

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 17TH, 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
CORPORATE OFFICER D. Heinrich
DEPUTY FINANCIAL OFFICER R. Shepherd

GALLERY

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

Amendment to the agenda:

The Mayor advised that he would like to add a discussion item with regard to cross border relations.

MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2012, BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

CARRIED.

DELEGATIONS:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

None

OPERATIONAL DISCUSSION FROM STAFF:

None

PROPOSED BYLAWS FOR DISCUSSION:

None

LATE ITEMS:

The Mayor advised that he had a discussion with other Mayors and Chairs who are concerned with border relations and suggested that a group of Mayors and Chairs from both sides of the border get together to discuss an amicable promotion of the border crossings between Canada and the US Border which would benefit both sides. The Mayor wanted to know if the City would be open to host such a meeting to discuss economic options. Members of Council expressed that this was a good idea and that he should move forward on this initiative. The Mayor advised that the City of Grand Forks would host this on a cost recovery basis, and that the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Staff would take on the organizing of the event which should include approximately 50 individuals.

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.

LES JOHNSON – He asked what a municipal government could achieve with regard to border initiatives. The Mayor suggested that a small survey could be filled out by patrons going through the border either way, which would make customs officials accountable.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: KROG

RESOLVED THAT THIS PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 7:10 P.M.

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


CORPORATE OFFICER - DIANE HEINRICH