

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**MONDAY APRIL 15th, 2013**

**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
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	R. Shepherd
MANAGER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND BUILDING CONSTRUCTION SERVICES	W. Kopan
DEPUTY CORPORATE SECRETARY	S. Winton
MANAGER OF OPERATIONS	H. Wright

**GALLERY**

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

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**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KENDEL

**RESOLVED THAT THE APRIL 15th, 2013, REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE  
ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.**

CARRIED.

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**MINUTES:**

MOTION: SMITH / WYERS

**RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
OF COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY APRIL 2ND, 2013, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.**

CARRIED.

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**MINUTES:**

MOTION: KENDEL / O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY APRIL 2ND, 2013 BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.**

CARRIED.

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**REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:**

a) Corporate Officer's Report – Delegation – Grand Forks BMX Society

Margaret Kovacs made a presentation as a representative of the Grand Forks BMX Society with regard to the use of the City campground washrooms throughout the BMX racing season from May to September. She advised that the BMX Society would:

- Like access to the campground washrooms from 5:30PM – 8:00PM on Wednesday evenings
- To run a concession to fund raise as the BMX Society is a Not For Profit enterprise.
- Care take for the washrooms and supervise their use

Council advised there was a report produced for this discussion some time ago. The BMX Society advised they are requesting that council revisit this issue.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / WYERS

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVE THE PRESENTATION MADE BY THE GRAND FORKS BMX SOCIETY WITH REGARD TO THE USE OF THE CAMPGROUND WASHROOMS THROUGHOUT THE RACING SEASON.**

CARRIED.

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MOTION: KROG / WIRISHAGIN

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL GRANT ACCESS TO THE CAMPGROUND WASHROOMS ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS FROM 5:30PM-8:30PM TO THE BMX SOCIETY.**

CARRIED

Councillor Wyers did not support this motion.  
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MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ALLOW A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC SPEAK WITH REGARD TO THE BMX SOCIETY DELEGATION ISSUE.**

CARRIED

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

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

### **Councillor Wirischagin:**

Councillor Wirischagin had nothing to report.

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### **Councillor O'Doherty:**

Councillor O'Doherty reported on the following items:

- He reported that ground work at James Donaldson Park is complete and looks great.
  - He advised that he met with Peter Stoochinoff and City Staff to discuss usage and bookings at James Donaldson Park and that he has received the ball schedule.
  - He advised he will be attending AKBLG in Invermere from April 16<sup>th</sup> to April 19<sup>th</sup>.
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### **Councillor Wyers:**

Councillor Wyers reported on the following items:

- She reported on her attendance at the Granby Wilderness Society's April 3<sup>rd</sup> event called "Frogs, Toads and Salamanders", which took place at Fructova School and advised there were over 50 people in attendance who met and talked to Sami the salamander. She advised that this was a fundraising event for the Society.
- She reported on her attendance at the April 9<sup>th</sup> BEDC meeting.
- She reported on her attendance at the April 10<sup>th</sup> Boundary Dog Sled meeting and advised the club intended to move forward with a 2014 event, and that they would host two events this year, and further that the club will be holding its AGM on Wednesday April 24<sup>th</sup> at the Station Pub and that they are looking for volunteers.
- She reported that she attended the April 11<sup>th</sup> Restorative Justice AGM.
- She reported on her attendance at the Grand Forks and District Public Library monthly meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup>.
- She advised that the Grand Forks Citizens on Patrol will be setting up the ICBC speed board at various locations throughout May and June and that the group will be collecting statistics on speed, seat belt violations and cell phone use.
- She advised she will be attending the AKBLG conference for the rest of the week.

Councillor Wyers inquired as to which Councillor would speak to the resolution put forward by City Council at AKBLG. Councillor Smith agreed to speak to this resolution.

Councillor Wyers spoke with regard to her concerns with the change in usage of the City crest for the new brand and logo.

MOTION: WYERS / WIRISCHAGIN

**RESOLVED THAT BEFORE THE CITY MOVES FORWARD WITH REPLACING THE CURRENT CITY CREST, CITY STAFF CONFIRM THERE ARE NO LEGAL IMPLICATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CHANGE IN DESIGN.**

CARRIED

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**Councillor Kendel:**

Councillor Kendel reported on the following items:

- He reported on his meeting with City Staff and the Good Sam's club of North America. He advised this group is seriously considering hosting an event that would bring over 120 RV's to Grand Forks in 2014.

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**Councillor Krog:**

Councillor Krog reported on the following items:

- He reported on his attendance on Tuesday April 9<sup>th</sup> at the Grand Forks Fall Fair Society's AGM and further advised that the Society has updated their bylaws and policies to meet the Society's Act regulations.

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**Councillor Smith:**

Councillor Smith reported on the following items:

- He reported on his attendance on April 5<sup>th</sup> at a Family Friendly Business meeting and advised that the Grand Forks Credit Union, Boundary Family and Individual Services Society, the City and the Regional Chamber make up the committee. He further advised that the mandate of the group is to encourage businesses to have facilities that families can access such as toilets, play areas and change tables.

