

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

MONDAY, JANUARY 23RD, 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 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.

RECESS TO PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING:

MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

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 7:23 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION: KENDEL/KROG

RESOLVED THAT THE JANUARY 23RD, 2012, REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / WIRISCHAGIN

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

CARRIED.

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MOTION: SMITH / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 9TH, 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 that he has been doing a lot of reading and preparation in relation to the upcoming Strategic Planning Sessions which will be held later this week that involve Council, Managers and five union Staff.
 - He reported on his attendance at a meeting with Alex Atamanenko, MP along with Councillor Kendel and the Chief Administrative Officer where they talked about the Municipal Airport and the progress of the Kettle Falls Rail issues.
 - He reported on his attendance at a meeting with the Credit Union and the Phoenix Foundation with regard to funding options.
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Councillor Krog:

Councillor Krog advised that he had no report this evening.

Councillor Kendel:

Councillor Kendel reported on the following items:

- He commented on his appreciation and respect for the role of the Mayor during his recent role as Acting Mayor.
- He advised that the Phoenix Ski Hill will be making a presentation to Council in near future with regard to funding requirements.
- He reported on his attendance at a meeting with Alex Atamanenko at City Hall along with Councillor Smith and the Chief Administrative Officer, where they discussed the progress of the Kettle Falls Rail Issue.
- He reported that he attended the 107th Birthday of Madeleine MacDougall on January 13th, 2012, where he presented her, as Acting Mayor, with the honour of Freedom of the City along with Councillors Smith and O'Doherty and the Chief Administrative Officer.
- He reported on his attendance at the 2012 Shopping Spree draw at the Credit Union as Acting Mayor.
- He reported his attendance, as Acting Mayor, to the Legion Executive Installation supper on January 14th and advised that 22 individuals were granted new memberships to the Legion.
- The Mayor thanked Councillor Kendel for performing the duties of Acting Mayor in his absence.

Councillor Wyers:

Councillor Wyers reported on the following items:

- She reported on her attendance at the LGLA (Local Government Leadership Academy) Seminar for Small Communities in Richmond on January 11th and 13th, and commented that she is working toward her Level One Leadership Certification. She advised that there were 27 municipalities throughout BC that participated in the Seminar, and commented that most of these small communities had issues similar to our area.
- She reported on her attendance at the Grand Forks District Public Library Meeting on January 18th. She advised that the Library's Annual General Meeting is scheduled for March 7th at 7:00 in Library Meeting Room. She further advised that a fundraising committee has been established to address the Library's future growth and enhancement.
- She reported on her attendance at the 2012 Rail Trail Dog Sled Race held on January 20th to 22nd which included 7 registered teams. She advised that the Awards Ceremony was held at the Royal Canadian Legion on Sunday evening with last year's dog winner, Steve Mullen, from Clearwater, BC, taking first place.
- She advised that Council is in receipt of a final Rotary Entrance Sign for the west end of Grand Forks.

MOTION: WYERS / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ENDORSE THE GRAND FORKS ROTARY CLUB'S ENTRANCE SIGN SUBMISSION DATED, JANUARY, 2012, SUBJECT TO THEIR COMMITTEE MEMBERS MEETING WITH CITY COUNCIL TO INVESTIGATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD TWO SIGNS; ONE FOR THE EAST END OF THE CITY AND ONE FOR THE WEST END OF THE CITY, AND ADDRESS QUESTIONS FROM THE NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL WITH REGARDS TO THE DESIGN AND LOCATION.

CARRIED.

Councillor O'Doherty:

Councillor O'Doherty reported on the following items:

- He reported on his attendance at Madeleine MacDougall's 107th Birthday, where Acting Mayor Bob Kendel presented her with the honour of Freedom of the City.
 - He advised that he has been supporting the Border Bruins Hockey Team by attending their games for the last three weeks.
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Councillor Wirischagin:

Councillor Wirischagin advised that he had no report this evening.

Mayor Taylor:

The Mayor advised that he had no report for this evening, but would provide an update to Regional District events in the next section of the agenda.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / O'DOHERTY

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 the November 25th and December 9th Inaugural Meeting of the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary are attached to this report.

- The Mayor advised that he has been appointed to the RDKB Personnel and Policy Committee which has been separated from the Finance Committee and that he will continue to work on future policies at the Regional level.
- He advised that he is no longer Chair of the Environmental Committee but will attend the meetings as a Board member.
- He advised that he will be the Chair of the Boundary Economic Development Committee for this year and advised that this will provide a good partnership with the newly formed Economic Development Advisory Committee.
- He advised that he is on the Kettle River Water Study Committee as well.
- He advised that the first Meeting of the year for the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary will be on Thursday at January 27th at 6:00 pm at the RDKB Board Room.

MOTION: SMITH / KROG

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) Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Heritage Conservation Study

The RDKB's request for comments from Council on the Heritage Conservation Study that was prepared for the Regional District.

Councillor Krog suggested that there was a distinct difference between the East and West Kootenays when reviewing the study.

Councillor Wirischagin inquired how the Heritage Design Advisory Panel would function in consideration of the Heritage Conservation Study.

The Mayor suggested that the Heritage Design Advisory Panel could be requested to review the Heritage Conservation Study from the City's perspective.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY HERITAGE CONSERVATION STUDY, AND ADVISES STAFF OF ANY COMMENTS THAT THEY MAY WANT TO PROVIDE TO THE RDKB. CARRIED.

