

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, JANUARY 28TH, 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
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER R. Shepherd

GALLERY

PRESENTATION OF DIAMOND JUBILEE MEDAL:

The Mayor presented to Michele Caskey a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal and extended congratulations to Michele on behalf of the City for her accomplishment. The Mayor advised that Ms. Caskey was nominated for the medal by the BC Lung Association and advised that Ms. Caskey has been a volunteer with the BC Lung Association since 1976.

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 7:10 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 7:32 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA OF JANUARY 28TH, 2013 BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 14TH, 2013, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: WYERS / KROG

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 14TH, 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 met with Christy Luke, from Selkirk College, on January 16th and advised that she will be rolling out an education program dedicated to the provision of good customer service. He advised that this program intends to educate those involved in retail businesses and that the program is free and will run for 6 weeks.
- He reported on his attendance at an Environment Committee Meeting on January 17th.
- On January 18th, he advised that he met with Paul Pinard regarding Solar opportunities for the area.
- On January 19th, he advised that he and Mayor Taylor attended a Boundary Woodlot Association Meeting.
- On January 21st, he reported that he had met with Bud Alcock, the President of Grand Forks International organization and advised that they talked about expanding the use of James Donaldson Park to include other activities other than for baseball.

MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT STAFF BRING FORWARD THE EXISTING POLICY REGARDING THE USE OF JAMES DONALDSON PARK, FOR DISCUSSION AND REVIEW.

CARRIED.

- On January 22nd , Councillor Smith advised that he sat down with Wayne Kopan, Manager of Environmental and Building Construction Services, in order to go over Carbon Neutral Kootenays program, to discuss other options to reduce the City's carbon footprint
 - He advised that the Economic Development Advisory Committee had adopted a Strategic Plan on January 22nd , where the group identified a number of areas to champion. He further advised that the plan will be available for public information at the February 4th Regular Meeting.
 - On January 23rd , he reported that he had met with Angela Soukoroff, Christine Thompson and Ellen Strelaeff, regarding Family Friendly Businesses program. He advised that on February 8th at 10:00 AM, the program will be unveiled at the Credit Union. Councillor Smith advised that he will be in attendance and encouraged other members of Council to attend
 - He reported on his attendance at the City's Budget Workshop on January 24th and 25th.
 - He reported on his attendance to the annual Scotch Tasting at Gallery 2 on January 26th.
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Councillor Krog:

Councillor Krog reported on the following items:

- He reported on his attendance at the January 25th Budget Meeting.
 - He reported on his attendance at a Boundary Literacy Day on January 25th , and spoke with regard to a favourite word contest which was conducted on this day as well.
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Councillor Wyers:

Councillor Wyers reported on the following items:

- Please see Councillor Wyers report as attached.

MOTION: WYERS / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL APPROVES THE COMPENSATION TO MR. PINARD ON MILEAGE FOR HIS PERSONAL VEHICLE/FUEL USE FOR NEPHELOMETER MONITORING TRIPS DURING NOVEMBER & DECEMBER, AT THE GOVERNMENT RATE FOR A TOTAL OF 241 KILOMETERS.

CARRIED.

Councillor O'Doherty:

Councillor O'Doherty reported on the following items:

- He reported on his attendance at the City Budget Workshop on January 24th and 25th
- He advised that the Grand Forks International Organization is getting ready for their yearly baseball event.

Mayor Taylor:

The Mayor reported on the following items:

- The Mayor spoke with regard to two land acquisition items which are now released from In-Camera, and advised that the City has acquired the Wildlife Hall property and has, additionally purchased 7212 Riverside Drive in Grand Forks. He spoke with regard to the proposed Real Estate Strategy Policy which will be presented for Council's discussion and direction later on in the evening's agenda.

MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT STAFF BE DIRECTED TO PUT TOGETHER REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE PROPERTY AND LAND KNOWN AS THE WILDLIFE HALL AND FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7212 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, INTENDED TO INVITE EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FROM THOSE ORGANIZATIONS, WHO MAY HAVE A DESIRED COMMUNITY USE. CARRIED.

