

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH, 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
CORPORATE OFFICER D. Heinrich
DEPUTY CORPORATE SECRETARY S. Winton
MANAGER OF TECHNICAL SERVICES S. Bird

GALLERY

CALL TO ORDER:

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

RECESS TO PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING:

MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

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 7:07 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION: KENDEL / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA OF FEBRUARY 18TH, 2013 BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH, 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 reported on his attendance, along with the Mayor, at a conference call on February 7th regarding the Regional Community Forest.
- He reported on his attendance to the unveiling of the Family Friendly Business Program at the Credit Union on February 10th. He advised that family friendly businesses could obtain a decal that would identify a business as being family friendly. Councillor Smith advised that examples of a family friendly business would be the provision of washrooms, places to sit (eg seniors, mothers and children) and possible "play areas" for children.
- He reported on his attendance to the FCM Sustainable Communities conference last week in Windsor, Ontario. He advised that he will be providing a detailed report on his participation at the March 4th Committee of the Whole meeting.
- Councillor Smith advised that there is going to be a speaker by the name of John Drope who will be making a presentation at the next Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting on February 26th. He advised that Mr. Drope is the executive director of the Southern Interior Innovation Fund and asked if Council would approve the funding for the speaker to attend the meeting

MOTION: SMITH / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY APPROVE THE COVERAGE OF EXPENSES FOR THE PRESENTER, MR. JOHN DROPE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SOUTHERN INTERIOR INNOVATION FUND, WHO WILL BE SPEAKING AT THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON FEBRUARY 26TH, 2013.

CARRIED.

Councillor Krog:

Councillor Krog reported on the following items:

- He reported on his attendance at the FCM Sustainable Conference in Windsor, Ontario, and advised that he will be providing a detailed report of his conference activities at the March 4th Committee Of The Whole Meeting, as well as bringing forward some recommendations.
 - He reported that there is a Gallery 2 Meeting tomorrow evening and asked if any members of Council had any items for Councillor Krog to bring forward; he advised to please email any questions to him prior to the meeting.
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Councillor Kendel:

Councillor Kendel reported on the following items:

- He reported on his attendance at the February 18th monthly meeting of the Boundary Museum Society. He advised that the organization is working on Staffing the Flour Mill for tourism purposes. He further commented that the Society is constructing a 40 x 40 display building meant to house artifacts.
 - He reported on his attendance at the Greenwood Winterfest and advised that Mayor Taylor won the Human Dog Sled Race with the assistance of the Border Bruins. He further congratulated the Bruins on their hard work for the past hockey season.
 - He welcomed two new Economic Development Advisory Committee Members which were appointed by Council – Richard Fauston and Michele Garrison
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Councillor Wyers:

Councillor Wyers reported on the following items:

- Please see Councillor Wyers' report as attached to the minutes.
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Councillor O'Doherty:

Councillor O'Doherty reported on the following items:

- He thanked the Border Bruins for their great hockey season
- He advised that he met with the president of the Grand Forks International along with Councillor Smith and the Chief Administrative Officer to discuss this season's event
- He advised that he will be meeting with Chief Administrative Officer and Hal Wright regarding James Donaldson Park usage policy

Councillor Wirischagin:

Councillor Wirischagin reported on the following items:

- He advised that he had a question with regard to the Family Friendly Agreement and asked if the City has done anything to make their buildings family friendly. The Chief Administrative Officer advised that he could bring back a report in March with regard to the agreement.

Mayor Taylor:

The Mayor reported on the following items:

- The Mayor advised that he had no report this evening.

MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

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 advised he had no Regional report this evening

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:

None

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION: SMITH / KENDEL

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

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- a) Township of Langley - Request for City Support to amendment of the Agricultural Land Reserve Use Regulation. Council determines to write a letter of support for the Township of Langley's request for an amendment to the Agricultural Land Reserve Use, Subdivision and Procedure Regulation, BC Reg. 171/2002, to the Honourable Minister Norm Letnick for their expansion at the existing Langley Regional Airport.

