

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

MONDAY MAY 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012

PRESENT:

MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR  
COUNCILLOR BOB KENDEL  
COUNCILLOR NEIL KROG  
COUNCILLOR PATRICK O'DOHERTY  
COUNCILLOR GARY SMITH (via Telephone as per Section 30.2(b)  
of the Council Procedure Bylaw No. 1889, 2009  
COUNCILLOR CHER WYERS

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

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CALL TO ORDER:

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

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ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION:   O'DOHERTY / KENDEL

**RESOLVED THAT THE MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2012, REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.**

CARRIED.

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MINUTES:

MOTION:   KENDEL / O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2012, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.**

CARRIED.

MOTION: KENDEL / KROG

**RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2012, AND ALL RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.**

CARRIED.

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**REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:**

None

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

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

**Councillor O'Doherty:**

Councillor O'Doherty reported on the following items:

- He reported on his attendance to the AKBLG Conference held in Trail on April 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>, and advised that the sessions were very informative
- He reported on his attendance at the Bag Pipe Band Competition and festivities last weekend in Grand Forks
- He reported that all of the baseball parks in the City are now open for the baseball season

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**Councillor Wyers:**

Councillor Wyers reported on the following items:

- She reported on her attendance at a BC Healthy Family Communities interaction workshop on April 18th in Rossland. She advised that she will forward the report to Council from Interior Health Association when she receives it.
  - She reported on her attendance to the AKBLG Conference held in Trail on April 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>, and advised that she was successful being elected for a one year term on the AKBLG executive.
  - She reported that she was invited by the Mayor of Salmo to attend their Earth Day Presentation and advised that approximately 100 persons were in attendance. She further advised that Salmo is working on becoming the Greenest Community in BC.
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**Councillor Kendel:**

Councillor Kendel reported on the following items:

- He reported on his attendance at the AKBLG Conference in Trail in April with other members of Council.
- He reported his attendance at a workshop on Branding in the Community", and spoke of the importance of branding
- He attended a meeting of the Economic Development Advisory Committee and advised that the minutes will be forwarded to Council for their perusal.
- He reported on his attendance at a TOTA meeting where there was discussion on a new 10 year plan for tourism in the region. He advised that it will be a great opportunity to get involved in the direction this organization is taking.
- He reported on his attendance at a meeting at Selkirk College and spoke of the direction the college wants to take in the future, and advised that the future is positive.
- He reported on his attendance at an Emergency Management Workshop for Elected Officials in Trail on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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**Councillor Krog:**

Councillor Krog reported on the following items:

- He reported on his attendance at a day long marketing workshop with Dr. Blair Baldwin on April 18<sup>th</sup> and spoke of a very dynamic interaction session. Councillor Krog advised that marketing success all boils down to customer service.

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**Councillor Smith:**

Councillor Smith reported on the following items:

- Councillor Smith's Report is attached to and forms part of these minutes

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The following motion was tabled at the April 16<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting of Council.

MOTION TO LIFT THE MOTION FROM THE TABLE: SMITH / KENDEL

**RESOLVED THAT \$5,000 OF THE FUNDING ALLOCATED FOR ENTRANCE SIGNS IN THE CITY'S 2012-2016 FINANCIAL PLAN BE RE-ALLOCATED FOR A LOCAL FACILITATOR TO WORK WITH THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON A GRAND FORKS BRANDING EXERCISE.**

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*Amendment for May 28, 2012 Regular Meeting:*

*In accordance with Section 131 of the Community Charter, the Mayor advised that he was bringing back the issue of a defeated motion from the April 16, 2012 Regular Meeting with regard to the re-allocation of \$30,000 intended to fund entrance signs to the City, to go towards a branding exercise for the City of Grand Forks. [Signature]*

AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION: SMITH / KENDEL

**RESOLVED THAT THE ABOVE MOTION BE AMENDED TO READ THAT THE \$30,000 OF THE ALLOCATED FUNDING IN THE 2012-2016 FINANCIAL PLAN FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF ENTRANCE SIGNS BE RE-ALLOCATED FOR A "GRAND FORKS" BRANDING EXERCISE, WITH THE REMAINING FUNDS USED TO LEVERAGE FURTHER FUNDING REQUIRED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ENTRANCE SIGNS.**

MOTION TO DEFER: SMITH / WYERS

**RESOLVED THAT THE AMENDED MOTION BE DEFERRED UNTIL NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL ON MAY 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2012. MOTION DEFEATED.**

