

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY JANUARY 14TH, 2013

PRESENT:

MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR
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
CORPORATE OFFICER	D. Heinrich
MANAGER OF OPERATIONS	H. Wright
MANAGER OF TECHNICAL SERVICES	S. Bird
MANAGER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND BUILDING CONSTRUCTION SERVICES	W. Kopan

GALLERY

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 JANUARY 14TH, 2013, REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: SMITH / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 17TH, 2012, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 17TH, 2012, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 17TH, 2012, AND ALL RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

- a) Manager of Environmental and Building Construction Services – Carbon Neutral Kootenays Project

Patricia Dehnel, of the Carbon Neutral Kootenays Project made a PowerPoint presentation regarding Carbon Offset contributions which the City has incurred and a proposal that the City's offsets be made to the Darkwoods Project. Accompanying her, via telephone, was Dale Littlejohn, from Carbon Neutral Kootenays.

MOTION: SMITH / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE PRESENTATION MADE BY PATRICIA DEHNEL AND DALE LITTLEJOHN (VIA TELEPHONE), OF THE CARBON NEUTRAL KOOTENAY PROJECT AND DETERMINES TO SUBMIT ITS CARBON OFFSET 2012 PAYMENT TOWARDS A TRUST FUND FROM WHICH CARBON PROJECTS WITHIN THE BOUNDARY AND EAST AND WEST KOOTENAYS CAN BE UTILIZED, KNOWN AS THE DARKWOODS PROJECT.

CARRIED.

- b) Corporate Officer's Report – Grand Forks Boundary Regional Agricultural Society Presentation

Sheila Dobie, a representative from the Grand Forks Boundary Regional Agricultural Society made a presentation to Council requesting that the organization work with the City to submit a grant application, and additionally, requesting that a Council liaison be appointed to the Society. Mayor Taylor advised that he was willing to volunteer as liaison for the group.

She asked if the City would like to become a co-sponsor for the grant application, as she reported that the Grand Forks Boundary Regional Agricultural Society does not have

charitable status and would require the City to submit the application. She commented that she and the Agricultural Society would be willing to work with City Staff on the grant application, and further advised that the application deadline date is March 1st, 2013.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KROG

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE PRESENTATION MADE BY THE SHEILA DOBIE, OF THE GRAND FORKS BOUNDARY REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY AND FURTHER, RECEIVES HER REQUEST FOR THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY TO WORK WITH THE CITY IN REGARD TO A GRANT APPLICATION.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPOINTS MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR AS THE CITY LIAISON FOR THE GRAND FORKS BOUNDARY REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

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

Councillor Wirischagin:

Councillor Wirischagin reported on the following items:

- He wished everyone a Happy New Year
- He advised that the Rotary Scotch Tasting Fundraiser is on January 26th at that tickets are \$30.00 a piece
- He advised that the Grand Forks' boys basketball team will be playing only 3 more games at home for the season

Councillor O'Doherty:

Councillor O'Doherty reported on the following items:

- He reported on his attendance at the Community Christmas Dinner on Christmas Day and that there were over 300 persons in attendance
- He advised of his visits to the seniors residing at the Boundary Lodge over the Christmas Season

Councillor Wyers:

Councillor Wyers reported on the following items:

- Please see Councillor Wyer's Report as attached.

MOTION: WYERS / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE GRAND FORKS ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE'S AIR QUALITY SUB-COMMITTEE PROCEEDING WITH THE PURCHASE OF THE 50 SOLAR CARS AT A COST OF \$890.40 FROM THE SUPPLIER SUNWIND SOLAR, TO CONTINUE THE EDUCATION COMPONENT STARTED BY THE BOUNDARY AIR QUALITY COMMITTEE IN 2010 INTRODUCING YOUTH TO ALTERNATE ENERGY SOURCES FOR SELECTED GRADES AT PERLEY & HUTTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, WITH THE FUNDS COMING FROM 2013 BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

CARRIED.

Councillor Krog:

Councillor Krog reported on the following items:

- He provided an update on the activities at Gallery 2, advising that the Wine tasting was a successful fundraiser in November of 2012; and further that on the January 26th, Gallery 2 will be hosting the annual Rotary Scotch Tasting. He further reported that Gallery 2 is hosting their annual Masquerade Ball this year on February 25th.
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Councillor Smith:

Councillor Smith reported on the following items:

- He reported on his attendance at a December 17th Deer Committee Meeting and advised that the committee has established two sub-committees: the first sub-committee undertaking a sign initiative regarding deer crossings, and the second sub-committee involved in science bases and strategies for Deer Management.
- He reported on his attendance to Gary Onion's retirement on December 20th at the Public Works Yard where burgers were enjoyed by all
- He spoke with regard to the Branding Process, and advised that the finished product unrolling in near future
- He reported on his attendance to BEDC Meeting on January 2nd along with Councillor Wyers and Mayor Taylor
- He reported on his attendance at an Emergency Preparedness Meeting on January 10th at the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Boardroom.
- Councillor Smith spoke with regard to an Economic Development Advisory Committee recommendation to Council to support a \$650 contribution towards the World Host Program to come from the EDAC budget. He further advised that this funding is a matching fund and that participants in the program would be required to provide the other half of the required cost per participant. He advised that this program is intended to educate participants on dealing with the public and well as promoting the City to tourists and customers.

