

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, DECEMBER 17TH, 2012

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

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	D. Allin
CORPORATE OFFICER	D. Heinrich
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	R. Shepherd
MANAGER OF OPERATIONS	H. Wright
MANAGER OF TECHNICAL SERVICES	S. Bird

GALLERY

CALL TO ORDER:

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

RECESS TO PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE RECESSED AT 7:01 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 7:27 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 17TH, 2012, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: SMITH /WYERS

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 3RD, 2012, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

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MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY DECEMBER 3RD, 2012, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

DELEGATION:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

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

Councillor Smith:

Councillor Smith reported on the following items:

- He reported on his attendance at a Story & Co. meeting on December 6th, and advised that the process is on track and that he is seeing some very positive results.
 - He reported on his attendance at the Long Service Awards of City Staff and commented on the 25 year and 5 year awards which were handed out
 - He reported on his attendance to the Silver Kettle Village Grand Opening along with Mayor Taylor and Councillor O'Doherty
 - He reported that he was the MC for Choral Society Concert last weekend and that was Joan Thomas's final concert
 - He wished Happy Holidays to everyone
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Councillor Kendel:

Councillor Kendel reported on the following items:

- He reported on his attendance at the second meeting with Story & Co. on December 6th.
 - He reported on his participation at the December 7th Christmas Parade and extended congratulations to City Staff for making the City Float possible
 - He reported on his attendance at a Boundary Museum Society on December 11th and advised that the organization has some exciting plans for next year
 - He reported on his attendance at day long Strategic Planning Session of Economic Development Advisory Committee along with Councillor Smith early today
 - He wished everyone a very Merry Christmas!
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Councillor Wyers:

Councillor Wyers reported on the following items:

- Please see Councillor Wyer's Report, as attached
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Councillor O'Doherty:

Councillor O'Doherty reported on the following items:

- He reported on his participation on December 7th on the City's Float entry in Santa Clause parade
 - He reported on his attendance to the Breakfast with Santa on December 8th
 - He reported on his attendance at the Silver Kettle Grand Opening on December 12th
 - He wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
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Councillor Wirischagin:

Councillor Wirischagin reported on the following items:

- He wished everyone a Merry Christmas
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Mayor Taylor:

The Mayor reported on the following items:

- The Mayor spoke with regard to the tragedy at Newtown, Connecticut last Friday, December 14th

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR WRITE A LETTER TO THE TOWN OF NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT EXPRESSING THE CITY'S CONDOLENCES WITH REGARD TO THE TRAGEDY EXPERIENCED IN THEIR TOWN ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14TH, 2012.

CARRIED.

- He advised that the he received a letter from Craig Dohm, General Manager of Logistics for Interfor who advised that the rail spur between Grand Forks, BC and Kettle Falls, WA will continue to operate. The Mayor congratulated the City and Areas D & C for their work on this initiative.
- He spoke with regard to the Grand Forks Santa Clause parade festivities on December 7th and commented on how many kids were in attendance.
- He reported on his attendance at the Silver Kettle Grand Opening on December 12th

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

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 RDKB minutes from their November 1st, 2012 Meeting are attached to this report.

- The Mayor reported that the RDKB had their inaugural meeting last week and advised that he has asked if he could be part of the German delegation.

MOTION: KENDEL / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR'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) Manager of Technical Services Report- Boundary Road Culvert Replacement

The City of Grand Forks recently became aware that a major culvert under Boundary Drive, south of Central Avenue has collapsed.

MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE STAFF REPORT AND AUTHORIZES STAFF TO PROCEED WITH THE IMMEDIATE REPLACEMENT OF THE CULVERT UNDER BOUNDARY DRIVE, SOUTH OF CENTRAL AVENUE.

CARRIED.

