

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY FEBRUARY 6th, 2012

PRESENT:

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

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER L. Burch
CORPORATE OFFICER D. Heinrich
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER C. Arnott

GALLERY

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE FEBRUARY 6TH, 2012, REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

MOTION: SMITH / WIRISCHAGIN

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

CARRIED.

MOTION: SMITH / KROG

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

CARRIED.

MOTION: KROG / KENDEL

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

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

- a) Corporate Officer's Report – Phoenix Mountain Alpine Ski Society Request for Funding

Don Colclough, representative of the Phoenix Mountain Alpine Ski Society, made a presentation to Council asking for the City's consideration in partnering with Area D and Area E of the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary, in a multi-use Service Contract with a combined funding in the amount of \$60,000 to allow the Phoenix Ski Hill to continue to operate. Members of Council asked if he had approached Area C in addition to Midway and Greenwood as well. He advised that Greenwood has offered funding in the amount of \$600.00 and that Area C has advised that they would not be participating in this funding request.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVE THE PRESENTATION GIVEN BY DON COLCLOUGH, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PHOENIX MOUNTAIN ALPINE SKI SOCIETY, WITH REGARD TO THEIR REQUEST FOR FUNDING AND DETERMINES TO REFER THEIR REQUEST AS A CONSIDERATION DURING THE CITY'S 2012 BUDGETING PROCESS.

CARRIED.

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 Carbon Neutral Kootenay Workshop on January 27th, 2012, and commented with regard to the commitment of the City in this project, and advised that this was a very important session.
- He advised that he received calls from a couple of residents with regard to the Granite Mining applications that are currently active in the Granby Area. He further advised that he encouraged them to speak with their Area Directors and MLA on the subject.

Councillor Krog:

Councillor Krog reported on the following items:

- He reported on his attendance at the Strategic Planning Sessions with Council and Staff on January 25 & 26th at the Seniors Centre.
- He reported on his attendance at a meeting with some of the stakeholders regarding the proposed Grand Forks entrance sign along with Councillors Smith, O'Doherty and Kendel.

Councillor Kendel:

Councillor Kendel reported on the following items:

- He reported on his attendance at the Strategic Planning Sessions held on January 25 & 26th at the Seniors Centre and advised that the workshop was very informative and productive.
- He reported on his attendance at the Grand Forks Entrance sign meeting along with other members of Council.

Councillor O'Doherty:

Councillor O'Doherty reported on the following items:

- He reported on his attendance at the Strategic Planning Sessions on January 25 & 26th
- He announced that there are only two more Border Bruins Games for the season which are on February 14th and 16th.

Councillor Wirischagin:

Councillor Wirischagin reported on the following items:

- He advised that the Grand Forks Secondary School Senior Boys and Junior Boys Basketball are hosting a tournament this weekend, and that several teams will be patronizing the City at that time.

Mayor Taylor:

The Mayor reported on the following items:

- He spoke with regard to the exploration for a permanent venue site for the Fall Fair event. He advised that the Steering Committee for a Fall Fair site recommended

that a site for the event should be within the City, and further reported that there were two possible spots: one being Parcel Z, and another spot that is in the vicinity of the A&W area. He suggested that the committee look at doing a feasibility study to determine the best possible venue. He advised that the committee will be meeting again in another couple of weeks.

- He spoke with regard to the Deer Committee, and its declining members, and advised that the City is going to be looking for additional members to sit on this committee.
- He commented on his meeting with the Dime Store Fishing Show organization, and advised that the company is looking for up front money in order to go forward with the project. He advised that the cost would be approximately \$17,000 plus travel and accommodation expenses.

