

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR 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

CALL TO ORDER:

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

RECESS TO PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING:

MOTION: SMITH / WIRISCHAGIN

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 7:26 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Amendment to the Agenda:

The Mayor advised that the following item would be added as a late item under Section 13

- a) The Geo-Tech Field Review of the Sink Holes at the Slag Piles

MOTION: WYERS / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE JULY 23RD, 2012, REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED. CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY JUNE 25TH, 2012, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

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MOTION: KENDEL / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 25TH, 2012, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

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MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 25TH, 2012, AND ALL RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

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MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY JULY 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 on his attendance at a July 14th, 2012 Woodlot Association Meeting in place of the Mayor, and advised that that level of stewardship exercised by the stakeholders is admirable.

- He reported on his attendance at a July 14th, 2012, meeting with Boundary Museum Society.
 - He advised that the Request for Proposal for the Branding of the City of Grand Forks will be circulated for anticipated proposals commencing on August 1st and ending August 31st.
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Councillor Kendel:

Councillor Kendel reported on the following items:

- He reported on his attendance at the Canada Day Celebrations along with Councillors O'Doherty and Smith.
 - He reported on his attendance at the Columbia River Treaty information session on June 27th in Castlegar
 - Councillor Kendel spoke with regard to new Municipal Campground signs which are now installed which intend to direct campers on an efficient route to the City Campground.
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Councillor Wyers:

Councillor Wyers reported on the following items:

- She reported on her attendance at a June 27th Columbia River Treaty information session in Castlegar along with Councillors Smith and Kendel. She advised that the information session included an update on the Columbia River Treaty and an open Question & Answer period.
- She reported on her attendance at an AKBLG Executive Meeting held in Golden on June 29th. She advised Council to keep October 19th date open for a workshop which will be held at St Eugene Resort near Cranbrook entitled, "For Richer or Poorer". She further advised that this workshop intends to address the constant downloading from the Province to Local Governments, and that no additional funds are being received in lieu of the extra work that Local Governments are now required to do.
- Councillor Wyers reported on her attendance at a July 5th Grand Forks Fly-in Association Meeting and that plans are in place for the August 26th Fly-in Appreciation Days
- She reported on her attendance to a farewell event on July 9th for former Councillor, Joy Davies, who is relocating to White Rock to be near her grand children.
- She reported on her attendance at a Boundary Restorative Justice Mentoring Workshop on July 16 to 18th, where she received a certificate to work with local Youth
- She advised that Citizens On Patrol met on July 19th and spoke with regard to the group's activities. She further reported that Staff Sergeant Jim Harrison held a party for members of COP program last Saturday where former Councillor Ann Gordon was honoured for her initiative in getting the program started.

- She reported on her attendance to the Dog Sled Organization's fundraiser on Sunday, July 22nd, where fun was had by all which included games for children, and a silent auction, and that the event was well attended.
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Councillor O'Doherty:

Councillor O'Doherty reported on the following items:

- He reported his attendance at the Canada Day celebrations and commented that it was an honour to cut the Canada Day cake with Councillors Smith and Kendel.
 - He reported on his invitation and subsequent attendance to the seasonal opening of Music in the Park
 - He advised he attended the BMX event which was in Grand Forks last weekend.
 - He advised that sports organizations are getting ready for 2012 GFI and Hockey Season
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Councillor Wirischagin:

Councillor Wirischagin reported on the following items:

- He advised that he had no report this evening.
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Mayor Taylor:

Mayor Taylor reported on the following items:

The Mayor reported on the following items and advised that he is including the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary information in this report as well:

- The Mayor offered sincere condolences to the Fehr family with regard to the tragic death of their son, Richard Fehr, an 11 year old boy from Christina Lake, who perished due to falling trees at the Pine's Bible Camp during Friday's storm.

MOTION: WYERS / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE CLEANING UP PUBLIC AREAS WITHIN THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS WHICH WERE DAMAGED BY THE STORM OF JULY 20TH, 2012, BE REIMBURSED THEIR TIPPING FEES CHARGED BY THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY LANDFILL, BY BRINGING IN THEIR RECEIPTS TO CITY HALL FOR REIMBURSEMENT BY AUGUST 15TH, 2012.

CARRIED.

- The Mayor advised that he had a meeting with the Canadian Border Services where they discussed relationships with citizens crossing the boarder and advised that the consensus at the meeting was that it would be more economical to have a "friendlier" border. The Mayor advised that he has reviewed some of the

complaints from local people who cross into the US and subsequently return to Canada. He advised that the Canadian Border Services is looking for feedback with regard to impolite border experiences. He further advised that there will be an additional report to Council with regard to this issue at a later date.

