

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY JULY 23RD, 2012

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

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER L. Burch
CORPORATE OFFICER D. Heinrich

GALLERY

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD MONDAY, JULY 23RD, 2012, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

DELEGATIONS:

- a) Delegation, Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Waste Management Staff

Tim Dueck, Solid Waste Management Coordinator, for the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary, made a PowerPoint presentation to Council on the new Food Scraps Recycling Program which is expected to be implemented Citywide beginning October 1st, 2012, as directed by Council resolution on May 28th, 2012. Mr. Dueck advised that 40% of the waste going to the Landfill is of organic nature and expects that once this program is in place throughout all of Grand Forks, the Kitchen Organics should be reduced by at least 25%. He further advised that two bins will be provided for this program – one small bin for under the kitchen sink, and one large bin which will be picked up once a week. He reported that by implementing this program there will be a reduction in green house gas emissions (methane gas), and, additionally, the reduction of kitchen organics material will extend the life of the landfill. He further commented that Grand Forks is the only area that is utilizing this program outside of the lower mainland and that other municipalities will be

following the area's program closely. He advised that the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary will be delivering the bins door to door in early fall.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO RECEIVE THE PRESENTATION MADE BY TIM DUECK, SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR FOR THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY WASTE MANAGEMENT STAFF WITH REGARD TO THE NEW FOOD WASTE RECYCLING PROGRAM WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE IMPLEMENTED CITY WIDE BEGINNING OCTOBER 1ST, 2012, AS DIRECTED BY COUNCIL RESOLUTION ON MAY 28TH, 2012.

CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

- a) Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Adoption of the Employees' Vacation Policy

As part of good governance, Council needs to adopt policies that set the expectations and rules to be followed by City Employees.

MOTION: SMITH / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT THE VACATION POLICY TO BE IDENTIFIED AS POLICY NUMBER 615, BE ADOPTED AS ATTACHED.

CARRIED.

- b) Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Adoption of the Snow Clearing of Sidewalks and Snow Clearing of Roads and Airport Policies

Public Works Staff have reviewed a couple of existing policies and have brought forward some recommended changes to them for the Committee's deliberation and ultimate approval.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THE APPROVAL OF THE POLICY PACKAGE NO.'S 1103 AND 1104 AS PRESENTED, FOR IMPLEMENTATION IMMEDIATELY IN ORDER THAT THE POLICIES WILL BE IN PLACE LONG BEFORE IT SNOWS, AND TO PROVIDE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE NEW POLICIES.

CARRIED.

OPERATIONAL DISCUSSION FROM STAFF:

None

PROPOSED BYLAWS FOR DISCUSSION:

None

LATE ITEMS:

None

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

None

QUESTION PERIOD FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mayor Taylor stated that City Council is interested in hearing from the public on the issues it is dealing with or on any other issue that is of interest to the general public. To ensure that this process is open and does not feel uncomfortable to anyone, he advised that Council has set up some parameters to follow, and the normal rules apply.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THIS PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 7:25 P.M. CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


CORPORATE OFFICER – DIANE HEINRICH