

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH, 2013

PRESENT: MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR
COUNCILLOR NEIL KROG
COUNCILLOR PATRICK O'DOHERTY
COUNCILLOR GARY SMITH
COUNCILLOR CHER WYERS

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	D. Allin
CORPORATE OFFICER	D. Heinrich
DEPUTY CORPORATE SECRETARY	S. Winton
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	R. Shepherd
FIRE CHIEF	D. Heriot
DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF	K. McKinnon

GALLERY

PRESENTATION OF TWO VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER 20 YEAR SERVICE MEDALS:

The Mayor presented one of two volunteer firefighter 20 year service medals to Darcy Skerritt, who joined the Grand Forks Fire Department in September, 1991. The Mayor advised that Darcy is certified in Auto Extrication and Pump Operation, and has completed Fire Fighter Level One through the Justice Institute of BC. Secondly, the Mayor presented a 20 year service medal to Dave Squarebriggs, who started with the Fire Department in March 1992. The Mayor advised that Dave is one of the Department's First Responders, and has been certified in Hazardous Materials, Auto Extrication, Confined Space Rescue, and has been one of the local Instructors for the First Responder Program. Further, he advised that Dave has completed his Fire Fighter Level Two through the Justice Institute of BC, and is currently one of the department's Safety Officers.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH, 2013, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: SMITH / KROG

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 28TH, 2013, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 28TH, 2013, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: SMITH / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 28TH, 2013, AND ALL RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN 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 attended an FCM sponsored webinar on January 31st regarding community engagement. He advised that a firm out of San Diego has software geared to assist communities and reported that he will follow up on how it might work for Grand Forks
- He reported on his attendance at a Downtown Merchant's Meeting on February 3rd and that the merchants are looking forward to the future open house with the City.

- He advised that he, along with Councillor Wyers and Mayor Taylor, attended an Okanagan Film Association Presentation earlier today and advised that there may be an opportunity for people who work with film animations, to work within our community. He further advised that these skill sets can work remotely and submit their work to larger organizations such as Disney
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Councillor Krog:

Councillor Krog reported on the following items:

- He advised that he had no report at this time.
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Councillor Wyers:

Councillor Wyers reported on the following items:

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

Councillor O'Doherty reported on the following items:

- He advised that he attended the City Budget workshops last week.
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Mayor Taylor:

The Mayor reported on the following items:

- The Mayor welcomed Sarah Winton as the City's newest employee. He advised that Sarah is the Deputy Corporate Secretary and that this was on her first day on the job.
 - He reported that there is a Kettle Valley Water Study meeting on February 7th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.
 - He expressed his condolences to Irene Perepolkin who is currently in the Boundary Hospital and offered his wishes for a speedy recovery.
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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)

- No Regional District Report this evening

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:

- a) Fire Chief's Report – Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Emergency Management Agreement

The Regional District of Kootenay Boundary applied for and received a joint Emergency Preparedness Grant. A review and revision of the Regional Emergency Plan identified the need for a comprehensive Regional Emergency Agreement.

MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE STAFF REPORT AND APPROVES THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS AND THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY IN PROVIDING RESPONSE AND RECOVERY FROM EMERGENCIES AND DISASTERS.

CARRIED.

- b) Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Monthly Highlight Reports from Department Managers

As part of a new initiative, the Managers of each department will submit a brief report of their highlighted projects and tasks from the past month.

MOTION: WYERS / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE MONTHLY HIGHLIGHT REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT MANAGERS

CARRIED.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION: KROG / SMITH

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

- a) Email from Lifeforce - Organization recognizing communities for not slaughtering deer and advising that they have removed the petitions and advised the signors. **Receive for information and refer a copy of the email to the Deer Committee.**
- b) Newsletter from Alex Atamanenko, MP - Regarding Health Care and S-11 Food Safe Act. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- c) West Kootenay Labour Council opposing CETA - Correspondence regarding the position of the WKLC and proposed resolution that they are asking Councils to support. **Recommend to receive for information/discussion.** Councillor Wyers advised that she was putting forward the following motion in support of the City of Nelson's Initiatives.

MOTION: WYERS / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS SUPPORT WEST KOOTENAY LABOUR COUNCIL'S OPPOSITION TO CETA AND ENDORSE THE CITY OF NELSON'S MOTION ON CANADA-EU TRADE AGREEMENT THAT LISTS THE STRATEGIC IMPACT OF EU REQUIRING FULL ACCESS TO CANADIAN MUNICIPAL PROCUREMENT THAT WOULD INCREASE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS FOR ADDITIONAL REPORTING & CONTRACT MANAGEMENT; EXPLICITLY INCLUDES ACCESS TO WATER RIGHTS AND SERVICES; DIMINISHES THE CAPACITY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO HIRE OR BUY LOCALLY THUS IMPACTING LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; LIMIT THE POWERS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO ACT IN THE BEST INTEREST OF ITS RESIDENTS.