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b) Manager of Technical Services Report – Slag Piles – Potential Stabilization/ Remediation

In the last couple of years, Overton Creek has created a threat to the existing slag pile property and with the significant last spring precipitation; the spring has recently opened tension cracks in the southern portion of the large slag pile located west of Granby Road.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE STAFF REPORT WITH REGARD TO THE TENSION CRACKS WITHIN THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE LARGE SLAG PILE LOCATED WEST OF GRANBY ROAD, AND THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZES STAFF TO PROCEED WITH THE GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEER RECOMMENDATIONS AS FOLLOWS:

- THAT THE SOURCE OF WATER AT OVERTON CREEK BE TEMPORARILY DIVERTED IN A CLOSED CULVERT SOUTH ALONG GRANBY ROAD FOR ULTIMATE DISPOSAL INTO THE GRANBY RIVER AT A LOCATION SOUTH OF THE SLAG PILE;
- THAT A SERIES OF CROSS SECTIONS BE GENERATED AND PROVIDED TO THE GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEER FOR REVIEW; AND
- THAT A DETAILED SURVEY MONITORING PROGRAM OF THE TOP OF THE SLAG PILE BE CARRIED OUT WHICH WOULD INVOLVE MONTHLY MONITORING TO START TO DETERMINE THE LEVEL OF RISK AND THE REMEDIATION TIMELINE

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE FUNDING FOR THIS WORK TO COME FROM THE SLAG RESERVE FUND.

CARRIED.

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c) Manager of Technical Services Report – Application for a Development Permit and a Site Specific Exemption

The City is in receipt of a Development Permit and a Site Specific Exemption from the owner of Johnny's Motel to re-construct one of the existing units (Unit #1) because the existing foundation was installed incorrectly and needs to be redone properly.

MOTION: SMITH / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE STAFF REPORT AND APPROVES THE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT AND THE SITE SPECIFIC EXEMPTION FOR THE PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS PARCEL T, DL 493, SDYD, PLAN B7139, LOCATED AT 7291 HIGHWAY 3, AS APPLIED FOR BY THE OWNER OF JOHNNY'S MOTEL.

CARRIED.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION: SMITH / KENDEL

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

- a) Thompson Okanagan Tourism Association (TOTA) Regional Tourism Strategy - Regional Tourism Strategy – Embracing our potential. **Receive for information purposes – Booklet placed in Council Lounge for additional information.**
- b) Community Christmas Dinner - Request for yearly donations for the community dinner. **In the past, Council has resolved to donate funds towards the Christmas Dinner. The last two years, Council has donated \$500 per year. Council to further advise who will attend the Christmas Dinner on behalf of the City. The Mayor advised that he regrettably was unable to attend and asked if another member of Council could go in his place. Councillor O'Doherty advised that he would attend the Christmas Dinner.**

MOTION: WYERS / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL WISHES TO DONATE \$500 TO THE 2012 COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER.

CARRIED.

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- c) Task List for December 17th, 2012 - List of Completed and/or In Progress Tasks. **Recommend to file.**

BYLAWS:

- a) Manager of Technical Services Report – Bylaw No. 1942-Roxul Road Closure Amendment Bylaw

Amendment to the 6526 Industrial Parkway Roxul Road Closure

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1942, CITED AS THE "Roxul Road Closure Amendment Bylaw No. 1942, 2012", BE GIVEN FINAL READING.

CARRIED.

b) Corporate Officer's Report – Bylaw No. 1943 – Revenue Anticipation Bylaw

MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1943, CITED AS THE "The City of Grand Forks Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw, 2013", BE GIVEN FIRST READING.

CARRIED.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1943, CITED AS THE "The City of Grand Forks Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw, 2013", BE GIVEN SECOND READING.

CARRIED.

MOTION: WYERS / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1943, CITED AS THE "The City of Grand Forks Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw, 2013", BE GIVEN THIRD READING.

CARRIED.

LATE ITEMS:

None

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

GRAHAM WATT – He thanked the City for keeping on top of the snow clearing of the Rail Trail

ROY RONAGHAN – He spoke with regard to the City's Website and advised that he couldn't find the minutes of the committees and further commented that all the Council bios aren't available yet. The Mayor advised that Staff has put in its request for said minutes and that the minutes will soon be available on the City's website.

