

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY NOVEMBER 19th, 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	D. Allin
CORPORATE OFFICER	D. Heinrich
DEPUTY FINANCIAL OFFICER	R. Shepherd
MANAGER OF TECHNICAL SERVICES	S. Bird
MANAGER OF OPERATIONS	H. Wright

GALLERY

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH, 2012, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.
CARRIED.

DELEGATIONS:

- a) Manager of Technical Services – Presentation by Remi Allard, P. Eng, of Piteau Associates

Mr. Allard made a presentation regarding a draft report on the Management of Community Water Wells and spoke with regard to the two projects that Piteau Associates is currently working on with the City: 1. Asset Valuation and Priority Planning, and 2. Groundwater (Source) Protection Planning.

In summary, Mr. Allard's recommendations suggested that the quantity of water could be a potential issue in the future, and further suggested that the City limit their investments in some of the existing wells and to accumulate funds for replacement wells.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO RECEIVE THE PRESENTATION REGARDING THE DRAFT REPORT ON THE MANAGEMENT OF COMMUNITY WATER WELLS AS PRESENTED BY REMI ALLARD, P. ENG. OF PITEAU ASSOCIATES.

CARRIED.

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- b) Corporate Officer's Report – Presentation by the Grand Forks Community Trails Society

Chris Moslin made a presentation regarding the Grand Forks-Cascade Kettle River Heritage Trail Project and advised that the trails are walk able, but not easily accessible for toddlers, senior citizens and the disabled. Mr. Moslin suggested that the City consider placing barricades at the crest of the trail that is right beside the Industrial Bridge and further advised that the cost to upgrading the trail is about \$100,000 per km. He stated that Stage One, from 68th to Nursery Trestle (intended for 2012-2013) would cost approximately \$101,640, and commented that about 900 meters of this trail is within the City limits. Further, he advised that Stage Two, the Nursery Trestle to Gilpin Grasslands (intended for 2013-2014) would cost approximately \$1,029,900, and that Stage Three is from Gilpin Grasslands to Cascade. He advised that the Grand Forks Community Trails Society recommends that Council consult with its constituents to make a decision on their level of support.

MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO RECEIVE THE PRESENTATION MADE BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND FORKS COMMUNITY TRAILS SOCIETY

CARRIED.

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- c) Corporate Officer's Report – Presentation by Anita Krause of the Kootenay Boundary Pet Dog Association

Ms. Krause made a presentation regarding responsible dog management in the area which included the City and the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary.

MOTION: KROG / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO RECEIVE THE PRESENTATION MADE BY ANITA KRAUSE OF THE KOOTENAY BOUNDARY PET DOG ASSOCIATION AND DIRECTS STAFF TO FORWARD THE PROVIDED INFORMATION TO THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION.

CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

- a) Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Proposed Closure of City Hall during Christmas Week 2012

City Staff requesting Council's consideration to close City Hall from December 24th to 28th, 2012 inclusive.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL, TO RECEIVE THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT AND AUTHORIZES CITY STAFF TO CLOSE CITY HALL FROM DECEMBER 24TH TO DECEMBER 28TH, 2012, INCLUSIVE, FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT CITY HALL STAFF WILL UTILIZE THEIR ALLOTTED VACATION DAYS TO SUPPLEMENT THE DAYS THAT ARE NOT REQUIRED STATUTORY HOLIDAYS, BEING DECEMBER 24TH, 27TH AND 28TH, 2012.

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.

GEORGE LONGDEN – Mr. Longden spoke with regard to the Community Christmas Dinner which is on Christmas Day and advised that he is looking for a member of Council to attend the dinner. The Mayor advised he and/or other members of Council will confirm their attendance closer to the date.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THIS PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 8:02 P.M.

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR



CORPORATE OFFICER – DIANE HEINRICH