

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
TUESDAY APRIL 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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  
CORPORATE OFFICER  
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER  
MANAGER OF DEVELOPMENT &  
ENGINEERING

D. Allin  
D. Heinrich  
R. Shepherd  
S. Bird

GALLERY

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CALL TO ORDER:

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

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AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA:

The Mayor advised that the agenda was to be amended to include late items:

13(a) regarding an Economic Development Advisory Committee's Initiative to the Boundary Economic Development Committee report.

13(b) regarding the Grant In Aid referral to the Regular Meeting from the Committee of the Whole Meeting held earlier this morning.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT THE APRIL 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013, REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.**

CARRIED.

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MINUTES:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KENDEL

**RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2013, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.**

CARRIED.

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**MINUTES:**

MOTION: SMITH / WYERS

**RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2013 BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.**

CARRIED.

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**REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:**

- a) Corporate Officer's Report – Delegation - Grand Forks Boundary Regional Agricultural Society

Roly Russell made a presentation as representative for the Grand Forks Boundary Regional Agricultural Society with regard to a proposed Grand Forks Food Charter

Councillor Krog asked if there is any background information from other communities that have achieved this, for example, the development of policies and was advised by Mr. Russell that he would obtain further information on this.

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that there are a few items in the Food Charter that may warrant having the City's lawyer review this.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / WYERS

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ALLOWS A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC, CARON BAGN, TO SPEAK WITH REGARD TO THE GRAND FORKS FOOD CHARTER.**

CARRIED.

Ms Bagn offered additional information with regard to the nutritional value of non-genetically modified food sources.

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MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVE THE PRESENTATION MADE BY THE GRAND FORKS BOUNDARY REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY WITH REGARD TO A PROPOSED GRAND FORKS FOOD CHARTER.**

CARRIED.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

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

**Councillor Smith:**

Councillor Smith reported on the following items:

- He reported on his attendance at a March 21<sup>st</sup> Environment Committee Meeting and advised that the committee discussed the Nephelometer project in addition to a discussion regarding the Bat House project which were built by the Woodworks Guild
- He reported on his attendance at a March 26<sup>th</sup> Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting and advised that there were a couple of items that were discussed that needed to be brought forward for Council's decision: the approval for a brand management plan; and further, an approval for the production of videos that would showcase the community

MOTION: SMITH / KENDEL

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DIRECTS STAFF TO RESEARCH THE COST FOR A BRAND MANAGEMENT PLAN CONSULTANT AND BRING BACK A REPORT TO COUNCIL.**

CARRIED.

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MOTION: SMITH / KENDEL

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES \$10,000 TO BE SET ASIDE IN THE CITY'S 2013 BUDGET FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROMOTIONAL VIDEOS FOR THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS SUBJECT TO PLANNING AND RESEARCH REGARDING THE ACTUAL COSTS AND REPORTING BACK TO COUNCIL, PRIOR TO GOING FORWARD WITH THE PROJECT.**

CARRIED.

Councillors Wirischagin, Wyers and Krog voted against the motion.

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- Councillor Smith reported on his attendance at a downtown merchant's meeting on March 27<sup>th</sup>.
- He spoke with regard to his trip with Barry Brandow to the Overton Creek/Lost Lake location.

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**Councillor Krog:**

Councillor Krog reported on the following items:

- He reported on his attendance at the March 11<sup>th</sup> Boundary District Arts Council meeting.
  - He advised that he attended a Gallery 2 meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - He advised that he attended the Concerned Citizens for the Regional Animal Control Bylaw Meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup>
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**Councillor Kendel:**

Councillor Kendel reported on the following items:

- He reported on his attendance at the Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting on March 26<sup>th</sup>
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**Councillor Wyers:**

Councillor Wyers reported on the following items:

- She reported on her attendance at the Pee Wee Tier 4 Championships and advised that she presented the group with \$250 dollars donated from participating members of Council.
- She reported on her attendance at a March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting of Concerned Citizens for the proposed Regional Animal Control Bylaw, and advised that many participants were in attendance.
- She reported on her attendance at the March 21<sup>st</sup> Grand Forks Environment Committee Meeting and advised that the minutes will be circulated shortly, for Council's review.
- She reported on her attendance at the March 27<sup>th</sup> Economic Essentials Seminar in Castlegar along with Sarah Winton, the City's Deputy Corporate Secretary. She advised that she will follow up with a report which she will pass along to the Economic Development Advisory Committee.
- She advised that Mr. Roy Ronaghan had provided a presentation as a Delegation at this morning's Committee of the Whole meeting where he spoke with regard to need for the preservation of Lost Lake and Overton Creek areas.

MOTION: WYERS / O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DETERMINES TO DIRECT STAFF BRING BACK A REPORT TO COUNCIL REGARDING THE RE-EXAMINATION OF THE 1982 WATERSHED STUDY REPORT FROM KERR WOOD LIEDAL, WITH RESPECT TO THE PRESERVATION OF THE OVERTON CREEK/LOST LAKE WATERSHED.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE KERR WOOD LIEDAL 1982 WATERSHED STUDY REPORT BE REFERRED TO THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE FOR THEIR COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS.**

CARRIED.