Mr. Ronaghan asked that the Grand Forks and District Public Library is the Library and should be properly named within the City's minutes.

He further asked if the City has been apprised of CETA and its impacts on tendering as per the available information to the public. The CAO advised that the City's new purchasing policy is more restrictive than TILMA and that this revised policy will meet the City's needs. Councillor Smith advised that he will follow up with Alex Atamanenko on the CETA issue as well.

He asked if the City was providing security at the Slag Pile site in reference to the report presented to Council on this evening's agenda, and was advised that it is up to Pacific Abrasives to ensure security for the site.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN

**RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 8:05
P.M. CARRIED.**

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR



CORPORATE OFFICER- DIANE HEINRICH

Councillor Wyers' Report December 17, 2012

Grand Forks & District Public Library Board meeting is this Wednesday December 19 at 7:00 PM in the library meeting room.

BC Provincial Budget Item: In the Report on the Budget 2013 Consultations – Select Standing Committee on Finance & Government Services Nov 2012 “Reinstating the separate line item for public libraries would demonstrate the government’s support for public libraries & show that the government recognizes the value of an educated & engaged citizenry. This is what libraries help build & sustain in their communities.” June Stockdale, BC Library Association, Written submission

Note: Provincial grants to libraries in the 2011/2012 fiscal year totaled \$9.7 Million.

In the consultation process, it was noted how provincial funding for public libraries, previously a separate line item in the Ministry of Education budget, has been rolled into the general budget for education programs.

The October 25, 26, 2012 Library book sale event was the most successful raising \$1800.00. The library thanks everyone for their support.

The Dec. 4th Library cookie sale generated over \$800.00 - I managed to bake 8 dozen with the first dozen donated to my spouse (high oven temp!)

For every minute there is 48 hours of new content being loaded onto UTube.

The Future of Libraries one-day session October 23rd, Board of Trustee member, William Caley attended and spoke of the need for libraries to be aligned with what the future is going to bring us or it will destroy the institution. Definitions:

Cities of the Future - Individual specific in what we want.

Libraries of the Future - Today as centres of information & culture.

In the future, libraries will be the 3rd place (home, work, libraries)-producing information, products, production studio within the library, search command centre with real-time information on the screen – very busy interactive place). Proximity will be less important – you won’t need to be close to your work). We need to get aligned with what the future is going to bring us or it will destroy us. Google Futurist Thomas Frey blog - DeVincy Institute in the USA.

Strategic planning for 2013 will include a Board discussion on the information William Caley brought back from the conference on Libraries of the Future.

Martin Domeij has been elected interim Chair filling the vacancy by Ted Invictus’s resignation last month.

2013 Library Budget: Re-approving the 2013 budget of last month because some of the numbers were erroneous from its original preparation, specifically under pension (Line 44). APPROVED – Will be sent to Stakeholders.

Starlite Dinner Fundraiser: Grossed \$4,000 – Net was \$3,200 from the first Annual Starlite Dinner.

The Library book sale on October 25, 26 & 27th raised \$1801.00 towards the Friends of the Libraries 2013 project.

I attended the Christina Lake Stewardship Society’s Watershed Management Plan Review on Dec 5th. Eurasian milfoil being attacked this summer 2013 with a crew of 10 divers for 2013 being the target of 7-day weed removal.

December 7th I attended the long service awards luncheon for city staff. Congratulations to the staff who received the awards.

Dec. 7th Santa Parade "Christmas Around the Word" - City won 2nd Place with our remediation of Santa and his trusty reindeers. The parade saw the largest contingency of community support and the parade route was very busy with spectators.

Library staff Christmas party December 14th where the Board of Trustees under the careful guidance of William Caley served Christmas dinner to the staff in appreciation their committed hard work and making the library an important centre in our community.

Merry Christmas and safe travels during the holiday season.