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b) Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Wildlife Habitat Area Proposal for Williamson's Sapsucker located near Phoenix Mountain

The Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources is advising Council of their proposal to designate several Wildlife Habitat Areas (WHAs) within the Selkirk Resource District for the Williamson's Sapsucker, whose species is provincially red-listed and is considered endangered.

MOTION: SMITH / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT, DATED JANUARY 16, 2012, REGARDING A REFERRAL NOTICE RECEIVED FROM THE MINISTRY OF FORESTS, LANDS AND NATURAL RESOURCES, ON A PROPOSAL TO DESIGNATE A WILDLIFE HABITAT AREA WITHIN THE GRAND FORKS WATERSHED RESERVE, BE RECEIVED, AND THAT THE MINISTRY BE ADVISED THAT THE CITY'S INTERESTS ARE NOT IMPACTED BY THIS PROPOSAL.

CARRIED.

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

The City is in receipt of an application for a Development Variance Permit by the property owners, Travis & Chantal Dandy, for the property known as 7324 Boundary Drive, requesting a decrease in the rear set back requirement for accessory buildings from 5 feet to 1 foot to allow for an addition to be constructed to an existing garage. The property owners have further advised that if the variance is accepted, a small existing garage that encroaches onto a City's lane would be removed.

The Mayor asked if any members of the public had anything to add with regard to the application for the Development Variance Permit; no one came forward to speak.

MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE STAFF REPORT DATED, JANUARY 16TH, 2012, AND APPROVES THE APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT, THEREBY VARYING SECTION 33(2)(h), REDUCING THE REQUIRED REAR SETBACK FROM 5 FEET TO 1 FOOT ALLOWING FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITION TO AN EXISTING GARAGE, ON THE PROPERTY LEGALLY KNOWN AS LOT 1, DL 381, SDYD, PLAN 114, LOCATED AT 7324 BOUNDARY DRIVE, AS SUBMITTED BY THE PROPERTY OWNERS, TRAVIS & CHANTAL DANDY.

CARRIED.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY/KROG

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

- a) Correspondence from Student's Union Representative at Selkirk College – Day of Action. **The Mayor to advise if he is able to speak at the event; Members of Council to advise if planning to attend. The Mayor advised that he will be able to speak in support of their initiative.**

Councillor Smith excused himself from Chambers at 7.58pm advising that he is in a conflict of interest with Item (b), in that he is the subject of the Declaration under Section 107 of the Community Charter.

- b) Memo from Councillor Smith- Declaration under Section 107 of Comm. Charter for professional services provided to the City. **Recommend Council receives the memorandum from Councillor Smith pursuant to Section 107 of the Community Charter.**

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KROG

RESOLVED THAT THE MEMORANDUM DATED JANUARY 11TH, 2012, FROM COUNCILLOR GARY SMITH, OUTLINING THAT HE HAS BEEN PROVIDING PEST CONTROL SERVICES TO THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS, AND WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SUCH SERVICES, INASMUCH AS THERE IS NO OTHER PEST CONTROL PROVIDER IN THE IMMEDIATE GRAND FORKS AREA, BE RECEIVED PURSUANT TO SECTION 107 OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER. CARRIED.

Councillor Wirischagin voted against the resolution.

Councillor Smith returned to the meeting at 8:04pm.

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- c) Correspondence from the Boundary Country Regional Chamber of Commerce - Request for Annual Funding in the amount of \$10,000 from the City. **Recommend that Council refers the Boundary Country Regional Chamber of Commerce's request for annual funding in the amount of \$10,000 to the 2012 Budgeting Process.**

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL REFERS THE BOUNDARY COUNTRY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S REQUEST FOR ANNUAL FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000 TO THE 2012 BUDGETING PROCESS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION. CARRIED.

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- d) Correspondence from Selkirk College – Invitation to the Mayor to attend the annual Bursary Tea on February 4th in Nelson. **The Mayor to advise if planning to attend the event. The Mayor advised that he will not be attending the Bursary Tea in Nelson.**

- e) Climate Action Revenue Incentive Plan (CARIP) Public Report – Report completed by the Manager of Environmental and Building Construction Services. **Recommend to receive the Climate Action Revenue Incentive Plan (CARIP) Public Report.**

MOTION: SMITH/O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVE THE CLIMATE ACTION REVENUE INCENTIVE PLAN (CARIP) PUBLIC REPORT FROM THE MANAGER OF ENVIRONMENTAL & BUILDING CONSTRUCTION SERVICES AND DETERMINES THAT STAFF MAKE COPIES OF THE REPORT AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AT THE FRONT COUNTER OF CITY HALL AND ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE.
CARRIED.

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- f) From UBCM – 2011 Resolution decision regarding the City's resolution on the Public Commission on Forests. **Recommend to receive for information.**

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES, FOR INFORMATION, THE CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE UBCM REGARDING THE 2011 RESOLUTIONS.
CARRIED.

- g) Task List for January 9th, 2012 Meeting - List of Completed and/or In Progress Tasks. **Recommend to file.**

BYLAWS:

None

LATE ITEMS:

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 8:14 P.M.

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


CORPORATE OFFICER- DIANE HEINRICH