MOTION: WYERS / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL SENDS A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO THE TOWNSHIP OF LANGLEY SUPPORTING THEIR REQUEST FOR AMENDMENT TO AGRICULTURAL LAND RESERVE REGULATION THAT CURRENTLY IMPACTS THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF A NUMBER OF AIRPORTS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA, INCLUDING GRAND FORKS WHERE THESE AIRPORTS ARE CURRENTLY LOCATED ON OR PART OF ALR RESTRICTED USE LANDS.

CARRIED.

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- b) Correspondence from the Grand Forks Minor Hockey Association - Requesting financial support from the City for the 2013 Pee Wee Tier 4 BC Hockey Championships held in Grand Forks this March. **Recommend that Council to receive for discussion purposes and consider the provision of financial support for the event. The Mayor advised that he had a discussion with the organization and they were looking for a matching amount. The Chief Administrative Officer advised that there is a policy in place for Grant in Aid requests, and advised that Council should consider applying the policy to this circumstance.**
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- c) Correspondence from School District No. 51 - Concerns with Deer Population and Droppings on the community school grounds. **Recommend to receive the correspondence for discussion purposes and refer a copy of the correspondence from the School District to the Deer Committee.**

- d) BC Senior Games Society Correspondence - Request for financial support for annual games held in Kamloops. Council has provided advertising support to this organization in the past. The Financial Plan process includes funds for Council supported advertising; although an amount of advertising funding is not yet adopted by Council, a Staff recommendation would be that: "Council determines to support the BC Senior Games 55 Plus – Zone 6 (West Kootenay Boundary) in the amount of \$400." **The Chief Administrative Officer advised that this request would fall under the Grant in Aid policy as well.**
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- e) Press Release from West Fernie- Receives Government of Canada funding to improve local services - **Recommend to receive for information.**
 - f) BC Rural Network - Enewsletter Information. **Recommend to receive for information.**
 - g) Task List for February 4th, 2013 - List of Completed and/or In Progress Tasks. **Recommend to file.**
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BYLAWS:

- a) Corporate Officer – Bylaw 1946 “City of Grand Forks Council Procedure Bylaw”

MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1946, CITED AS THE “City of Grand Forks Council Procedure Bylaw No. 1946, 2013”, BE GIVEN FINAL READING.

CARRIED.

Councillor Wirischagin voted against the motion.

LATE ITEMS:

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

ROY RONAGHAN – He asked if there was anything being done with regard to the stage area at the lift station. Councillor Smith advised that the arts/theatre group is planning on using it for this year's Chautauqua.

He asked what the status was for any Solar initiatives in Grand Forks. Councillor Smith advised that Paul Pinard is organizing the Solar Car Races again this year.

He asked what happens to the Nephelometer information. Councillor Wyers advised that the Nephelometer graph readings will be presented to all the Environmental Stakeholders at a conference call scheduled tomorrow, and that there will be a discussion as to what the Environment Committee is going to do with the data.

Mr. Ronaghan asked when the plaque for Sugimoto Park was going up. He was advised that the City will check into this.

He thanked the City for seeing that the Winnipeg Hotel demolition fencing was safer for pedestrians.

LES JOHNSON – He inquired if the City has the option to buy power from personal Solar Panel installation. He was advised that this wasn't an option at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 7:53
P.M. CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


CORPORATE OFFICER- DIANE HEINRICH

Councillor Wyers Report February 18, 2013

BC's first Family Day February 12, 2013 marks the collaborative work of the former Spirit of BC Community Committees of which I was pleased to represent Grand Forks regionally with the West Kootenay Boundary group. The rationale of the 2nd Monday in February provided the closest date to the 2010 Winter Olympics Opening Ceremony on February 12th and a tourism strategy to encourage British Columbians to travel within the province and reduce the traffic volume on our highways by scheduling BC Family Day separate from Alberta & Manitoba Family Days held on the 3rd Monday.

February 13th **the Air Quality Index** peaked on the graph! The entire community was covered in smoke. The weather was nice and sunny with no wind present to move the emission. I followed up with the Fire Chief, Dale Heriot, who reported, " On Feb. 13 there was a local agricultural burning. The resident had checked the air index for burning prior to burning and had stated that it was good for that day. He had also gotten a permit to burn from forestry so everything was above board."