MOTION: SMITH / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMMITTING \$650 OF ITS 2013 BUDGET EXPENDITURES TOWARDS A WORLD HOST PROGRAM WORKSHOP WHICH IS OPEN TO CITY STAFF AND LOCAL BUSINESS' STAFF TO PARTICIPATE.

CARRIED.

Mayor Taylor:

Mayor Taylor reported on the following items:

- He spoke with regard to Committee Meetings and advised that Council is planning on restructuring their meeting style. He suggested that an open forum discussion would provide a greater opportunity for the public and committees to connect with Council. He advised that the "Committee of the Whole" would meet in the morning of the same day as a regular meeting from 9:00 am to Noon and that Council intends to start this new structure in March of this year.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / WIRISCHAGIN

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 that he didn't have a Regional District report this evening.

MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

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

CARRIED

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:

- a) Manager of Technical Services – Omega Restaurant Development Permit

The City is in receipt of a Development Permit application from the owner of the Omega Restaurant, to construct a 420 square foot freestanding pergola, to be used for outdoor seating, erected on an existing slab on the west side of the restaurant building.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE STAFF REPORT AND APPROVES THE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION AS SUBMITTED BY GIANNIKOS HOLDINGS LTD. TO CONSTRUCT A FREE STANDING 420 SQ.FT. PERGOLA TO BE USED FOR OUTDOOR SEATING, TO BE LOCATED WEST OF THE EXISTING OMEGA RESTAURANT BUILDING AT THE PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 9 & 10, BLK 2, DL 493, SDYD, PLAN 89, LOCATED AT 7400 HIGHWAY #3.

CARRIED.

b) Corporate Officer's Report – Council & Staff Memberships & Conferences Policy

Staff is presenting to Council, a revised Policy for Memberships and Conferences for Council's consideration.

MOTION: SMITH / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE STAFF REPORT REGARDING THE REVISED COUNCIL & STAFF MEMBERSHIPS & CONFERENCES POLICY AND FURTHER APPROVES THE OF THE REVISED POLICY NO. 301, AS PRESENTED.

CARRIED.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT INFORMATION ITEMS NUMBERED 10(a) TO 10(i)

BE RECEIVED AND ACTED UPON AS RECOMMENDED AND/OR AS AMENDED.

CARRIED.

- a) From Nancy Green Raine, Senator - National Health & Fitness Day. **Recommend that Council receives for information.**
- b) Gas Tax/Public Transit Management Services - Second Community Works Fund Transfer. **Recommend that Council receive for information.**
- c) Correspondence from Roy Ronaghan - Relaying his comments and questions which he addressed to Council on December 17th. **Recommend that Council receive for information.**

- d) Correspondence From the Royal Canadian Legion - Yearly Ad Request for Military Service Recognition Book- ¼ Page for \$450.00 Total. **Council to advise if they wish to continue to advertise in the Yearly Military Service Recognition Book.**

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DETERMINES TO ADVERTISE IN THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION'S MILITARY SERVICE RECOGNITION BOOK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$450.00 FOR A QUARTER PAGE ADVERTISEMENT.

CARRIED.

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- e) From AKBLG - Request for Presentations for the 2013 AKBLG Annual General Meeting. **Recommend to receive for information Councillor Wyers advised that the organization is looking for regional collaboration projects and that the theme this year is "Build".**
- f) Memo From AKBLG - Notice of Annual General Meeting and Second Call for Resolutions. **Council to advise if they have any resolutions to submit for the conference – deadline for submissions is February 18th, 2013.**
- g) Environment Committee Minutes - From November 22nd, 2012. **Recommend to receive for information/discussion.**
- h) Economic Development Advisory Committee - Minutes from November 28th, 2012. **Recommend to receive for information/discussion. Councillor Wirischagin advised that he was approached by an individual who was concerned with expenditures which were spent by a committee that hasn't been elected by the public and asked if Council could receive a complete breakdown of all the expenditures which was spent by the committees for 2012 to be attached to the next set of minutes of that particular committee. Councillor Wirischagin additionally asked with regard to the Request For Proposal for signs contained in the minutes and was advised that the information regarding the proposal would be brought to Staff to formulate a report for consideration of Economic Development Advisory Committee, and then would go to Council for their consideration.**
- i) December 17th Task List – List of Completed and In-Progress Tasks. **Recommend to file.**

BYLAWS:

- a) Corporate Officer's Report – Bylaw No. 1943-Revenue Anticipation Bylaw

Presentation of Final Reading for the City's annual Revenue Anticipation Bylaw

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1943, CITED AS THE "City of Grand Forks Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw", BE GIVEN FINAL READING.

