

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, OCTOBER 22ND, 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
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	D. Allin
CORPORATE OFFICER	D. Heinrich
DEPUTY FINANCIAL OFFICER	R. Shepherd
MANAGER OF OPERATIONS	H. Wright

GALLERY

CERTIFICATE FOR YEARS OF SERVICE:

The Mayor presented Lynne Burch, Chief Administrative Officer, with a Certificate for 25 Years of Service for the City of Grand Forks. Lynne will be retiring from the City as of November 2nd, 2012

CALL TO ORDER:

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

RECESS TO PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

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 7:13 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT THE OCTOBER 22ND, 2012, REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: SMITH / KROG

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9TH, 2012, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

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MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 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 an October 9th regular meeting of the Phoenix Foundation. He advised that the foundation is planning their annual social gathering for November 8th at 6:30pm at Gallery 2.
- He reported on his attendance at a meeting he had with the downtown businesses with regard to a possible Downtown Business Association, and advised that another meeting is scheduled for this Wednesday morning to discuss their next steps.
- He reported on his attendance, along with Councillor Wyers and the Mayor, at a Breakfast held on October 15th hosted by the Boundary Regional Chamber of

Commerce. He advised that the Honorable Naomi Yamamoto, Minister for State for Small Business, spoke to the group in attendance.

- He reported on his attendance at a Deer Committee Meeting on October 16th.
 - On October 19th, he reported on his attendance at a workshop titled, "Richer or Poorer" at St. Eugene, along with Councillor Wyers and Roxanne Shepherd, the City's Finance Officer. He advised that he was impressed on how the workshop was put together and that a resolution from the outcome of the workshop will be coming forward from the AKBLG.
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Councillor Krog:

Councillor Krog reported on the following items:

- He reported on his participation in the Community Literacy fundraiser, Raise A Reader on October 10th, and advised that the group raised over \$700 in conjunction with Border Bruins representation and partnership with the Grand Forks Gazette.
 - He reported on this attendance at a Directors meeting for Gallery 2 on October 16th. Councillor Krog asked if any members of Council had any questions regarding the semi-annual report that will be presented later on in the agenda this evening.
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Councillor Kendel:

Councillor Kendel reported on the following items:

- He reported on his attendance on October 10th, where he participated in the Community Literacy Campaign, Raise A Reader.
 - He reported on his attendance on October 17th, where he attended small scale food processing workshop. He advised that the workshop was well attended.
 - He advised that there is a Press Release out with regard to the Grand Forks Branding Process. He reported that the Press Release also includes a link for the public to access so that they may fill out a Survey regarding Branding. He encouraged members of the public to fill out this survey return them to City Hall.
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Councillor Wyers:

Councillor Wyers reported on the following items:

- She reported on her attendance at the Reach a Reader initiative on October 10th, and that the Community Literacy Campaign raised \$708.
- She reported on her attendance at an October 12th Kettle River Water Management plan Workshop in Rock Creek.
- She reported on her attendance at the October 15th Small Business Breakfast meeting with Minister Yamamoto.

- On October 17th, she reported on her attendance at a regular meeting of the Grand Forks & District Public Library. She reported that the Christina Lake outreach program has been operating for a year and currently has 890 members.
- She advised that on October 19th, she travelled to Cranbrook to attend the "Richer or Poorer" workshop. She spoke with regard to the discussion on the passive downloading from Federal & Provincial governments to local governments. She advised that the AKBLG has issued a Press release to the media as a result from the workshop.

Councillor O'Doherty:

Councillor O'Doherty reported on the following items:

- He advised that the Parks and Camping facilities are now closed until spring
- He spoke with regard to the work which was done on Donaldson Park baseball grounds.
- He advised that the Hockey season is well on its way.
- He reported on his participation in the Raise and Reader campaign on October 10th

Councillor Wirschagin:

Councillor Wirschagin reported on the following items:

- He advised that he had spoken with Ray Hansen, representative for Habit for Humanity and was asked by Mr. Hansen if he would be their Council liaison for the organization. Councillor Wirschagin advised that he would like to be the liaison for the organization and asked if Council would support this request. The Mayor advised that he would support his request to become the liaison for Habitat for Humanity.
- He asked for Council's support in providing permission for him to take two on-line courses with Dalhousie University, and that the cost for the two courses would be \$1,690. He advised that the two courses he's intending to take are: Municipal Law and Community Engagement.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES COUNCILLOR WIRISCHAGIN TO TAKE TWO COURSES PROVIDED BY DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY, ONE BEING MUNICIPAL LAW AND THE OTHER BEING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT.