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**Mayor Taylor:**

Mayor Taylor advised he had no report this evening.

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MOTION: SMITH / WIRISCHAGIN

**RESOLVED THAT ALL REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL GIVEN VERBALLY AT THIS MEETING, BE RECEIVED.**

CARRIED.

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**REPORT FROM THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY (VERBAL)**

Mayor Taylor reported on the following items:

- He advised that the Boundary Economic Development Committee had a lengthy discussion as to how recommendations will be moved from Economic Development Advisory Committee through to the BEDC.
- He advised that the BEDC recently had a Strategic Planning session and that the committee agreed that agriculture would be their focus. He further advised that the BEDC would support agriculturally related projects.
- He spoke with regard to the Grand Forks and Boundary Regional Agricultural Society's AGM that took place on April 9<sup>th</sup> and reported that the guest speaker's presentation was with regard to riparian areas and water storage. He advised the Boundary Meat Producers Association will manage and operate the abattoir.
- He spoke with regard to the Regional Community Forest and advised that he attended a meeting with the Chief Administrative Officer, RDKB Director's from Area C, D and E, Ray Schultz and Garth Wiggil from the Ministry of Natural Resource Operations Department. He advised the group is preparing to ask the Ministry of Forests to invite the Boundary to apply for a Community Forest and further advised that the area they propose to cut needs to be identified and will likely include some community consultation.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT THE VERBAL REPORT GIVEN BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY, BE RECEIVED.**

CARRIED.

Councillor Wirischagin excused himself from the meeting at 7:48PM

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**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:**

- a) Staff – Grant Hill, Agent for Property Owner Dreamland Holdings Ltd. – Application for Development Permit to attach a non-illuminated sign at 1960-68<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE REPORT AND APPROVES THE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION MADE BY GRANT HILL, AGENT FOR DREAMLAND HOLDINGS LTD., PROPERTY OWNER OF PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOTS 3, 4 AND 5, BLOCK 18, D.L. 380, S.D.Y.D., PLAN 35, LOCATED AT 1960-68<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE SUBJECT TO COMPLIANCE WITH CITY BYLAWS, THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION'S REQUIREMENTS AND IN**

SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE WITH THE PLANS PRESENTED IN THE APPLICATION.

CARRIED.

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- b) Staff – Small Business and Residential Recycling and household organic Diversion Program

Staff requests for Council to approve the Contract Agreement between the City of Grand Forks and the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary for The Small Business and Residential Recycling and Household Organic Diversion Program.

MOTION: SMITH / WYERS

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE NEW SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS AND THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY FOR SMALL BUSINESS AND RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING AND HOUSEHOLD ORGANIC DIVERSION PROGRAM.**

CARRIED.

The Manager of Environmental and Building Services advised the biodegradable / compostable yard waste bags are not approved for use by the RDKB. He further advised that these plastic bags are not approved bags to use in the compost bins as they are not easily identifiable as different from regular bags by the compost collectors.

Councillor Wirischagin returned to the meeting at 7:51PM

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- c) Staff – Jogas Espresso Café requested the use of a parking stall to place an outdoor patio in front of their business on Market Ave.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE USE OF ONE PARKING SPOT IN FRONT OF JOGAS FOR THE BUSINESS OWNERS TO PLACE THEIR OUTDOOR PATIO FROM MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> TO OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2013, AS WAS DONE IN PREVIOUS YEARS.**

CARRIED.

Councillor Krog questioned whether the city is liable if something should happen to a member of the public. The Chief Administrative Officer advised Jogas will need to make sure the proper insurance is in place.

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**REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

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**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

MOTION: SMITH / KENDEL

**RESOLVED THAT INFORMATION ITEMS NUMBERED 10(a) TO 10(g)**

**BE RECEIVED AND ACTED UPON AS RECOMMENDED.**

CARRIED.

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a) National Public Works Week seeking support to recognize and Promote National Public Works Week. **Recommend that a letter be written, thanking PWABC for the work they do and advising of Council's acknowledgement of Public Works Week.**

b) Union of Spiritual Communities invitation for the Mayor to attend the Annual Union of Youth Festival. **Recommend that Mayor Taylor advise if he is planning to attend this year.**

Mayor Taylor advised that Councillor Wirischagin has agreed to attend on behalf of the City.

c) RDKB Bylaw No. 1524 to increase the annual requisition amount for the Grand Forks and District Aquatic Centre. **Recommend that Council adopt the resolution as requested by the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary.**

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / WYERS

**RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS SUPPORTS THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY BYLAW NO. 1524 TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL REQUISITION AMOUNT FOR THE GRAND FORKS AND DISTRICT AQUATIC CENTRE FROM \$500,000 TO \$625,000.**

CARRIED.