CARRIED.

b) Chief Financial Officer's Report – Bylaw 1944-Electrical Utility Regulatory Amendment Bylaw

Presentation of First, Second and Third Reading of the Electrical Utility Regulatory Amendment Bylaw. Alex Love, the City's electrical consultant, addressed Council with the key points of the Regulatory Bylaw and spoke with regard to rate re-balancing.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1944, CITED AS THE "Electrical Utility Regulatory Amendment Bylaw No. 1944, 2013", BE GIVEN FIRST READING.

CARRIED.

Councillor Wirischagin voted against the motion.
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MOTION: SMITH / KROG

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1944, CITED AS THE "Electrical Utility Regulatory Amendment Bylaw No. 1944, 2013", BE GIVEN SECOND READING.

CARRIED.

Councillor Wirischagin voted against the motion.
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MOTION: WYERS / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1944, CITED AS THE "Electrical Utility Regulatory Amendment Bylaw No. 1944, 2013", BE GIVEN THIRD READING.

CARRIED.

Councillor Wirischagin voted against the motion.
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c) Manager of Environmental and Building Construction Services Report – Bylaw No. 1945, Residential Garbage Collection Rates & Regulations Amendment Bylaw

Presentation of First, Second and Third Reading of the Residential Garbage Collection Rates & Regulations Amendment Bylaw. The Manager of Environmental and Building Construction Services spoke with regard to the reasons why a Waiver of Services would be put into effect for those properties that are tied into existing contracts with other disposal services.

MOTION: KROG / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1945, CITED AS THE "Garbage Regulations and Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 1945, 2013", BE GIVEN FIRST READING.

CARRIED.

Councillor Wirischagin voted against the motion.

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MOTION: O'DOHERTY / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1945, CITED AS THE "Garbage Regulations and Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 1945, 2013", BE GIVEN SECOND READING.

CARRIED.

Councillor Wirischagin voted against the motion.

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MOTION: KROG / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1945, CITED AS THE "Garbage Regulations and Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 1945, 2013", BE GIVEN THIRD READING.

CARRIED

Councillor Wirischagin voted against the motion.

LATE ITEMS:

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA:

ROY RONAGHAN – Asked with regard to the demolition plans of the Winnipeg Hotel. He was advised that the developers should be contacting the City soon on how they plan on moving forward. Mr. Ronaghan advised that the fence creates a safety hazard to pedestrians crossing over to Overwaitea side and suggested that the crosswalk be closed until the demolition has completed. He further suggested that the Crosswalks receive extra clearing attention this time of year due to slippery conditions.

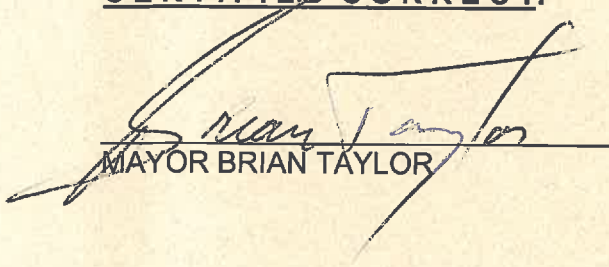
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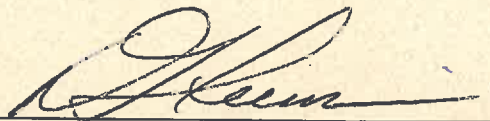
MOTION: SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 8:41 P.M.

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


CORPORATE OFFICER- DIANE HEINRICH



Councillor Wyers' Council Report for January 14, 2013

January 7th I attended the **Boundary Economic Development Committee's (BEDC)** monthly meeting. Meetings have been moved from the first Tuesday of the month to the first Monday of each month. The new Chair is Marquerite Rotvold, Councillor from Village of Midway. The new Vice - Chair is Barry Noll, Councillor from the City of Greenwood. Reconsideration of a new Chair appointment for 2013 session evolved from the RDKB level seeing as a possible conflict of interest for Mayor Brian Taylor, the current Chair.

