

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, AUGUST 19th, 2013

PRESENT: MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR
COUNCILLOR BOB KENDEL
COUNCILLOR PATRICK O'DOHERTY
COUNCILLOR GARY SMITH
COUNCILLOR CHER WYERS

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER D. Allin
CORPORATE OFFICER D. Heinrich
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER R. Shepherd
MANAGER OF DEVELOPMENT & S. Bird
ENGINEERING

GALLERY

CALL TO ORDER:

The Mayor called the Meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Amendments to the Agenda:

The Mayor advised that at the August 19th Committee of the Whole Meeting, the COTW referred two items to be discussed at the Regular Meeting of Council on August 19th:

12 (a) Grand Forks Trails Society Public Presentation and Proposal – Request for additional funds to complete Phase One of the trails project.

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12(b) Public Presentation by Jan Westlund with regarding to Genetically Engineered Free Zone for Grand Forks

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MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 19th, 2013, BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 22ND, 2013, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.
CARRIED.

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MOTION: KENDEL / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 22ND, 2013, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.
CARRIED.

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MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 22ND, 2013, 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 advised that he and Councillor Kendel attended a meeting with the Chamber of Commerce in Nelson and spoke with regard to Nelson's successful model for economic development. He further spoke with regard to a proposed satellite co-op in partnership with the City of Nelson
- He commented on the success of the Wild West Day which was held in the downtown core in Grand Forks and advised that there was lots of fun all day and night
- He advised that he was honoured to sing at the "Raise the Roof" event hosted by Habitat for Humanity.

- He reported that the "Park in the Park" Car Show held this Sunday was a fabulous event, and that there was approximately 115 cars participating.
- He advised that the Airport Fly-in Appreciation and the Grand Forks Fall Fair is this weekend and that the Downtown Stores will be open for the Sunday as well. He advised that the School District 51 is offering over a small bus that will shuttle people from the Airport to the Fall Fair and the downtown sector.
- Councillor Smith spoke with regard to increasing number of shipping containers (Sea Cans) that are in the City and asked if staff could develop a report on the current situation of Sea-Cans in the City

MOTION: SMITH / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DIRECT STAFF TO DEVELOP A REPORT REGARDING THE CURRENT SITUATION OF SEA-CANS (SHIPPING CONTAINERS) WITHIN THE CITY AND BRING BACK TO COUNCIL FOR INFORMATION.

CARRIED.

Councillor Kendel:

Councillor Kendel reported on the following items:

- He reported on his attendance at a July 23rd meeting with members of Boundary Country Regional Chamber of Commerce regarding a Community Ambassador Program. He advised that interested members of public could contact the Chamber of Commerce if they wish to become a Community Ambassador.
- He reported on his attendance at a Video Promotion sub-committee meeting at City Hall on August 2nd.
- He reported on his attendance at a Boundary Museum Meeting on August 6th and advised that a lot of exciting things are happening with the Society
- He advised that he and Councillor Smith attended a meeting on August 8th where they met with Tom Thompson from the Nelson Chamber of Commerce. He reported there was a discussion on creating partnerships and the use some of their economical expertise for the benefit of Grand Forks.
- He spoke with regard of his pride for the organizers responsible for the success of the Wild West Day held in the downtown core.
- He commented that the "Raising the Roof" at City Park was another great event and also gave special mention to the Car Show – Park in the Park event held last Sunday
- He thanked City Staff for their work towards the success of the events

Councillor Wyers:

Councillor Wyers reported on the following items:

- She reported that the Airport Fly-in Appreciation is this weekend and that there will be local food vendors in attendance as well as a car show in addition to the fly-in

- event. She commented that on this Saturday evening, at the airport, is a "Runway theatre" featuring the 1980's movie "Top Gun".
- She wished to remind everyone that the Grand Forks Fall Fair is this weekend as well
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Councillor O'Doherty:

Councillor O'Doherty reported on the following items:

- He reported that the baseball/softball season is done for the year
 - He reported that the in-field sod work is underway at James Donaldson Park
 - He advised Music in the Park is going well and that there are two performances left for the season
 - He commented that he has been busy with Seniors' activities and reported his attendance at a BBQ at the Boundary Hospital
 - He advised that the Hockey Season is commencing next week and that the games start in the first week in September.
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Mayor Taylor:

The Mayor reported on the following items:

- He spoke with regard to the Park in the Park event and that he had the opportunity to award the "Mayor's Choice" trophy to a 1949 Ford Mercury Truck. He further advised that it was an excellent show put on by the organizers.
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MOTION: KENDEL / SMITH

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

CARRIED.