CARRIED.

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- He spoke with regard to the concern on the reduction of the Greyhound services to the area.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL SEND A LETTER TO GREYHOUND ADVISING OF COUNCIL'S CONCERNS FOR THE REDUCTION OF TRANSIT SERVICES TO OUR AREA AND FURTHER TO SEND A COPY OF THIS LETTER TO THE AKBLG.

CARRIED.

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- Councillor Wirischagin congratulated Lynne on her retirement.

Mayor Taylor:

Mayor Taylor reported on the following items advising that he was including his Regional District report in this section as well:

- He reported on the number of US attendees who participated in the Rock Creek Water Management Plan workshop
- He spoke with regard to the Interior Health Helicopter advising that the helicopters landing on the helipads require two main propellers instead of a single propeller helicopter
- He spoke regarding a meeting of the BEDC (Boundary Economic Development Committee) and advised that although Christina Lake will be removing themselves from the Committee, the remaining stakeholders will continue to move forward
- He spoke with regard to the Deer Committee, and advised that East Kootenay is doing a "Living with Deer" workshop. The Mayor advised that he has been asked by the committee to write a letter from the City, to Area D, asking for their participation in the Deer Committee and the committee's initiatives.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY WRITE A LETTER TO THE DIRECTOR OF AREA D TO ASK FOR AREA D'S PARTICIPATION IN THE DEER COMMITTEE AND THEIR INITIATIVES. CARRIED.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

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

CARRIED.

REPORT FROM THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY (VERBAL)

- The Mayor's report regarding the activities of the Regional District is included in his above report.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:

- a) Airport Manager's Report – Request for consenting resolution to enable the Interior Health Authority to construct a Heliport

The City is in receipt of a letter from the Interior Health Authority requesting Council support on the proposal for IHA to construct a heliport at the Boundary Hospital property.

MOTION: WYERS / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE STAFF REPORT BE RECEIVED AND THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZES STAFF TO SEND A LETTER TO INTERIOR HEALTH AUTHORITY AS A REQUIREMENT BY TRANSPORT CANADA ADVISING THAT THE CITY SUPPORTS THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A HELIPORT AT THE BOUNDARY HOSPITAL AS OUTLINED BY INTERIOR HEALTH AUTHORITY

CARRIED.

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- b) Staff Report – Application for a Development Permit

The City is in receipt of a Development Permit Application by Brown Bridge Ventures Ltd., agents for the new owners of the Winnipeg Hotel, to demolish the existing structure (damaged by fire in Spring, 2012), and to replace it with a new 2,532 square foot retail commercial building.

The developer, Brown Bridge Ventures, was available at the Council meeting and requested to present to Council additional options with regard to the design and detailing of their proposed building.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ALLOW THE DEVELOPERS, BROWN BRIDGE VENTURES LTD., TO SPEAK TO COUNCIL WITH REGARD TO THEIR PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AND DESIGN OPTIONS REGARDING THEIR NEW BUILDING PROJECT INTENDED TO REPLACE THE EXISTING STRUCTURE AT 426 CENTRAL AVENUE COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE WINNIPEG HOTEL.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The developer spoke with regard to their proposal to demolish the existing building and the proposed rebuilding of a new retail structure. The Chief Administrative Officer spoke with regard to the new information which the developer is providing for Council's consideration and advised that Council has the choice to determine proposed design requirements.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE ISSUANCE OF A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT TO BROWN BRIDGE VENTURES LTD. FOR THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 426 CENTRAL AVENUE, WHICH INTENDS TO DEMOLISH THE CURRENT BUILDING KNOWN AS THE WINNIPEG HOTEL AND TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW RETAIL COMMERCIAL BUILDING ON SAID PROPERTY AS OUTLINED IN THEIR PROPOSAL.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL IS IN FAVOUR OF THE DESIGN OF THE PROPOSED BUILDING AS ARTICULATED IN DRAWING A1, DATED OCTOBER 16TH, 2012 AS PRESENTED BY THE DEVELOPERS AT THE MEETING AND, IN ADDITION, THE USE OF THE RIVER ROCK FAÇADE AND BANK OF SMALL WINDOWS DEPICTED IN THE EXTERIOR DESIGN DRAWING A1 AND DATED SEPTEMBER 5TH, 2012, WHEREAS THOSE MENTIONED SCHEMATICS ARE ATTACHED AND BECOME A PART OF THESE MINUTES.