- On a Regional District note, the Mayor reported that the Animal Control Officer contract is moving forward and advised that the RD is attempting to include the involvement of the Animal Control Officer in dispatching injured deer information to the RCMP. He advised that the next meeting for the Regional District will be this Thursday at 6:00 pm at the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Boardroom in Grand Forks and that this is an open public meeting.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

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

CARRIED.

REPORT FROM THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY (VERBAL)

The minutes from May 29th, 2012 Regional District of Kootenay Boundary meeting are included in this report.

- Included in the above report

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:

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

The City is in receipt of a Development Variance Permit Application from Bertha LeSergent requesting a variance to the City's Zoning Bylaw Section 33(2)(h) – to vary the front parcel line of the Accessory Building to be closer than the facing wall of the principal building; and 33(2)(f) – to vary the Front Parcel Set Back from 20 feet to 10 feet.

The Mayor asked if any members of public wished to speak on the Development Variance Application; and whereas no one came forward.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE STAFF REPORT DATED, JULY 16TH, 2012, AND RESOLVES TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT, THEREBY VARYING SECTION 33(2)(h), TO ALLOW FOR A GARAGE TO BE

CONSTRUCTED CLOSER TO THE FRONT PROPERTY LINE THAN THE FACING WALL OF THE PRINCIPAL BUILDING; AND VARYING SECTION 33(2)(f), TO VARY THE REQUIRED 20 FOOT SETBACK FROM THE FRONT PARCEL LINE TO 10 FEET, ON THE PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS PARCEL A, BLOCK 8, DL 585, PLAN 52 LOCATED AT 152-79TH AVENUE, AS SUBMITTED BY THE PROPERTY OWNER, BERTHA LESERGENT.

CARRIED.

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b) Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Potential Utilization of Storage Area at Gyro Park

At their Regular Meeting of Council on June 25th, 2012, Council, by resolution, requested that Staff provide a report on information regarding the utilization of the storage area space at Gyro Park.

MOTION: SMITH / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE REPORT, DATED JULY 17TH, 2012, FROM THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, REGARDING THE REQUESTED INFORMATION ON THE UTILIZATION OF THE STORAGE AREA SPACE AT GYRO PARK, FOR INFORMATION.

CARRIED.

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Councillor Smith spoke with regard to the existing users of the storage space at Gyro Park such as Gallery 2, the Volunteer Fire Fighters and the Boundary Museum Society, and their willingness to sit at the table to discuss potential uses. The Mayor spoke with regard to the artifacts contained in the storage area and advised that the Boundary Museum Society would be open to storing these items at the Fructova site if they had an extension of housing for those artifacts, and further advised that planning for construction of such a building should be considered.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY REFER THIS ITEM TO THE FALL BUDGETING PROCESS AND ENDEAVOUR TO DEVELOP A COOPERATIVE VENTURE PARTNERSHIP, IN PRINCIPLE, WITH THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY AND THE BOUNDARY MUSEUM SOCIETY, TO PLAN ADDITIONAL BUILDING RESOURCES REQUIRED TO STORE THE ARTIFACTS CONTAINED AT GYRO PARK FOR DISPLAY PURPOSES AT THE BOUNDARY MUSEUM FRUCTOVA SITE.

CARRIED.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

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

- a) Verbal Report from Mayor Taylor & Councillor Smith- Regarding Grand Forks International Sound System. He advised that the current system is dying. **Recommend that the City of Grand Forks commit up to \$6,000 from accumulated surplus funds to partner with the Grand Forks International organization in a Sound System for Donaldson Park, and further that the Public Addressing (PA) "Head" be a removable multi-use component for use at other functions.**

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS COMMIT UP TO \$6,000 FROM ACCUMULATED SURPLUS FUNDS TO PARTNER WITH THE GRAND FORKS INTERNATIONAL BASEBALL ORGANIZATION FOR A SOUND SYSTEM FOR DONALDSON PARK, AND FURTHER THAT THE PUBLIC ADDRESSING (PA) "HEAD" BE A PORTABLE MULTI-USE COMPONENT FOR USE AT OTHER FUNCTIONS.

CARRIED.