REPORT FROM THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY (VERBAL)

- The Mayor spoke with regard to the Animal Control program and advised that the Regional District plans to support the commissioners on this initiative. He further advised that he would like to see the RDKB issue out another draft bylaw for Animal Control for review by the Board of Directors, the public and the City.

MOTION: SMITH / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY BE REQUESTED TO PAINT THE EXTERIOR OF THE CURLING RINK AS IT HAS BEEN IN A STATE OF DISREPAIR FOR SOME TIME.

CARRIED.

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MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR'S REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY, GIVEN VERBALLY AT THIS MEETING, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:

- a) Corporate Officer – Municipal Insurance Association Annual Meeting

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE STAFF REPORT AND RESOLVES TO APPOINT COUNCILLOR WYERS AS THE VOTING DELEGATE AT THE 2013 MIA ANNUAL MEETING AND TWO ATERNATES BEING COUNCILLORS KENDEL AND SMITH.

CARRIED.

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- b) Development & Engineering – Bellamy Development Variance Permit

To construct a garage shell connecting two metal containers for a garage and storage area in front of the front face of the principle residence. As per Council's debate at the Committee of the Whole the morning of August 19th, the approval for the Development Variance Permit would need to be subject to the garage/storage building containing siding of the same colour as the principle building and additionally, to reflect the form of the principle building located at the property.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE STAFF REPORT AND DETERMINES TO APPROVE THE DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT AN 800 SQUARE FOOT GARAGE/STORAGE BUILDING IN FRONT OF THE PRINCIPLE BUILDING LOCATED AT 6369 – 12TH STREET, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS N ½ OF LOT 2, DL 382, SDYD, PLAN 123, SUBJECT TO THE GARAGE/STORAGE BUILDING CONTAINING SIDING OF THE SAME COLOUR AS THE PRINCIPLE BUILDING AND ADDITIONALLY, TO REFLECT THE FORM OF THE PRINCIPLE BUILDING LOCATED AT THE PROPERTY.

CARRIED.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION: KENDEL / O'DOHERTY

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

- a) Devin Butterfield – Request to obtain a Special Occasion Liquor License - **Recommend to grant a special occasion liquor license.**

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE ISSUING OF A SPECIAL OCCASION LIQUOR LICENSE TO THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS GROUP FOR A BEER GARDEN ON SEPTEMBER 21ST, 2013 FOR A CRAFT BEER TASTING EVENT, SUBJECT TO THE EVENT ORGANIZERS OBTAINING 3RD PARTY LIABILITY INSURANCE, NAMING THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS AS AN ADDITIONAL INSURED ON THAT POLICY FOR THE EVENT, ALL LIQUOR PROVIDERS TO HOLD A SERVING IT RIGHT CERTIFICATE AND ICBC DRINKING AND DRIVING WARNING POSTERS BE DISPLAYED.

CARRIED.

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- b) Grand Forks Fly In – Grand Forks Flying Association COPA Flight 62 is seeking sponsorship from the City in the form of 400 litres of aviation fuel to go towards inviting a group of Canadian War birds to participate in the Fly In Event. **Recommend to receive for information.**

MOTION: WYERS / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DETERMINES TO PROVIDE 400 LITRES OF AVIATION FUEL AT A COST OF APPROXIMATELY \$800 AS REQUESTED BY THE GRAND FORKS FLY IN ASSOCIATION COPA FLIGHT 62 ORGANIZATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF INVITING A GROUP OF CANADIAN WAR BIRDS FROM PENTICTON TO PARTICIPATE IN THE AUGUST FLY-IN EVENT AS A PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR THE CITY, AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUEL USE BY THE WAR BIRDS ONLY.

CARRIED.

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- c) Correspondence from River Park Estates – Request for landscaping on the east side of the lift station in City Park. **Recommend that the request be referred to the 2014-2018 Budgeting process for consideration**

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- d) Correspondence from the Sacred Heart Catholic Church – Request for ongoing sidewalk construction. **Recommend that the request be referred to the 2014-2018 Budgeting process for consideration**
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- e) From BC Rural Network E News – Information regarding current grant opportunities. **Recommend to receive for information.**
 - f) From the Rural Community Economic Development – Economic book available for purchase **Recommend to receive for information – the Economic Development Advisory Committee to advise if the book should be purchased. Councillor Smith advised that the City should order a couple of copies of the book for information and reference purposes.**
 - g) Investment Agriculture Foundation of BC – New Funding opportunity. **Recommend to receive for information.**
 - h) Thank-you note regarding the Campground. **Recommend to receive for information.**
 - i) Correspondence from the Grand Forks Credit Union – regarding Highway Sign Funding. **Recommend to receive for information.**
 - j) Email from John Mackey – Recreation Department regarding advertising space in area. **Recommend to receive for discussion.**
 - k) Correspondence from the Boundary Country Regional Chamber of Commerce regarding Banners. **Recommend to receive for information. The Chief Administrative Officer spoke with regard to the request for businesses to advertise on banners and advised that Staff would do up a proposed policy for Council consideration.**