CARRIED.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KROG

RESOLVED THAT INFORMATION ITEMS NUMBERED 12(a) TO 12(h) BE RECEIVED AND ACTED UPON AS RECOMMENDED AND/OR AS AMENDED. CARRIED.

- a) Gallery 2 Semi-Annual Report-In accordance with the Lease and Funding agreement the Gallery is required to submit a Semi-Annual Report - In addition to their report, Gallery 2 is requesting that Council consider returning the funding to the original agreement in the amount of \$150,000 annually. **Council receives the Semi-Annual report from Gallery 2, and refers their request to return their funding to the annual amount of \$150,000 from the original agreement with the City to the 2013-2017 Budgeting Process.**

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KROG

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT FROM GALLERY 2, AND REFERS THEIR REQUEST TO RETURN THEIR FUNDING TO THE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$150,000 FROM THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY TO THE 2013-2017 BUDGETING PROCESS. CARRIED.

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- b) Correspondence from the RCMP - Expressing appreciation for the City's response and participation regarding the incident at the Grand Forks Credit Union

on October 3rd. **Recommend to receive the correspondence for information. A copy of this letter has been forwarded to the Public Works Yard**

- c) Correspondence from Nadine Nevocshonoff - Concerns regarding water and the administering of proposed water meters. **Recommend to receive for information.**

- d) The HELLO Pledge Initiative - Asking for the Mayor and Council to sign up on-line to the hello pledge. **Recommend to receive for information - members of Council wishing to participate, may sign up at www.thehellopledge.com.**

- e) Information on Travel Guide Book - Travel Guide Book Advertising Information. **Recommend to receive for information and further advise if they wish to refer the advertising package for further discussion in the 2013-2017 Budgeting process. Council has advised that they won't pursue advertising in the Travel Guide Book due to previous advertising commitments.**

- f) Minutes from the Environment Committee Meeting - Minutes from the September 20th Meeting. **Recommend to receive the minutes of the Environment Committee and refer any items for further discussion.**

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- g) Minutes from the Deer Committee Meeting - Minutes from the September 18th Meeting. **Recommend to receive the minutes of the Deer Committee and refer any items for further discussion.**

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- h) October 9th Meeting Task List - List of Completed and In-Progress Tasks. **Recommend to file.**

BYLAWS:

None

LATE ITEMS:

None

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

LES JOHNSON – Advised that he is doing a “live” stream of the Council meetings that are available on his web site. He advised that individuals will require access to the web in order to view the meetings.

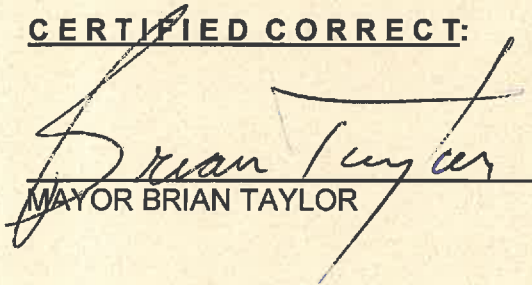
ROY RONAGHAN – Inquired about dust control from Pacific Abrasives at the Slag Pile. The Mayor advised that the City hasn't received any concerns, but that the City would investigate.

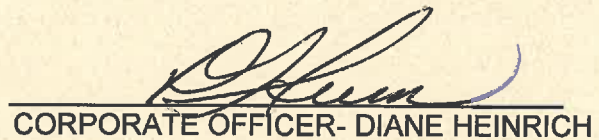
ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 8:22 P.M. CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


CORPORATE OFFICER- DIANE HEINRICH