

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
TUESDAY OCTOBER 9th, 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
NEW CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	D. Allin
DEPUTY FINANCIAL OFFICER	R. Shepherd
CORPORATE OFFICER	D. Heinrich

GALLERY

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION: KENDEL / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE OCTOBER 9TH, 2012, REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KROG

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2012, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2012, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

MOTION: WYERS / KROG

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2012, AND ALL RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

- a) Corporate Officer's Report – Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy (CBAL)

Sheila Dobie, representative for the Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy made a presentation to Council requesting Council's participation by appointing a liaison to sit on the organization's Community Literacy Advisory Committee.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE PRESENTATION MADE BY SHEILA DOBIE OF THE COLUMBIA BASIN ALLIANCE FOR LITERACY COUNCIL REGARDING THEIR REQUEST FOR COUNCIL'S PARTICIPATION ON THE ORGANIZATION'S COMMUNITY LITERACY ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AND APPOINTS COUNCILLOR NEIL KROG AS THE LIAISON FOR THE COMMUNITY LITERACY ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

CARRIED.

- b) Corporate Officer's Report – Grand Forks & District Fall Fair Society

Les Braden, president of the Grand Forks & District Fall Fair Society, made a presentation to Council requesting that the City provide one of the three proposed parcels 1) Sugimoto Land, located at the north end of town; 2) Parcel Z, along 68th Avenue; or 3) 3.5 acres located at the end of Dick Bartlett Park; as suggested by the Society as a permanent home for the Grand Forks Fall Fair.

Councillors Wirischagin and O'Doherty inquired as to how many acres the Fall Fair would require. Mr. Braden advised that the current fall fair used all of Dick Bartlett Park plus the 3.5 acres in front of the Silver Kettle development, which was a suitable size. Councillor Wyers asked if the Fall Fair Society had any partners that would support the Grand Forks Fall Fair in their initiative, and Mr. Braden advised that he had a number of letters of support from several different organizations that would be interested in participating in the use of a property. Council advised Mr. Braden that they would like to see a Business Plan from the Fall Fair Society and the participating groups on their requirements for a multipurpose venue prior to Council making any decision on this matter. Mr. Braden

advised that the organization will work on a Business Plan to be presented to Council at a later date.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE PRESENTATION MADE BY LES BRADEN OF THE GRAND FORKS FALL FAIR SOCIETY REGARDING THE ORGANIZATION'S REQUEST FOR THE CITY TO PROVIDE A PARCEL OF LAND AS A PERMANENT LOCATION FOR THE GRAND FORKS FALL FAIR. CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

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

Councillor Wirischagin:

Councillor Wirischagin advised that he had no report this evening.

Councillor O'Doherty:

Councillor O'Doherty advised that he had no report this evening.

Councillor Wyers:

Councillor Wyers reported on the following items:

- She reported on her attendance at an Environment Committee meeting on September 20th, and advised that there will be a meeting for the Nephelometer volunteers on October 23rd to schedule for the winter months' monitoring. She advised that the Nephelometer report for the summer months' monitoring can be obtained at City Hall.
- She reported on her attendance at a September 24th conference regarding health care challenges, where she welcomed those members attending the conference. She also spoke of the excellent work that the area's Hospital Auxiliary Group for the Boundary Hospital does.
- She reported on her attendance at a September 27th, "Biz After Biz" event hosted at the Christina Lake Living Arts Centre and sponsored by the BC Regional Chamber of Commerce. She advised that several businesses from the area turned out for the event.
- She reported on her attendance at an October 2nd Boundary Economic Development Committee Meeting, and advised that the reduction in funding next year will open discussions for potential avenues for which to branch out.

Councillor Kendel:

Councillor Kendel reported on the following items:

- He reported on his attendance at the 2013 UBCM Conference in Victoria and advised that it was a privilege to have attended the conference and the several workshops while at the conference. He spoke with regard to the large amount of information which was provided on several topics important to Local Government.
- He reported his attendance at a BEDC Meeting on October 2nd.
- He reported on his attendance, today, at a meeting of the Boundary Museum Society, and advised that the organization had a banner year. He further spoke of the Society's plans to construct a blacksmith shop on the premises at Fructova.

Councillor Krog:

Councillor Krog reported on the following items:

- He reported on his attendance at a BEDC meeting on Oct 2nd, and advised that it was an excellent meeting and that the future focus looks good.

Councillor Smith:

Councillor Smith reported on the following items:

- On September 18th, he reported on his attendance at the Deer Count at 6:30 AM which was followed by a Deer Committee Meeting. He advised that the committee had a good discussion on where the committee needed to go forward.
- He reported on his attendance at the Environment Committee Meeting on September 20th, and advised that he is working with Jenny Coleshill on getting some bat houses put up in the community. Councillor Smith further advised that bats play an important part in our eco-system, and are integral in mosquito control. He reported that they have identified appropriate locations to put bat houses. He further reported that at the same meeting, there was a discussion on pesticide collection wherein he advised he is working with an organization involved in the safe disposal of agricultural pesticides and domestic pesticides. Councillor Smith advised that October 17th to 24th is Pesticide Week.
- He reported on his attendance at the 2013 UBCM Conference in Victoria and spoke with regard to the informative sessions which he attended. He further advised that he had an opportunity to talk to Premier Christy Clark at the UBCM.

MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR SEND A LETTER INVITING PREMIER CHRISTY CLARK TO VISIT OUR AREA. **CARRIED.**

Mayor Taylor:

The Mayor advised that he was including his Regional District of Kootenay Boundary report in with his regular report:

- He spoke with regard to the hosting of a meeting with the US/Canadian Border Customs and 9 or 10 neighbouring local governments. He advised that this event should be a Regional District initiative.
- He reported on this attendance at a Deer Committee Meeting on September 18th and that Frank Moreland will be providing some secretarial work and compiling statistical information on behalf of the committee. The Mayor reported that a member of the committee advised that White Tail deer are becoming rare throughout the province and that Grand Forks is one of the last main areas for them.
- The Mayor advised that the Green Bin program is going forward and that both City Staff and the Regional District Staff are working hard at educating the public on the new program.

MOTION: SMITH / WIRISCHAGIN

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, GIVEN VERBALLY AT THIS MEETING, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED.

REPORT FROM THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY (VERBAL)

- Included in above report

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:

- a) Corporate Officer's Report – License of Occupation for the Rotary Customs House

Council to allow the continued location of the Rotary Customs House on City owned property, the courtyard of the Gallery 2 Building under a License of Occupation

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE ATTACHED LICENSE OF OCCUPATION AND FURTHER AUTHORIZES CITY SIGNATORIES TO COMPLETE THE LICENSE OF OCCUPATION ALLOWING THE ROTARY CLUB OF GRAND FORKS THE CONTINUED USE OF THE HISTORIC COURTHOUSE COURTYARD PROPERTY FOR THE LOCATION OF THE ROTARY CUSTOMS HOUSE.

CARRIED.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION: KENDEL / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT INFORMATION ITEMS NUMBERED 10(a) TO 10(i)

BE RECEIVED AND ACTED UPON AS RECOMMENDED AND/OR AS AMENDED.

CARRIED.

- a) From Ministry of Forest, Lands & Nat. Resources response to the Mayor's Letter - Regarding Marshall Lake / Province Dam. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- b) Thank-you Correspondence from Selkirk College - Thanking Council for the work that was done on the parking lot adjacent to the College Campus. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- c) Correspondence from Crime Stoppers - Requesting Funding Support to operate program in the area. **Last year, Council offered funding to Crime Stoppers in the amount of \$500 by way of a membership. Council may consider doing this again by adopting a resolution.**

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DETERMINES TO OFFER FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500 BY WAY OF A MEMBERSHIP IN THE WEST KOOTENAY BOUNDARY CRIME STOPPERS TO BE FUNDED FROM COUNCIL MEMBERSHIPS.

CARRIED.

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- d) Correspondence from Alex Atamanenko, MP - Congratulating Lynne Burch, CAO on her retirement from the City. **Receive to receive for information.**
- e) Correspondence from Alex Atamanenko, MP - Congratulating Doug Allin, on his appointment as new CAO for the City. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- f) Correspondence from the Royal Canadian Legion - Request for the annual Poppy Campaign. **Council grants permission for the Legion to hold their poppy distribution in the downtown area prior to Remembrance Day. Council has previously included the yearly donation of \$100.00 to the Poppy Campaign in the 2012 Budgeting process which will be submitted to the organization. Members of Council to advise if they intend to participate in this year's November 11th Ceremony. Council advised all will be in attendance.**

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION TO HOLD THEIR POPPY DISTRIBUTION IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA PRIOR TO REMEMBRANCE DAY AND FURTHER GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE LEGION TO CONDUCT THEIR REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONIES ON NOVEMBER 11th AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS. CARRIED.

- g) Live Smart BC Kootenay Regional Small Business Service available - Correspondence outlines eligibility criteria for the Small Business Program. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- h) From BC Water & Waste Association - Advising of the Planning Stages and participation examples for Drinking Water Week – 2013. **Recommend to receive for information- staff to refer a copy of the correspondence to the Environment Committee.**
- i) Sept 17th Task List – List of Completed and In-Progress Tasks. **Recommend to file.**

BYLAWS:

- a) Corporate Officer's Report – Bylaw No. 1931 – Roxul Road Closure Bylaw

Council's consideration of final reading for Bylaw No. 1931

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW No. 1931, CITED AS "The Roxul Closure Bylaw No. 1931, BE GIVEN FINAL READING.

CARRIED.

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- a) Corporate Officer's Report – Bylaw No. 1941, 2013 Annual Tax Exemption Bylaw

Councillor Wirischagin stated his intention to vacate Council Chambers at this time due to the fact that his wife, Jessica, is involved in the Grand Forks Child Care Society, an organization that is included in the 2013 Annual tax Exemption Bylaw and that in participating in the matter, he may be perceived to be in a conflict of interest. Councillor Wirischagin left Council Chambers at 7:54 p.m.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW No. 1941, CITED AS "2013 Annual Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1941, 2012, BE GIVEN FINAL READING.

CARRIED.

Councillor Wirischagin returned to Council Chambers at 7:55 pm.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA:

Geoff Danish – He commented with regard to the Roxul Road Closure and that his main concern is having free access to the roads without having offset roads for the trailers. The Mayor advised that Council will review the options proposed to them as far as the plans which were provided in the Staff report.

Les Johnson – Advised that the public may now watch the Environment Committee meeting on U-Tube.

Nigel James – He spoke with regard to the new three way Stop Sign at Cyprus Way and inquired as to why they were installed.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

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

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


CORPORATE OFFICER- DIANE HEINRICH