I attended the **RDKB Environmental Services Meeting February 14th** as the Alternate for Mayor Taylor. The new Vice-Chair was appointed - Councillor Barry Noll of the City of Greenwood. Closure of five unattended waste transfer stations at Bridesville, Westbridge, Jewel Lake, McCrae Creek and Texas Point is proposed to be effective May 1, 2013. The final decision will be delayed for a vote at the March RDKB Board Meeting in Trail. Options are listed in the communication plan: private sector options for collection and pay tipping fees. The pullout locations are no longer available by the Ministry and alternate locations would have to be negotiated; cost prohibitive. The **Regional Solid Waste Management Budget 2013-2017 and Five-Year Financial Plan** presented by Alan Stanley, RDKB Director of Environmental Services outlined strategic objectives and recommendations. The Environmental Services Committee will direct Staff to conduct a selection process for a qualified professional consultant to assist in updating the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan and present the results of the selection process to the Committee for approval prior to proceeding. Liquid waste, solid waste, administration will be under the new technical personnel. **Last tax increase was 2006 - no increase in the 7th year and no user fee increase.** The organic diversion component will be covered regionally. The private contractor is already working on the commercial businesses for inclusion in the green bin pilot project in Grand Forks - for example, the 3 grocery outlets that will reduce their disposal costs substantially. I indicated Grand Forks has 20 restaurants that would benefit from the pilot project as well.

February 15th I attended a **Boundary-Similkameen Women's Luncheon** in Osoyoos with Premier Christy Clark. A number of key provincial issues were discussed including provincial childcare regulations in rural communities, where families are impacted by shift work and daycares that do not offer flexible operating hours. The recent launch of the Prosperity Fund that proposes paying down the provincial debt from liquid natural gas exports in the future received support. Health care demands as our senior population grows and the role of the family unit in looking after our seniors into the future. New BC Liberal candidate, Linda Larson, Councillor in Oliver, was introduced and will be visiting Grand Forks next week.

February 16th the **2013 Greenwood Winterfest** challenged the three Mayors to a human dog sled race. Mayor Randy Kappes, Midway; Mayor Nipper Kettle, Greenwood and

Mayor Brian Taylor of Grand Forks. Joining the race was a team by Area E Director Bill Baird. Grand Forks recruited the Border Bruins, #12 Nate Cory-Captain, #11 Monty Chisholm, #6 Cam McLennan and Head Coach Nick Deschenes. The trophy will arrive in Grand Forks as soon as the engraving is completed. I attended the awards ceremony and dinner Sunday evening to thank the City of Greenwood for the opportunity to take part in this year's Winterfest and come home with a win!!!!!! See you next year...

Congratulations to the Grand Forks Border Bruins for a very successful year. They tied their final game Sunday February 17th against the Spokane Braves in a dramatic double overtime.

Mayor Taylor, Councillor Kendel joined in cheering the team on

Regular Agenda item #11(a)

MOTION to send a letter of Support to the Township of Langley supporting their request for amendment to ALR regulation that currently impacts the future development of a number of airports in BC including Grand Fork where these airports are currently located on or part of ALR restricted use lands.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Grand Forks & District Public Library** will soon launch their Visiting Library Service providing library materials to homebound patrons. Materials will be selected by staff, and delivered by volunteers. The monthly **Board meeting is Wednesday Feb 20th at 7:00 PM in the library meeting room with the AGM set for Wednesday March 6th, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the Library.**

Pee Wee Hockey Tournament March 17-21st.

Grand Forks Minor Hockey and BC Hockey announce the 2012-2013 Pee Wee Tier 4 BC Hockey Championships will take place at the Grand Forks Arena from March 17-21st at the arena. Seven teams from across BC will be competing for the banner with 22 games scheduled along with many visitors to welcome to our community. Over the spring break. Volunteers are needed and Colleen McKay can be contacted at 250-442-0492 or Mike Jourdin at 250-442-2492. The Boundary Country Regional Chamber of Commerce (BCRCC) is already soliciting local businesses to put the welcome mat for this 6-day event

Submitted by:
Councillor Cher Wyers