Councillor Krog voted against the motion.

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- The Mayor advised that he will be seeking the NDP Riding nominations in the next provincial election and reported that he will not be neglecting his role of Mayor during the process.

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 that Councillor Wyers will be attending the January 31st Regional District of Kootenay Boundary meeting in his place.

- He spoke with regard to regard to the Forestry Industry and advised that there will be a conference call on the morning of February 7th. He reported that the stakeholders of this meeting will be putting together a plan to address Areas C, D & E, in addition to the City, with regard to allocations of timber and buy back opportunities. He advised that he will provide information to Council after the conference call has been completed.
- He spoke with regard to the Boundary Regional Hospital and of their plan for a large hospital project within the next 5 to 10 years. He advised that this proposed project would impact the City's tax level and has asked the Chief Financial Officer to do some research on the City's tax impacts should this plan go forward.

MOTION: SMITH / KROG

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) Manager of Technical Services-Slag Piles – Costs for Short Term Recommendations

As per the Geotechnical Report in the agenda package, staff is moving forward with short term recommended remedial measures. The Chief Administrative Officer advised that once Council has given direction to do so, that the City will go out for tender on this project.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE STAFF REPORT AND APPROVES THE FUNDING FOR THE SHORT TERM REMEDIAL MEASURES AS RECOMMENDED IN THE GEOTECHNICAL REPORT AS PRESENTED, BASED UPON A CLASS "C" ESTIMATE TO A TOTAL OF FUNDING OF \$270,000 TO COME FROM THE SLAG RESERVE FUND, AND THAT THIS AMOUNT IS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN. CARRIED.

- b) Manager of Technical Services – Real Estate Strategy, Guiding Principles

To introduce real estate principles to guide in the acquisition, disposition and leasing of City owned lands to maximize the financial returns and utilization of this resource to the benefit of the Community. Councillor Krog spoke with regard to a few concerns: Number one with regard to what is an "unreasonable" amount of time that the City holds onto a property; and second concern is regarding item number 4, which he advised may be restrictive to the municipality; and third – Number 6 - Sponsored Crown Grants and seeking any crown land which would benefit the community – Councillor Krog advised that the policy should have more latitude and freedom to do with what the community needs regarding Crown property.

MOTION: SMITH / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE STAFF REPORT AND ACCEPTS THE PROPOSED STRATEGY AND GUIDELINES, AND DIRECTS STAFF TO PROCEED WITH THE CREATION OF REAL ESTATE PRINCIPLES AND A POLICY TO GUIDE COUNCIL WITH THE ACQUISITION, DISPOSITION AND LEASING OF CITY OWNED LAND TO MAXIMIZE THE FINANCIAL RETURNS AND PROVIDE THE BEST UTILIZATION OF THIS RESOURCE TO THE BENEFIT OF THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY.

CARRIED.

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c) Corporate Officer – New Procedure Bylaw Discussion and Direction to Staff

As Council is considering changing the format of the current meeting structure, the City is legislatively required to change its procedure bylaw to reflect those proposed changes.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL TO INSTRUCT STAFF TO PROCEED TO BRING FORWARD THE PROPOSED PROCEDURE BYLAW NO. 1946, 2013, AS PRESENTED, AND FURTHER THAT THE TIME FOR COMMENCING THE SCHEDULED REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS IS 7:00 PM, AND THE TIME FOR COMMENCING THE SCHEDULED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING IS 9:00 AM.

CARRIED.

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d) Corporate Officer – Legislative: Delegation – Petition Protocol Policy

In conjunction with the proposed Procedure Bylaw, Council will need to consider the proposed revisions to the current Delegation-Petition Protocol Policy.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DETERMINES TO APPROVE THE REVISED "LEGISLATIVE: DELEGATION-PETITION PROTOCOL POLICY NUMBERED 106, SUBJECT TO THE ADOPTION OF THE PROCEDURE BYLAW NO. 1946, AND WILL COME INTO EFFECT UPON THE ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROCEDURE BYLAW.