AMENDED MOTION: SMITH / KENDEL

**RESOLVED THAT THE \$30,000 OF THE ALLOCATED FUNDING IN THE 2012-2016 FINANCIAL PLAN FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF ENTRANCE SIGNS BE RE-ALLOCATED FOR A "GRAND FORKS" BRANDING EXERCISE, WITH THE REMAINING FUNDS USED TO LEVERAGE FURTHER FUNDING REQUIRED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ENTRANCE SIGNS. CARRIED.**

**Mayor Taylor:**

The Mayor reported on the following items:

- He spoke with regard to the amazing event that the Highland Pipers put on this weekend in Grand Forks and extended congratulations to all of this group on their fine entertainment.
- He advised that Rick Hansen came through Grand Forks in April, and advised that the City has received a medal for being a welcoming committee to the entourage.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KENDEL

**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 there is a Drinking Water Day Event in Greenwood on May 11th and encouraged everyone to attend.
- He advised that the Hospital Board will be visiting the Grand Forks facilities in May.

- He reported on his attendance at a Regional Community Forests discussion and advised that there could be some economic development opportunities in conjunction with their discussion.
- He reported on his attendance at an Environment Services meeting in Trail and advised that there are problems with unmanned garbage disposal areas such as those located at Christina Lake and Beaverdell. He further advised that a lot of garbage being put into containers is from people driving past these sites and that these disposal areas are intended for use by the local people that live in these areas.

MOTION: KENDEL / 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 – Application for subdivision in the Agriculture Land Reserve

The City is in receipt of an application to subdivide property located at 2150 Kettle River Drive as submitted by the property owners, Alex & Shirley Pereverzoff

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KENDEL

**RESOLVED THAT THE STAFF REPORT DATED APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2012, REGARDING THE APPLICATION FOR SUBDIVISION IN THE AGRICULTURAL LAND RESERVE, BE RECEIVED, AND THAT COUNCIL DETERMINES TO SUPPORT THIS APPLICATION AND FURTHER DIRECTS STAFF TO ADVISE THE AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION OF COUNCIL'S POSITION IN REGARDS TO THE APPLICATION TO SUBDIVIDE PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 2, DL 533, SDYD, PLAN KAP90660, LOCATED AT 2150 KETTLE RIVER DRIVE, AS SUBMITTED BY PROPERTY OWNERS, ALEX & SHIRLEY PEREVERZOFF.**

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 There were some concerns by Council with regard to the present road access and its impact on the residents in this area should a campground be developed as proposed.

MOTION TO DEFER: SMITH / KENDEL

**RESOLVED THAT THE ABOVE MOTION REGARDING THE APPLICATION FOR SUBDIVISION IN THE AGRICULTURAL LAND RESERVE AS SUBMITTED BY THE PROPERTY OWNERS, ALEX AND SHIRLEY PEREVERZOFF, BE DEFERRED UNTIL THE MAY 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2012, REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL, AND THAT THE APPLICANTS ARE TO PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE PROPOSED USE AND INTENTIONS OF THE PROPERTY SHOULD THE AGRICULTURAL LAND RESERVE APPROVE THEIR APPLICATION. CARRIED.**

b) **Manager of Technical Services Report – Gas Tax Agreement’s General Strategic Priorities Fund (GSPF)**

Staff is proposing that the City apply for General Strategic Priorities Fund funding in the amount of \$1,216,800, with is 100% of the total estimated cost for the universal residential water metering program. As the application is due May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012, Staff if requesting Council’s resolution approving the grant application.

MOTION: SMITH / WYERS

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS FILING THE APPLICATION FOR FUNDING UNDER THE GAS TAX AGREEMENT’S GENERAL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES FUND (GSPF), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,216,800 FOR THE PROJECT TITLED, “DEMAND MANAGEMENT-UNIVERSAL WATER METERING”.**

CARRIED.

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**REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

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**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) Invitation to Mayor and Council to attend the Elks of Canada 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary(Personal invitations were extended to all members of Council) to attend their Open House on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from Noon to 5 pm at 686-72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue – Slavonic Hall. **Recommend that Mayor and Council advise if they are planning to attend.**
- b) Grade 2-3 Class from Perley Elementary Class - Requesting a Tour of City Hall – **The Mayor to liaise with Corporate Officer on suitable date and time to receive the Class at City Hall.**
- c) Invitation for the Mayor to speak at Relay for Life on June 9<sup>th</sup> at 10 am- 10:00 am there is a short opening ceremony at James Donaldson Park. **The Mayor has advised that he would be pleased to attend – Staff to advise Ms. Semenoff of his attendance.**
- d) Age Friendly BC Email- Announcing the availability of Age-Friendly Community Videos on their website. **Receive for information.**

- e) News clip from South Okanagan News - Princeton Teen survives Deer Attack. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- f) From Ministry of Finance – response to the Mayor’s letter - With regard to concerns to the panel review of business taxation. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- g) Email notification from Senior Policy Analyst-Columbia River Treaty - Advising that the Province has launched a new website to support the Columbia River Treaty. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- h) From UBCM - BC Agriculture Adaptation Risk & Opportunity Assessment. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- i) April 16th Task List – List of Completed and In-Progress Tasks. **Recommend to file.**
- j) From the Canada Day Committee – Meeting Minutes from April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012. **Recommend to receive for information.**

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**BYLAWS:**

The Chief Financial Officer made a presentation with regard to the 2012 Annual Property Tax Rates. She advised that Staff’s recommendation is for Option 2A contained in the report.