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d) Manager of Development and Engineering Re: Tool Time Supplies Ltd request for parking pattern changes. **Recommend a cost estimate be prepared for Council's consideration for the 2014 budget.**

e) Advertisement for the 2013 Visitors Choice Publication, deadline for approval is April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013. **Recommend that Council receive and approve the proposed 2013 Visitor's Choice Tourism Guide advertisement in order to meet the April 16<sup>th</sup> deadline.**

Councillor Krog advised he would like to see the tag line changed to "Settle Down". The Chief Administrative Officer advised that staff will correct the URL for the City web site in the ad.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT STAFF CHANGE THE TAG LINE TO "SETTLE DOWN" AND CORRECT THE URL IN THE 2013 VISITOR'S CHOICE TOURISM GUIDE ADVERTISEMENT.**

CARRIED.

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- f) Canadian Cancer Society – Relay for Life. **Recommend to receive for information**
  - g) Office of the Prime Minister acknowledging receipt of the resolution of Council regarding negotiations for a Canada – European Union economic partnership. **Recommend to receive for information.**

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**BYLAWS:**

- a) Manager of Technical Services – Bylaw No. 1947 - Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Zoning Bylaw No. 1606, 1999

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL GIVE FINAL READING TO BYLAW NO. 1947 – AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS ZONING BYLAW NO. 1606,1999.**

CARRIED.

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- b) Chief Financial Officer – Requesting Council gives third reading to Bylaw No. 1948, City of Grand Forks 2013-2017 Financial Plan Bylaw

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / WYERS

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL GIVES THIRD READING TO BYLAW NO. 1948 – CITY OF GRAND FORKS 2013 – 2017 FINANCIAL PLAN BYLAW.**

CARRIED.

Councillor Wirischagin advised he did not support this motion.

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MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / KROG

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL TABLE THIS MOTION AND REQUEST FURTHER INFORMATION FROM CITY STAFF.**

MOTION DEFEATED.

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that City Staff and Council have been working on the financial plan for the past 5 months and noted there was a 2% increase in overall expenditures for the 2013 Operating Budget.

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The Mayor recessed the meeting at 8:10 pm  
The meeting reconvened at 8:11 pm.  
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Mayor Taylor advised that Council has had the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the proposed budget and advised the Chief Administrative Officer would speak to the process. The Chief Administrative Officer advised Council of the City's legislative obligation to have the budget approved by May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013. He addressed concerns regarding Grant In Aid funds and advised the following funds have been budgeted the same as was in the 2012 Operating Budget as follows:

\$70,000 - Boundary Museum  
\$4,500 – Boundary District Arts Council  
\$142,000 – Grand Forks Art Gallery  
\$1000 – City of Grand Forks Scholarship  
\$800 – Canada Day  
\$100 – Remembrance Day

Councillor Wirischagin wished to make note he does not support this motion.

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**LATE ITEM**

None

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**QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA:**

**Roy Ronaghan**-He Spoke with regard to the public washrooms at Barbara Anne Park and inquired as to why they were not open yet. The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the policy would determine the timing of this.

Mr. Ronaghan spoke further with regards to smoking in public places and further commented that the Councillor's Biographies were not up to date and some were missing on the web site.

**Karl Yu** – He requested information regarding as to when the Winnipeg Hotel was scheduled to be torn down. The Chief Administrative Officer advised that this is currently the responsibility of the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary and that the Building Inspection Department of the Regional District and the Ministry of Transportation are the permitting bodies.

**Les Johnson**- He advised Council that the dry water harvesting video that was shown at the Grand Forks and Boundary Regional Agricultural Societies AGM is available on you tube. He further advised that his company in partnership with the Gem Theatre will be hosting a contest for the best video of Grand Forks that showcases community events.

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**IN-CAMERA RESOLUTIONS:**

The mayor advised that council will be going into an In-Camera meeting on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013, at 1:00pm.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT** COUNCIL CONVENE AN IN-CAMERA MEETING AS OUTLINED UNDER SECTION 90 OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER TO DISCUSS MATTERS IN A CLOSED MEETING WHICH ARE THE SUBJECT OF SECTION 90(1)(I), DISCUSSIONS WITH MUNICIPAL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES RESPECTING MUNICIPAL OBJECTIVES, MEASURES AND PROGRESS REPORTS FOR THE PURPOSES OF PREPARING AN ANNUAL REPORT UNDER SECTION 90 OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** PERSONS, OTHER THAN MEMBERS, OFFICERS, OR OTHER PERSONS TO WHOM COUNCIL MAY DEEM NECESSARY TO CONDUCT CITY BUSINESS, WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM THE IN-CAMERA MEETING.

CARRIED.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: KROG

**RESOLVED THAT** THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 8:33 P.M.

CARRIED.

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**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

  
MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR

  
DEPUTY CORPORATE SECRETARY -  
SARAH WINTON