CARRIED.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT INFORMATION ITEMS NUMBERED 12(a) TO 12(e) BE RECEIVED AND ACTED UPON AS RECOMMENDED AND/OR AS AMENDED. CARRIED.

- a) Correspondence from the Grand Forks Curling Club - Request for use and offering of storage of City acquired tables and chairs from the Wildlife Hall. Council to direct Staff to write a letter to the Grand Forks Curling Club.

MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL TO DIRECT STAFF TO WRITE A LETTER TO THE GRAND FORKS CURLING CLUB ADVISING THAT ONCE THE CITY HAS REVIEWED ITS NEEDS FOR THE TABLES AND CHAIRS INTERNALLY, THAT THE CITY WOULD BE PLEASED TO ALLOW THE GRAND FORKS CURLING CLUB THE USE OF THE REMAINDER OF TABLES AND CHAIRS AND FURTHER TO THANK THEM AND UTILIZE THEIR OFFER TO STORE THEM AT THE CURLING RINK.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE CITY TO FURTHER ADVISE THE CURLING CLUB THAT, ON OCCASION, AND UPON A SHORT NOTICE, SPECIAL FUNCTIONS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY MAY REQUIRE THE UTILIZATION OF THE CITY OWNED TABLES AND CHAIRS. CARRIED.

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- b) Memo from AKBLG - Notice of Annual General Meeting; Third & Final Call for Resolutions. **Recommend to receive for information. Council to advise if they have any resolutions to submit for the conference. Deadline is Monday, February 18th, 2013. Council will determine at the February 4th, 2013 Meeting if they require any resolutions to go to the AKBLG.**
- c) From the Grand Forks Public Library Association via Councillor Wyers, Liaison - Unaudited Financial Statements as at December 31, 2012. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- d) Correspondence from the Boundary Restorative Justice Program via Councillor Wyers, Liaison - Minutes from November 8th, 2012 and the Program's 2012 Review. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- e) Task List for January 14th, 2013 - List of Completed and/or In Progress Tasks. **Recommend to file.**
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BYLAWS:

- a) Chief Financial Officer – Bylaw 1944 “Electrical Utility Regulatory Amendment Bylaw”

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

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

CARRIED.

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b) Manager of Environmental and Building Construction Services – Bylaw 1945 –
"Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Residential Garbage Collection
Regulation"

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / WYERS

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

LATE ITEMS:

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 8:43 P.M. **CARRIED.**

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


CORPORATE OFFICER- DIANE HEINRICH

Councillor Wyers City Council Report For January 28, 2013

I begin my report with the **Grand Forks Environment Committee's** bi-monthly meeting on January 17th at the Regional District's boardroom. The meeting was well attended to hear City Technical Services & Utilities Manager, Sasha Bird and CAO Doug Allin responded to questions with regards to the Overton Creek Diversion by the Granby Road Slag Piles and the Boundary Drive culvert replacement addressing the water accumulation in the vicinity. The Environment Committee's Minutes will be included in the Council agenda for Feb 4th. Good dialogue took place around the City's chlorination of its treated water.

Sasha provided a Q and A sheet on a number of items that evolved from the circulation of the draft report "Management of Community Water Wells by Piteau Associates presented at the Primary Meeting of Council on November 19th, 2012. Cheryl Unger, IHA participant at the EC table, discussed the health risks associated with chlorinating drinking water with studies showing that the benefits of chlorination outweigh the risks. Chlorine is effective against virtually all microorganisms and in-home filter systems can remove chlorine and the by products.