AND WHEREAS THE FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES HAS SECURED FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR SEVEN FAIR TRADE PRINCIPLES; THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS SEEKS THE SAME FIVE POINTS PRESENTED BY THE CITY OF NELSON FOR EXEMPTION, PROTECTION OF AUTONOMOUS POWERS REQUIRING CHANGE IN THE TERMS OF THE DRAFT CETA AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE RESOLUTION TO LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT LISTED:

- 1) CITY COUNCIL ASK THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA FOR A CLEAR, PERMANENT EXEMPTION FOR THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS FROM THE CANADA-EUROPEAN UNION (EU) COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC AND TRADE AGREEMENT (CETA); AND
- 2) CITY COUNCIL ASK THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO PROTECT THE AUTONOMOUS POWERS OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS -TO CREATE LOCAL JOBS, PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT, AND PROVIDE SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

AS IT SEES FIT - FROM ANY RESTRICTIONS TO THOSE POWERS IN THE CETA; AND

- 3) CITY COUNCIL ASK THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO FURTHER EXEMPT FROM THE CETA ANY MUNICIPALITY THAT SO REQUESTS; AND
- 4) CITY COUNCIL ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT THE FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES IN ITS WORK WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO CHANGE THE TERMS OF THE DRAFT CETA TO PROTECT THE AUTONOMY OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS; AND
- 5) A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE FORWARDED TO THE RIGHT HONOURABLE STEPHEN HARPER, PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA; THE HONOURABLE CHRISTY CLARK, PREMIER OF BRITISH COLUMBIA; THE HONOURABLE ED FAST, CANADIAN MINISTER OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE; THE HONOURABLE PAT BELL, BC MINISTER OF JOBS, TOURISM, AND INNOVATION; LOCAL MPS AND MLAS, UNION OF BC MUNICIPALITIES AND FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES, REQUESTING THEIR CONSIDERATION AND SUPPORT.

CARRIED.

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- d) Correspondence from the Environment Committee – Minutes of the January 17th Meeting- Also included are: 2012 Revenue & Expenditure Report; Environment Committee Proposed 2013 Budget; Nephelometer Activities in kilometers for Nov & Dec, 2012; Q & A from Manager of Technical Services and Columbia Basin RDI-State of the Basin Report 2012. **Recommend to receive for information/discussion.**
 - e) From the Economic Development Advisory Committee - Minutes from January 21st Meeting & 2012 Revenue & Expenditure Report. **Recommend to receive for information.**
 - f) Economic Development Advisory Committee - Presentation of their Strategic Planning Report for 2013. **Recommend to receive for information/discussion and refer to the COTW for discussion**
 - g) Task List for January 28th, 2013 - List of Completed and/or In Progress Tasks. **Recommend to file.**

Councillor Krog spoke with regard to the terms that Senior Governments have regarding how funds are granted to municipalities. He further advised that Council is considering submitting resolutions to the AKBLG for consideration at their annual AGM in April, 2013.

BYLAWS:

- a) Corporate Officer – Bylaw 1946 “City of Grand Forks Council Procedure Bylaw No. 1946, 2013”

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

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

CARRIED.

MOTION: SMITH / WYERS

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

CARRIED.

MOTION: KROG / O'DOHERTY

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

CARRIED.

LATE ITEMS:

None

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mary Ann Westaway – She spoke on behalf of the Grand Forks Community Trail Society and advised that the Society has been awarded \$56,000 from the Trans Canada Trail Foundation. She further reported that these funds are to be spent on the engineering component to begin the process of paving the trails.

Roy Ronaghan - He advised that he has noted that there are different formats of minutes which are used from Committee Meetings and Council Meetings. He was advised that Staff is moving forward on standardizing the meetings by using the similar templates for both Committee and Council meetings.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 7:40 P.M.

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR



CORPORATE OFFICER- DIANE HEINRICH

Councillor Wyers Report February 4, 2013

I'll begin my report with my attendance at the monthly **Regional District Board Meeting on January 31, 2013** in Grand Forks as the alternate for Mayor Taylor.

- a) **The Boundary Invasive Species Society** presentation by Barb Stewart followed on the heels of the January 28th presentation to City Council where Barb asked for a future weed management program & financial support for education tools. City Council resolved to accept the presentation and refer it to staff for further research and develop options for an effective weed management plan.
- b) RDKB negotiating the **Trail Regional Airport** sale to Trail. RDKB had previously purchased the airport property from Teck Metals for \$1.5Million.
- c) **Introduced our new CAO Doug Allin** who was in the gallery.
- d) **RDKB Town Hall Meeting announcements:** go to www.rdkb.com home page for complete schedule and downloads that include feedback forms for each meeting.