In the partner's report, CED coordinator from Community Futures Boundary outlined the 2013 tourism publications being supported, a new tear - off double - sided counter map for 2013, funding from TOTA and a focus towards Economic Development for the region including attending the upcoming Outdoor Adventure & Recreation Trade Show in Vancouver. The regional Boundary Country signs are being updated to include new logo and some relocated with project completion scheduled for spring. There is a strong focus in making the Boundary Country Regional Chamber sustainable and the mobile abattoir is coming on line with the Grand Forks and Boundary Regional Agricultural Society. Next meeting Monday February 4, 2013 09:30 AM.

On December 23rd, I attended the official **Diamond Jubilee Medal presentation to Deb Billwiller** at the Boundary Community Food Bank office in Grand Forks along with Mayor Taylor, Area D Director and MP for BC Southern Interior. A well deserving recognition to a volunteer who has given many years of service with the Food Bank.

On January 10, 2013 I attended a RDKB invitation to hear the new Regional Emergency Plan dated November 2012.

Emergency Management Agreement Discussion: Relationship between local governments. Emergency Management Agreement approved in November 2012 and sent out to partner communities to generate question and answer period. There is no additional cost to municipalities for moving forward with this agreement and we're merely formulating a relationship with partners.

Boundary Restorative Justice Program (BRJP) meeting of January 10, 2013 – a delegation including Richard Tarnoff, the Coordinator and Staff Sgt. Jim Harrison will come before City Council on January 28, 2013 to seek the City's support in a "Good Neighbour Policy" seeking community service opportunities on a case - to - case basis with the City. A 2012 BRJP Review has been published and attached to my Council report along with the November 22, 2012 minutes. SS Jim Harrison and the BRJP group discussed the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) process with Crown Council for file referrals sent to the BRJP that puts the offender in a different picture. If they do not complete their forum with the BRJP in a time frame set by Crown Council, then they go back to Court. The offender would not incur a criminal record for the offense if the forum and contract were completed.

I am seeking support from Council for the following:

Grand Forks Environment Committee recommendation from the September 20, 2012 meeting Minutes earmarked \$1,000 to be allocated from the 2012 EC budget to the Air Quality Sub - Committee's Solar Kit Project 2013 for grade students at Perley & Hutton schools.

"MOTION that the Grand Forks Environment Committee's Air Quality Sub - Committee proceeds with the purchase of the 50 solar cars at a cost of \$890.40 from the supplier Sunwind Solar, to continue the education component started by the BAQC in 2010 introducing youth to alternate energy sources for selected grades at Perley & Hutton Elementary Schools."

Additional information:

1) The Boundary Woodworkers' Guild built a portable racetrack two years ago and the committee volunteers have conducted races at Clear Air Day, Solar Day and the Grand Forks & District Fall Fair in the past.

2) Cost breakdown provided below. ----- **Original Message** -----

On December 11, 2012, Paul Pinard, Grand Forks Environment Committee - Air Quality/Solar, wrote:

Here is the information on the cars for the Grand Forks Environment Committee's 2012 solar project. . We need 50 cars - 25 per school for Perley & Hutton. The solar cars come in kits of 10 cars. I talked Sunwind Solar Representative down from \$165 to \$155 per kit x 5 = \$775 plus \$20 shipping and \$95.40 H.S.T for a **grand total of \$890.40.**

The address for the solar cars is: Sunwind Solar

Box 614

Saltspring Island V8K

2W2

www.sunwind solar.com

1 - 866 - 248 - 5350

FORTIS has agreed to sponsor part of the cost but have not given me a number yet. We could go ahead and order the cars now since we have a \$1000.00 in the budget and we can use the **FORTIS** share to pay for prizes and solar day in May 2013. Paul Pinard 442 - 2575

Finally, the **BC Air Quality web site** at www.bcairquality.ca is reporting Grand Forks is approaching today, a 24 - hour average of 25 on the air - monitoring index. The quality of the air is determined by measuring the amount of pollutants that pose significant risks to human and environmental health. Air quality readings are a way

of transforming complex air - quality measurements into a single number or descriptive term(s). The local data is collected by the TEOM located on top of City Hall. In BC, the Province, Metro Vancouver, and industry, in co - operation with Environment Canada and regional districts, carry out monitoring.

If we do go over the threshold it will be interesting to see how MoE responds without a meteorologist on staff. The Environment Committee's Nephelometer Volunteer, Paul Pinard, will be monitoring the local airshed tonight using the portable Nephelometer.

Please join us at the Environment Committee's bi - monthly meeting Thursday January 17th, 11:00 AM at the RDKB boardroom 2140 Central Avenue.

Submitted by Councillor Cher Wyers