There are six Environmental events coming in 2013:

1) Earth Hour Challenge Saturday March 23, 2013 8:30 PM www.earthhour.org

2) BC Drinking Water Week May 20 - 26th www.drinkingwaterweek.org

3) Bike To Work Week May 27 - June 2nd www.biketowork.ca

4) Environment Canada's E - Week National Commuter Challenge Jun 2 - 8th <http://commuterchallenge.ca/blog>

5) Clean Air Day & Solar Kit Races June 5th

<http://www.bcairquality.ca/101/clean-air-daybc.html>

6) BC Rivers Day September 29th <http://commons.bcit.ca/riversday>

A sub-committee was struck to meet February 4th to investigate potential partnership opportunities with the Kettle River Watershed Management Plan Project Coordinator, Graham Watt. Graham visualizes educational tools around water conversation and a shared summer student. His project will include the ***Kettle River Water Wise*** initiative that will increase the level of understanding for the Kettle River Watershed - a program that fits well with the EC's vision around water conservation and educating the community on the Domino effect that conservation plays on treated water infrastructure, fire flows and insurance premiums as examples.

The portable Nephelometer has been busy with volunteer Paul Pinard actively conducting routine drives throughout the community since October 2012 covering a distance of 241 kms. At this time I would like to bring forward a recommendation from the Environment Committee for Council's approval:

MOTION TO COMPENSATE PAUL PINARD FOR MILEAGE AT THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT RATE FOR HIS PERSONAL VEHICLE/FUEL USED FOR NEPHELOMETER MONITORING TRIPS IN NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2012 FOR A TOTAL OF 241 KMS.

The 2nd recommendation from the committee deals with the financial request for 2013 to continue with the work of the three sub-committees, Air Quality, Water Sustainability and Carbon Neutrality. The committee's 2013 budget has been submitted to the City for inclusion in the scheduled budget sessions. In 2012, the budget was \$20,000 and this year's budget request has been reduced to \$16,000 as we see opportunities for funding partnerships and grants.

Note: No MOTION is required of Council, as the 2013 Budget document has been moved to the City's 2013 budget process.

Original recommendation from the Environment Committee:

MOTION: TO REQUEST \$16,000 FROM THE CITY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OPERATING BUDGET IN 2013. MOVED: Gary, Paul CARRIED

The Boundary Sentinel on-line news article for January 21st, covers the Nephelometer monitoring program for 2.5 particulate content in the community air shed. ***Nephelometer Continues To Sniff Its Way Around Grand Forks, Woodstoves on the Radar.***

<http://boundarysentinel.com/news/nephelometer-continues-sniff-its-way-around-grand-forks-woodstoves-radar-22885#.UQWTEDmLSWA>.email

Citizens On Patrol (COP) met January 17th at the RCMP detachment. The volunteer group will continue airshed monitoring with the portable Nephelometer on board and, as always, we welcome new members to join this diverse and committed group that act as the eyes and ears while on community watch. Candidates who are interested can contact the RCMP during regular hours at the detachment office. Training is provided -applicants will need to complete a Criminal Record Check.

On January 19th, I attended the **Boundary Historical Society's** special meeting and luncheon held at the Boundary Museum Society's Fructova facility. The 2013 election took place with Les Johnson re-elected as President

for a 2nd year, Delphine Novak - Vice President, Deb Billwiller - Secretary and John Billwiller as Treasurer, Peter Kootchin & Peter Koftinoff are directors. The Society has been challenged to elect a board from the past two years but from the attendance I saw, the region is behind the organization that has been in existence since the early 1950's keeping local history alive for future generations. A revived momentum has surfaced that includes engaging our youth in participating and strong regional support.

January 24 and 25th, I participated in the **2013 Budget** discussions at City Hall. All day sessions opened up opportunities to hear from the Boundary Museum Society and Grand Forks Art Gallery Society for their 2013 requests for funding plus the organizations' long term projects, goals and visions that will assist Council in determining the levels of support from the City today and into the future.

January 25th I attended the **Boarder Bruins Home Game** against the Revelstoke Grizzlies. Final score 7-4. It's important to keep youth sport organizations in our community and I was impressed by the team's integrity and the sportsmanship on the ice. Great team!

Christina Lake Winterfest is this weekend February 1 and 2nd with the **Boundary Dog Sled Association** holding a sprint race with four teams on Saturday February 2nd 11:00 AM on the Stewardship lands around the Welcome Centre. Bring the family and enjoy celebrating this annual event with our neighbouring community.

Submitted by:
Councillor Cher Wyers