1) **Electoral Area 'C' with Director McGregor** 6:00 PM Thursday, February 7th, 2012 Christina Lake Community Hall 90 Park Street, Christina Lake, BC

2) **Electoral Area 'E' West Boundary with Director Baird** 6:30 PM – Tuesday, February 12, 2013 Bridesville Seniors Hall 5724 Bridesville Townsite Rd. Bridesville, BC

3) **Electoral Area 'D' with Director Perepolkin** 7:00 PM Monday, March 4th, 2013 Senior's Hall 565-71st Avenue, Grand Forks, BC

Boundary Dog Sled Association held dog sled sprint demos at the Christina Lake Winterfest on February 2nd. The four-dog teams came from Rossland, Musher Dana Luck, Salmo's Spirit of the North Kennels owner Al Magaw and Tanya Cousins. A great turnout at the Living Arts Centre cheered the three teams as they raced the 1 ½ mile course around the lakeside stewardship land. It looks like a promising consideration for the 2014 Dog Sled event in our area to host sprint races as opposed to the extreme 200-mile course throughout Boundary Country held in the previous two years.

Friends of the Library Dinner Fundraiser Feb 19 - Mark your calendars for a night out from home cooking! The "Friends of the Library" organize fundraising events throughout the year to support Grand Forks & District Public Library project. The benefit dinner will be held at **CAMPO d' AGLIO**, the Italian restaurant on Market Avenue on Tuesday February 19th - doors open at 5pm and percentage of the evening's revenue will be donated to the Friends of the Library. I encourage everyone to attend, if possible, bring your family, friends and neighbours and make it a social evening.

Boundary Economic Development Committee (BEDC) Meeting Feb 4 – Okanagan Film Commission (OKC) presentation by Jon Summerland, Film Commissioner revealed a good year for the Okanagan but scouts are out looking at the Boundary with a feature slated for shooting in the Bridesville area. Lower Mainland Vancouver region reporting in the media "doom & gloom" but the OFC is doing well! Tax Credits in BC - the film industry gets an extra 18% to film beyond HOPE, BC; 51% of film must be filmed in BC to receive the tax credit.

Look up: **"Why the Okanagan"** on YouTube - an example of filming in the Okanagan.

Mayor Taylor spoke to the Regional Forest Project; an economic development booster proposal with participation from all in our region will be key for the success.

Grand Forks Environment Committee's "2013 Environmental Events Sub-Committee" met with Kettle River Water Shed Management Plan Coordinator, Graham Watt, on February 4th to strategize partner projects around the following:

- 1) Earth Hour Challenge Saturday March 23, 2013 8:30 PM www.earthhour.org
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- 2) Earth Day Canada April 22, 2013 www.earthday.ca
 - 3) BC Drinking Water Week May 20-26th www.drinkingwaterweek.org
 - 4) Bike To Work Week May 27-June 2nd www.biketowork.ca
 - 5) Environment Canada's E-Week National Commuter Challenge Jun 2-8th
<http://commuterchallenge.ca/blog>
 - 6) Clean Air Day & Solar Kit Races June 5th <http://www.bc.airquality.ca/101/clean-air-day-bc.html>
 - 7) BC Rivers Day September 29th <http://commons.bcit.ca/riversday>
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We see opportunities to engage with Grand Forks Rotary, Grand Forks Trail Society, Kettle Granby Boundary Fly Anglers, Granby Wilderness Society, as examples to host community educational events.

Citizens on Patrol (COP) – Air quality monitoring with the Nephelometer continues along with stationary monitoring. A stakeholder's teleconference call is scheduled for February 19, with MoE, IHA, University of Victoria and BC Lung Association to identify next steps for the Nephelometer project.

Grand Forks Border Bruins Hockey Fundraiser was held at the Gem Theatre on January 30th raising \$1,340.50 for the local team! Thank you Betty Ann Mackay for your hard work!

The next **Grand Forks Border Bruins** home game is Thursday February 7th with free admission sponsored by Roxul where the 2013 Raffle \$5,000 cash and more will be drawn. Tickets are only \$20.00 and only 1,000 tickets printed!

Time for Change: Today, the Canadian Mint stops distributing the penny.

Speaking of change, Super Bowl XLVII on February was a perfect example of how fast technology can play its part when a power outage occurs. "You can still dunk in the dark" - Oreo cookies sent out an ad on social media during the blackout and within minutes 14,000 tweets were generated! One lonely Oreo cookie on a dark screen!! Powerful messaging.

**Correspondence to Mayor & Council: Regular Agenda item (c),
West Kootenay Labour Council Opposition to CETA**

RESOLVED that the City of Grand Forks support West Kootenay Labour Council's opposition to CETA and endorse the City of Nelson's MOTION on Canada-EU Trade Agreement that lists the strategic impact of EU requiring full access to Canadian municipal procurement that would increase municipal administrative costs for additional reporting & contract management; explicitly includes access to water rights and services; diminishes the capacity of local government to hire or buy locally thus impacting local economic development; limit the powers of local government to act in the best interest of its residents.

And **whereas** the Federation of Canadian Municipalities has secured Federal Government support for seven fair trade principles; therefore, **BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Grand Forks seeks the same five points presented by the City of Nelson for exemption, protection of autonomous powers requiring change in the terms of the draft CETA and distribution of the resolution to levels of government listed.

Submitted by:

Councillor Cher Wyers