- a) Chief Financial Officer’s Report – 2012 Annual Property Tax Rates Bylaw No. 1932.

MOTION: SMITH / O’DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT BYLAW No. 1932, CITED AS “The City of Grand Forks 2012 Annual Tax Rates, Bylaw No. 1932, BE GIVEN FIRST READING.**

CARRIED.

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MOTION: SMITH / O’DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT BYLAW No. 1932, CITED AS “The City of Grand Forks 2012 Annual Tax Rates, Bylaw No. 1932, BE GIVEN SECOND READING.**

CARRIED.

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MOTION: SMITH / O’DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT BYLAW No. 1932, CITED AS “The City of Grand Forks 2012 Annual Tax Rates, Bylaw No. 1932, BE GIVEN THIRD READING.**

CARRIED.

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b) Chief Financial Officer's Report – Bylaw No. 1933, Flat Tax Bylaw Amendment

MOTION: KENDEL / WYERS

**RESOLVED THAT BYLAW No. 1933, CITED AS "The City of Grand Forks Flat Tax Amendment Bylaw No. 1933, 2012, BE GIVEN FIRST READING.**

CARRIED.

MOTION: KENDEL / WYERS

**RESOLVED THAT BYLAW No. 1933, CITED AS "The City of Grand Forks Flat Tax Amendment Bylaw No. 1933, 2012, BE GIVEN SECOND READING.**

CARRIED.

MOTION: KENDEL / WYERS

**RESOLVED THAT BYLAW No. 1933, CITED AS "The City of Grand Forks Flat Tax Amendment Bylaw No. 1933, 2012, BE GIVEN THIRD READING.**

CARRIED.

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**QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA:**

Bob Smith – He spoke with regard to residents not having proper house numbers that can be seen from the street and that this could be a problem should an emergency arise. He was advised that the City will put an article about house numbers in the next City Newsletter.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

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

CARRIED.

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**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

  
MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR

  
CORPORATE OFFICER- DIANE HEINRICH



Report to Council for May 7, 2012- Councillor Gary Smith

On April 18th and 19th I attended the Wildlife Management Conference in Cranbrook. I was very encouraged to hear the results of efforts to manage populations of urban wildlife – both the successes and the challenges – and believe, with the help of the Provincial Government, the BCSPCA, and other local government support, Grand Forks is poised to seriously address its own urban wildlife issues with rational, intelligent and science-based information.

From there I travelled to Trail to attend the AKBLG from the 19<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup>. I took every opportunity to meet and network with other local government representatives and seminar presenters. The seminars I attended were very informative and relevant to our community. I was encouraged by information on the efforts of other local communities to complete branding exercises and look forward to Grand Forks, through the EDAC, to accomplish the same within the context of our regional branding. Additionally, the newly formed RDI (Rural Development Institute) put together jointly by the Columbia Basin Trust and Selkirk College, offers opportunities for project funding in the Boundary area with some emphasis on agriculture.

Upon returning to Grand Forks I attended Blair Macgregor's retirement party where he was warmly roasted for his many years of service to our community while wearing many hats throughout the years.

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> I attended Selkirk College for a meet and greet with the president, Angus Graeme, and others from the college and our community as we brainstormed on the directions Selkirk may move toward in the future and how their programs may better support the Boundary

On the 24<sup>th</sup> I attended the EDAC and would like to have Councillor Kendel speak to it in his report.

On the 25<sup>th</sup>, I attended the Phoenix Foundation Board meeting where we reviewed and selected successful grant applications. Among other things, I have joined a committee to put together an event to celebrate the Foundation's 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the Boundary.

On the 26<sup>th</sup>, I attended a webinar, hosted by the BC Landscape and Nursery Association, in my capacity as the "Bug Guy", on the use of Biopesticides. I bring this up in its relevance to the Environment Committee, and I look forward to sharing some excellent info with that committee when it meets.

Finally, on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, I attended, with Councillors Kendel and Wyers, the Emergency Management session in Trail to learn of our role as elected officials in an emergency situation. I found the session very informative and feel quite confident that our community has the skills, resources, and support to manage any emergency.