MOTION: KENDEL / KROG

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 Mayor advised that the Regional District's prime focus is on their budgeting process and that there will be an opportunity to learn more about their service delivery by a General Meeting that is hosted by the Regional District in Trail on February 18th.
- He advised that the composting program in the Val Mar Subdivision is working well as a pilot project.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / O'DOHERTY

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) Corporate Officer's Report – Amendment to the Economic Development Advisory Committee Policy No. 1503

Council's wish to appoint eight members of the public to participate in the Economic Development Advisory Committee requires an amendment to the current policy that calls for only seven members of the public to participate in the committee.

MOTION: KROG / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE CORPORATE OFFICER'S REPORT DATED JANUARY 31ST, 2012, REGARDING AN AMENDMENT TO POLICY NO. 1503, THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE POLICY, AND APPROVES THE CHANGES TO THE POLICY THUS ALLOWING EIGHT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMMITTEE AS OUTLINED IN THE POLICY.

CARRIED.

b) Chief Financial Officer's Report – Five Year Financial Plan Guidelines

Council must adopt a Financial Plan on an annual basis. The Financial Plan Guidelines document serves as a tool in ensuring that Council's objectives are met and clearly defined, and that a relatively seamless process is followed and timelines are met.

MOTION: KENDEL / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE STAFF REPORT DATED FEBRUARY 1ST, 2012, REGARDING THE 2012 FINANCIAL PLAN GUIDELINES AND FURTHER APPROVES THESE GUIDELINES TO ALLOW CITY STAFF TO PROCEED WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE 2012-2016 FINANCIAL PLAN BASED ON COUNCIL'S OBJECTIVES.

CARRIED.

c) Corporate Officer's Report – Application for Development Variance Permit

The City is in receipt of an application by Gordon Shaw, property owner; requesting a development variance permit for a variance to Section 37 (g), to vary the ratio of an accessory building to the principle building greater than 50%.

The Mayor asked if any members of the public wished to speak with regard to the Development Variance Permit and no one came forward.

MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE STAFF REPORT, DATED JANUARY 31ST, 2012, BE RECEIVED, AND THAT COUNCIL FURTHER APPROVES THE APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT TO THE PROPERTY AT 6022-12TH STREET LEGALLY KNOWN AS LOT 1, DL 382, PLAN KAP72190, THEREBY VARYING SECTION 37 (G) TO VARY THE RATIO OF ACCESSORY BUILDING TO PRINCIPLE BUILDING, ALLOWING FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A GARAGE TO BE GREATER THAN 50% OF THE PRINCIPLE RESIDENCE STRUCTURE AS PROPOSED BY THE PROPERTY OWNER, GORDON SHAW.

CARRIED.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT INFORMATION ITEMS NUMBERED 10(a) TO 10(j)

BE RECEIVED AND ACTED UPON AS RECOMMENDED AND/OR AS AMENDED.

CARRIED.

- a) BC Water & Waste Association-Drinking Water Week in May- Suggesting ways local governments can participate. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- b) BC Trucking Association Congratulations to Councillor Wyers on being re-elected - **Recommend to receive for information.**
- c) Boundary District Arts Council Follow-up Letter from their Delegation to Council on January 9th, 2012 - **Council to receive their letter and instruct staff to include this information for consideration in the 2012 Budgeting Process.**
- d) HeritageBC- Advising of Heritage Week in February. **Recommend to receive for information – poster has been placed on board at City Hall.**
- e) From Kootenay Business Magazine- Advising of Economic Development section in February. **Recommend to receive for information**
- f) Email from Lifeforce- Regarding Moratorium on Deer Kills. **Recommend to receive for information and to refer the correspondence to the Deer Committee.**
- g) From 'AKBLG – Third Call for Resolutions 2012 – **Recommend to receive for information – deadline for resolutions is February 20th, 2012.**
- h) UBCM Member Release – Supreme Court Decision in Catalyst v. North Cowichan District. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- i) Grand Forks Library Public Meeting from January 18th. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- j) January 23rd Task List – List of Completed and In-Progress Tasks. **Recommend to file.**

BYLAWS:

None

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA:

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 7:37
P.M. CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


CORPORATE OFFICER- DIANE HEINRICH