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**Councillor O'Doherty:**

Councillor O'Doherty reported on the following items:

- He reported on his attendance at the Pee Wee Hockey Tournament at the arena and advised that he gave out 250 City pins

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**Councillor Wirischagin:**

Councillor Smith reported on the following items:

- He spoke with regard to the courses that Council allowed him to take which will soon be completed, and advised that he has an interest to take another on-line course on the subject of Sustainable Communities at Dalhousie University for a cost of approximately \$700.00 and advised that the course commences on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / WYERS

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES COUNCILLOR WIRISCHAGIN TO TAKE AN ON-LINE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES COURSE PROVIDED BY DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY.**

CARRIED.

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**Mayor Taylor:**

Mayor Taylor advised he had no report this evening.

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MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

**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)**

- He advised that the Regional District will be proceeding with the 25% increase regarding the aquatic centre upgrades

- He spoke with regard to the proposed Animal Control Bylaw No.1511 and advised that the bylaw is presently at a cooling off period at the time, and that the Bylaw will go through a process before the Regional District moves forward. He further spoke with regard to the feral cat problem that the area that the Regional District currently does not address

MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

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

CARRIED.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:**

None

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**REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

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**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT INFORMATION ITEMS NUMBERED 10(a) TO 10(f) BE RECEIVED AND ACTED UPON AS RECOMMENDED AND/OR AS AMENDED.**

CARRIED.

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- a) Correspondence and Poster from the Granby Wilderness Society - Advising of a presentation that the organization is giving regarding Local Amphibians. **Recommend to receive for information – advising that presentation will be on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 PM at the Boundary Museum Site.**
  - b) LiveSmart BC Small Business Assessment Notification - Eligibility criteria and notification of program for small businesses. **Recommend to receive for Information.**
  - c) Grand Forks International Correspondence - Advising that there will not be a GFI this year. **Recommend to receive for Information.**
  - d) Advisory of April as Daffodil Month campaign - Advisory of April as Daffodil Month campaign. **Recommend to receive for Information.**

- e) Strategic Community Investment Fund Letter- Advising on Small Community Grant. **Recommend to receive for Information.**
- f) Letter from Premier Christy Clark - Responding to the CETA concerns of Council as submitted. **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: KENDEL / WIRISCHAGIN

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL GIVE THIRD 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 the rescinding of Third Reading to Bylaw No. 1948, City of Grand Forks 2013-2017 Financial Plan Bylaw

In 2012, Council made two funding resolutions that carried over into the 2013 financial plan. The first being the back-up server project and the second carry over was the outstanding balance of funds allotted for the branding project which was inadvertently omitted from the presentation of the first three readings. As Staff has afforded some time prior to the adoption of the financial plan, they felt it prudent to include these funds by adjusting the financial statement rather than amending the budget after the fact.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

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

CARRIED

Councillor Wirischagin voted against the motion.

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**LATE ITEM**

13 (a) Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) Initiative to the Boundary Economic Development Committee (BEDC) Report

Councillor Wyers advised that due to a conflict of interest of her husband owning a hanger at the airport which is mentioned in the document, that she was excusing herself at this time, from the meeting. Councillor Wyers left the meeting at 8:03 PM.

Councillor Kendel advised that Economic Development Advisory Committee is initiating a discussion with the Boundary Economic Development Committee and that a copy of this initiative is presented to Council to receive for information.

MOTION: KENDEL / SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVE FOR INFORMATION, THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGIONAL INITIATIVE TO THE BOUNDARY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT, AS PRESENTED, AND THAT STAFF SUBMIT A COPY OF THIS INITIATIVE TO MARGUERITE ROTVOLD, CHAIR OF THE BOUNDARY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.**

CARRIED.

Councillor Wyers returned to the meeting at 8:09 PM

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13 (b) Committee of the Whole referral of the Grant In Aid Discussion from the meeting this morning.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / KROG

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RESCINDS THE CITY'S GRANT IN AID POLICY NO. 501 THAT IS CURRENTLY IN PLACE.**

CARRIED.

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MOTION: KROG / SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DIRECTS STAFF TO BRING FORWARD OPTIONS, SUCH AS A "COMMUNITY SPIRIT" PROGRAM, WHICH COULD INCLUDE COMMUNITY EVENT ORIENTED FUNDING, FOR COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION.**

CARRIED.

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

LES JOHNSON: Suggested to solicit people in the community to do up some videos dedicated to showcasing the community.

ROY RONAGHAN: He thanked Council for revisiting the initiative regarding the Overton Creek preservation.

NIGEL JAMES: He advised that he thanked the City for readying City Park for the Rugby organization. He further queried if the City had an idea of how many young families now reside in Grand Forks due to the Silver Kettle complex. The Mayor advised that the management of the complex should be able to supply this information. He spoke with regard to the watering bylaw and advised that if there are exemptions to the rules, they should be placed into the bylaw.



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**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

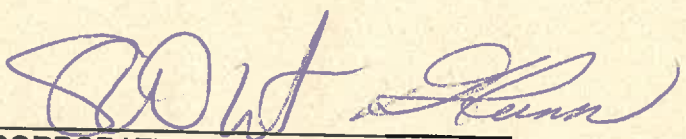
**RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 8:38  
P.M. CARRIED.**

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**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

  
MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR

  
CORPORATE OFFICER -  
DIANE HEINRICH