OUTLINED UNDER SECTION 90 OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER TO DISCUSS MATTERS IN A CLOSED MEETING WHICH ARE THE SUBJECT OF SECTION 90(1)(e), THE ACQUISITION, DISPOSITION OR EXPROPRIATION OF LAND OR IMPROVEMENTS, IF COUNCIL CONSIDERS THAT DISCLOSURE COULD REASONABLY BE EXPECTED TO HARM THE INTERESTS OF THE MUNICIPALITY.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT PERSONS, OTHER THAN MEMBERS, OFFICERS, OR OTHER PERSONS TO WHOM COUNCIL MAY DEEM NECESSARY TO CONDUCT CITY BUSINESS, WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM THE IN-CAMERA MEETING. CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 10:01 P.M. CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


CORPORATE OFFICER- DIANE HEINRICH