

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR 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

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 7:12 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Amendment to the Agenda:

The Mayor advised that final reading of the proposed Bylaw No. 1931 – Roxul Road Closure be pulled from the agenda as the City requires the approval of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure in order to finally consider adoption of the bylaw. The Mayor went on to advise that the City has not received this approval as yet

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT THE SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2012, REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED. CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: SMITH / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPT 4TH, 2012, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

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MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPT 4TH, 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 that on September 10th, 2012, the Economic Development Advisory Committee met and chose a submission from the Request for Proposals for the City of Grand Forks Branding Initiative, and further advised that the successful applicant was "Story & Co."

MOTION: SMITH / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE THAT THE CONTRACT TO DEVELOP THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS' BRAND BE AWARDED TO STORY & CO. TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN THE \$30,000 BUDGETED AMOUNT.

CARRIED.

Councillor Krog:

Councillor Krog advised that he had no report at this time.

Councillor Kendel:

Councillor Kendel advised that he had no report at this time.

Councillor Wyers:

Councillor Wyers reported on the following items:

- She reported on her attendance at a Habitat for Humanity Boundary Grand Opening of their 7-plex on September 8th, 2012
- She reported on her attendance at the Grand Forks Fall Fair from Sept 7 to 9th, and advised that the Citizens on Patrol group won third place in the parade.

MOTION: WYERS / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT A LETTER OF CONGRATULATIONS BE SENT TO THE GRAND FORKS FALL FAIR ORGANIZATION ON THIS YEAR'S SUCCESSFUL EVENT.

CARRIED.

- Councillor Wyers reported on her attendance at a Dog Sled organization meeting on Sept 12th.
 - She reported on her attendance at a meeting on Sept 13th for the Boundary Restorative Justice Society who met at Selkirk College, and advised that the Society is looking at grant applications to subsidize their organization.
 - She reported that the Environment Committee will be meeting will be on Thursday, September 20th at the Regional District Office at 11:00 am. She further advised that the BC Lung Association is a participant of the Environment Committee and that the association will be a hosting a forum at Selkirk College on September 21st and that everyone is welcome to attend.
 - She advised that she attended a farewell luncheon for Cecile Arnott, former Chief Financial Officer for the City, on Friday, September 14th, 2012
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Councillor O'Doherty:

Councillor O'Doherty reported on the following items:

- He advised that the Border Bruins Hockey Season is now in full swing.

- He reported on his attendance at both the Grand Forks Fall Fair and the Rock Creek Fall Fair during the past two weekends.
- He invited the public to take a walk through City Park where the landscaping has been completed as well as the clean up of the beach area.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT MAYOR AND COUNCIL SEND A LETTER TO THE PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES CONGRATULATING THE CREWS FOR THEIR GREAT WORK ON THE CITY PARK LANDSCAPING. CARRIED.

Councillor Wirischagin:

Councillor Wirischagin advised that he had no report this evening.

Mayor Taylor:

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

- He complimented the Wood Workers Guild on their many hours of work on refurbishing a stage coach that formed part of the Grand Forks Fall Fair Parade.
- He announced that a Deer Count will be performed at 6:30 AM this Tuesday morning, September 18th, followed by a Deer Committee Meeting at 9:00 AM at the Regional District Board Office.
- The Mayor advised that there was a strategic planning session with the Regional District Board members, and advised that some of the issues important to the City weren't addressed. He further advised that the City needs to move forward with its initiative to discuss Regional Services as outlined in the City's Strategic Plan.

MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

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 minutes from July 26th, 2012 Regional District of Kootenay Boundary meeting are included in this report.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:

- a) Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Strategic Plan Goal Action – Staff to develop a Succession Plan for the organization, by the end of September, 2012

MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT, DATED SEPTEMBER 6, 2012, REGARDING THE ACTION, REQUIRING " STAFF TO DEVELOP A SUCCESSION PLAN FOR THE ORGANIZATION, BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER, 2012", BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED.

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- b) Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Strategic Plan Goal Action – Staff to prepare a report including data and costing for Council decision to move forward on Water Meter installation

MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT, DATED SEPTEMBER 6, 2012, REGARDING THE ACTION, REQUIRING "STAFF TO PREPARE A REPORT INCLUDING DATA AND COSTING FOR COUNCIL DECISION TO MOVE FORWARD ON WATER METER INSTALLATION", AS OUTLINED IN THE CORPORATE STRATEGIC PLAN 2012-2014, BE RECEIVED, AND THE MATTER BE REFERRED BACK TO STAFF TO SCHEDULE AND BUDGET THE PROJECT THROUGH THE 2013-2017 FINANCIAL PLAN PROCESS.

CARRIED.

Councillor Wirischagin voted against the motion.

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- c) Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Joint Fibre Optic Community Network with School District 51 Boundary

MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

COUNCIL APPROVES THE FIBRE OPTIC CABLE NETWORK JOINT USE AGREEMENT AND ADOPTS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS THE CITY AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WISH TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THE JOINT COMMUNITY FIBRE OPTIC NETWORK TO SERVE THE CITY, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND OTHERS:

NOW THEREFORE, COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS HEREBY RESOLVES:

- a) TO APPROVE THE FIBRE OPTIC CABLE NETWORK JOINT USE AGREEMENT IN THE FORM PRESENTED AND AUTHORIZES THE SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENT; AND
- b) CONFIRMS ITS COMMITMENT TO OPERATING THE PROJECT TO THE MUTUAL ADVANTAGE OF THE CITY AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

CARRIED.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION: KENDEL / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT INFORMATION ITEMS NUMBERED 11(a) TO 11(i) BE RECEIVED AND ACTED UPON AS RECOMMENDED AND/OR AS AMENDED. CARRIED.

- a) From Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure- Highway 3 Corridor Economic Impact Study. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- b) Petition from the Grand Forks BMX Society - Petition asking for access to the Washroom Facility adjacent to the campground. **Refer to Staff to bring back a detailed report to Council with regard to the request from the Grand Forks BMX Society.**
- c) Reach A Reader Campaign for Grand Forks on October 10th, 2012 - Asking for members of Council for time commitments for that day. **Council to advise the Corporate Officer where and what time(s) they will be able to participate in the campaign.**
- d) Correspondence from the Visitor Information Centre - Writing with regard to the positive feedback and guestbook comments they have received this year. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- e) Thank-you letters and card from summer students who worked at the City: Madeline Williams; Annalise Rezansoff; Maya Wold & Lauren LeSergent. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- f) Copy of Letter from Barry Brandow to Ministry of Health - Regarding Cattle and Water Management. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- g) Memo from Environment Committee and Poster on Lung Health & Air Quality - Poster and note advising of a public forum on Sept 21 from 6-9 PM at Selkirk College Grand Forks Campus. **Everyone is welcome to attend the forum.**

- h) From the Parliamentary Office - Re: Federal Motion regarding financial support program on waste water management. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- i) September 4th Meeting Task List - List of Completed and In-Progress Tasks. **Recommend to file.**
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BYLAWS:

Bylaw No. 1931 – Roxul Road Closure was pulled from the Agenda at the beginning of the meeting as required information is forthcoming from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to finally adopt the bylaw.

LATE ITEMS:

None

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 7:41 P.M. CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


CORPORATE OFFICER- DIANE HEINRICH