BYLAWS:

- a) Chief Financial Officer – Climate Action Reserve Fund Establishment Bylaw No. 1989, 2013

MOTION: SMITH / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1989, CITED AS THE "Climate Action Reserve Fund Establishment, Bylaw 1989, 2013", BE GIVEN FIRST READING.

CARRIED.

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MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1989, CITED AS THE "Climate Action Reserve Fund Establishment, Bylaw 1989, 2013", BE GIVEN SECOND READING.

CARRIED.

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MOTION: KENDEL / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1989, CITED AS THE "Climate Action Reserve Fund Establishment, Bylaw 1989, 2013", BE GIVEN THIRD READING.

CARRIED.

b) **Manager of Development & Engineering – Bylaw No. 1987 – Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Zoning Bylaw No. 1606, 1999**

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1987, a Bylaw to amend the City of Grand Forks Zoning Bylaw No. 1606, 1999", BE GIVEN FIRST READING.

CARRIED.

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MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1987, a Bylaw to amend the City of Grand Forks Zoning Bylaw No. 1606, 1999", BE GIVEN SECOND READING.

CARRIED.

c) **Manager of Development and Engineering - Bylaw No. 1988 – 72nd Avenue Road Closure Bylaw**

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1988, "72nd Avenue Road Closure Bylaw No. 1988, 2013", BE GIVEN FIRST READING.

CARRIED.

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MOTION: SMITH / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1988, "72nd Avenue Road Closure Bylaw No. 1988, 2013", BE GIVEN SECOND READING.

CARRIED.

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MOTION: KENDEL / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1988, "72nd Avenue Road Closure Bylaw No. 1988, 2013", BE GIVEN THIRD READING.

CARRIED.

LATE ITEMS:

12 (a) Grand Forks Trails Society Public Presentation and Proposal – Request for additional funds.

As per COTW's resolution at the August 19th meeting to refer the Grand Forks Trails Society Proposal to the August 19th Regular Council meeting for consideration of their request for additional funding.

MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ALLOW MR. GEORGE LONGDEN TO PROVIDE A VERBAL UPDATE WITH REGARD TO THE GRAND FORKS TRAIL SOCIETY DELEGATION AND REQUEST FOR FUNDING SINCE THIS MORNING'S COTW MEETING.

CARRIED.

Mr. Longden spoke with regard to an update of information and advised that Chris Moslin had sent a copy of an email to members of Council from Mr. John Hawkings of the province with regard to the funding. Mr. Longden further advised that the funds from the Ministry of Forests are a matching amount as defined by the City's amount, and are allowable for this year only.

Councillor Kendel asked with regard to the RDKB funding support for the Trails and was advised by Mr. Longden that the best use of funds from Area D is during the Phase two part of the project.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DETERMINES TO SUPPORT THE GRAND FORKS & DISTRICT TRAILS SOCIETY INITIATIVES FOR THE PORTION OF THE TRANS CANADA TRAIL WITHIN THE CITY, AND TO APPROVE THE ADDITIONAL REQUEST FOR FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$68,000 TO COME FROM THE SLAG FUND.

CARRIED.

Councillor Kendel voted against the motion.
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12(b) Public Presentation by Jan Westlund with regarding to Genetically Engineered Free Zone for Grand Forks

As per COTW's resolution at the August 19th meeting to refer the Grand Forks Agricultural Society presentation regarding a Genetically Engineered Free Zone for Grand Forks to the August 19th Regular Council meeting.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL SUPPORTS, IN PRINCIPLE, THE ENDEAVOURS AND INITIATIVES OF THE BOUNDARY REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY WITH REGARD TO A GENETICALLY ENGINEERED FREE ZONE FOR THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS, AND FURTHER THAT, THOSE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL WHO WILL BE ATTENDING THE 2013 UBCM, WILL CONSIDER THE GENETICALLY ENGINEERED FREE BC RESOLUTION WHEN VOTING AT THE 2013 UBCM CONVENTION.

CARRIED.

Councillor Smith voted against the motion.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 8:07 P.M. CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


CORPORATE OFFICER- DIANE HEINRICH