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- b) Correspondence from Kevin Dowkes regarding the Dog Park - Requesting additional amenities at the existing Dog Park. **Recommend to receive for information. Council and Staff were made aware after the disbursement of this agenda that the Dog Park Association has requested to appear as a Delegation at the August 20th Primary Committee Meeting.**

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c) BC LightRecycle Update - Information regarding the Light Recycle Program and Expansion. **Recommend to receive for information.**

- d) Message from Premier Christy Clark - Regarding meeting requests at the 2012 UBCM. **Council to advise if they require a meeting with the Premier. Councillors Smith, Kendel, and Wirischagin along with Mayor Taylor will discuss issues and put forth a formal request and briefing for submission to the Premier.**

e) From FCM - Target 2014 Campaign. **Recommend to receive for information.**

f) From Civic Info BC - Message from the Provincial Emergency Program. **Recommend to receive for information.**

g) From Civic Info BC - Regarding Meeting Requests with the Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development at the 2012 UBCM. **Council to advise if they require a meeting with the Minister - Deadline is August 17th.**

- h) Environment Committee Meeting Minutes - From June 21st, 2012. **Recommend to receive for information**
 - i) June 25th Meeting Task List - June 25th Meeting Task List. **Recommend to file.**
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BYLAWS:

- a) Chief Administrative Officer's Report-Bylaw 1934-Interest Payable for Late Comer Agreements

A bylaw to establish the interest payable for Late-Comer agreements in accordance with Section 939 of the Local Government Act

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1934, CITED AS "Interest Payable for Late-Comer Agreements Bylaw No. 1934, 2012, BE GIVEN FINAL READING. CARRIED.

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- b) Chief Financial Officer's Report – Bylaw 1938-Water Regulations and Rates

A bylaw to amend the City of Grand Forks Water Regulations and Rates Bylaw No. 1501

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1938, CITED AS "City of Grand Forks Water Regulations and Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 1938, 2012, BE GIVEN FINAL READING. CARRIED.

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- c) Chief Financial Officer's Report – Bylaw 1939-Sewer Regulations and Rates

A bylaw to amend the City of Grand Forks Sewer Regulations and Rates Bylaw No. 1500

MOTION: KENDEL / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1939, CITED AS "City of Grand Forks Sewer Regulations and Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 1939, 2012, BE GIVEN FINAL READING. CARRIED.

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- d) Corporate Officer's Report – Bylaw 1935- Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Sustainable Community Plan Bylaw

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1935, CITED AS "Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Sustainable Community Plan Bylaw No. 1919, 2011", BE GIVEN FIRST READING. CARRIED.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1939, CITED AS "Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Sustainable Community Plan Bylaw No. 1919, 2011", BE GIVEN SECOND READING.
CARRIED.

- e) Corporate Officer's Report – Bylaw 1936- Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Zoning Bylaw

MOTION: SMITH / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1936, CITED AS "Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Zoning Bylaw No. 1606, 1999", BE GIVEN FIRST READING.
CARRIED.

MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1936, CITED AS "Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Zoning Bylaw No. 1606, 1999", BE GIVEN SECOND READING.
CARRIED.

LATE ITEMS:

- a) Geo Technical Field Review of the Sink Holes at the Slag Piles

The CAO advised that sink holes were noticed at the Slag Pile last Monday due to excessive rainfall. She advised that the City hired a geo-tech from Golder Associates to investigate the site and have since received the geo-tech's detailed report which contains comments and recommendations. The foremost recommendation from the Field Review was for the City to have a geo-physical survey done, and that it's Staff's recommendation to go forward with the recommendation of Golder Associates. The CAO advised that a Press Release will be forthcoming by noon tomorrow.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZES STAFF TO PROCEED WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY GOLDER ASSOCIATES IN THEIR REPORT DATED JULY 19TH, 2012, IN REGARD TO THE SINK HOLES AT THE SLAG PILE LOCATION AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000 FUNDED FROM THE SLAG SALES REVENUE RESERVE FUND.
CARRIED.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

MONA MATTEI – Asked if the Animal Control Officer is going to be tendered again and was advised that it is and that the tender is open to the existing Control Officer to apply as well as other individuals who may be interested.

ROY RONAGHAN – 1) Regarding Line Painting – He advised that the yellow lines have almost disappeared on some streets, and particularly on 2nd Street. He was advised that a contractor has been hired to do line painting which should be complete later this summer weather permitting; 2) Planning- He commented that there was supposed to be a report regarding the rejuvenation of the business area and inquired where this report is at. Councillor Smith advised that the Economic Development Advisory Committee has been involved in this initiative, and that Barb Haynes, who has experience in downtown development, will be in Grand Forks on August 21st to discuss options and ideas. 3) Mr. Ronaghan inquired with regard to the bicycle racks initiative that was put before Council some months ago. He was advised that it is on the Capital Plan but there is no funding for this initiative at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 8:16 P.M. CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


CORPORATE OFFICER- DIANE HEINRICH