

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY JUNE 10TH, 2013

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

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	D. Allin
CORPORATE OFFICER	D. Heinrich
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	R. Shepherd
DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER	S. Winton
MANAGER OF OPERATIONS	H. Wright
MANAGER OF DEVELOPMENT & ENGINEERING SERVICES	S. Bird
MANAGER OF ENVIRONMENTAL & BUILDING SERVICES	W. Kopan

GALLERY

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

MOTION: WYERS

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD MONDAY JUNE 10TH, 2013, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

DELEGATIONS:

a) Boundary Country Regional Chamber of Commerce

James Wilson and Chuck Bennett representatives of the Boundary Country Regional Chamber of Commerce presented a request to Council for a \$10,000 financial contribution for Fee for Service to the City of Grand Forks.

The representatives from the Chamber spoke with regard to:

- Developing a Fee for Service arrangement with the City where the Chamber would establish an integrated Boundary wide events calendar, provide support and

resources and grow the relationship with the Downtown Business group as well as work in partnership with the Thompson Okanagan Tourism Association to update the Boundary Country Tourism Website and develop the community ambassador program

- The Chamber will be having a visioning session June 10th, 2013 to determine the future strategic priorities of the organization
- The Chamber is hosting a Business after Business event on Monday June 17th at the old Gazette building and extended an invitation to Council.
- Grand Forks is the regional business center and the Chamber will focus on strengthening the business's in the City and then spend more time with regional businesses

The Chief Administrative Officer spoke with regard to past funding of the Chamber and advised that future funding has not been set aside in the budget and it would need to be determined where it could be pulled from.

Mayor Taylor spoke with regard to his support for the Chamber.

Councillor Wyers advised she also supports the Chamber and that it is an important strategic networking tool.

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that if Council supports the request that would be reasonable for Council to ask the Chamber to present a quarterly report that includes measurable outcomes on the initiatives being undertaken.

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the Chief Financial Officer will prepare a recommendation for the June 10th Regular Council meeting.

MOTION: WYERS

RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS COUNCIL RECEIVE THE PRESENTATION FROM JAMES WILSON AND CHUCK BENNETT OF THE BOUNDARY COUNTRY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND REFER ANY ISSUES TO THE JUNE 10TH REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.

CARRIED.

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b) Grand Forks and Boundary Regional Agricultural Society

Sheila Dobie and Jan Westland representatives of the Grand Forks and Boundary Regional Agricultural Society presented a request to Council for the Environment Committee to take on a role of continued support regarding food security issues.

Ms Dobie advised that:

- A proposal was submitted to the Interior Health Association along with the City's letter of support
- The Agricultural Society is requesting the City's support for the implementation of the food charter through work with the Environment Committee and the BEDC

There was discussion regarding the Boundary Economic Development Committee and Economic Development Advisory Committee and the relationship between the 2 groups and agriculture. Mayor Taylor advised that the request from the Agricultural Society fits

within the Boundary Regional Agricultural Plan parameters and would be a better fit with the Boundary Economic Development Committee.

Councillor Wyers advised that the Environment Committee has a mandate that they operate within, and a partnership would be welcomed, however the request does not fit within the scope of the identified issues of Air Quality, Water sustainability and Carbon Neutrality.

The Chief Administrative Officer spoke with regard to Council's strategic priorities for the next three years and further to the letter of support that the City provided to the Agricultural Society and advised that there are legal implications for the City if Council adopts the food charter.

Sheila advised that Area D will eventually be approached regarding the food charter.

Mayor Taylor advised that the Boundary Economic Development Committee would be the group that would take some direction from the Agricultural Society and he will bring it forward at the Boundary Economic Development Committee table at the Monday June 10th meeting.

MOTION: KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS COUNCIL RECEIVE THE PRESENTATION MADE BY THE GRAND FORKS AND BOUNDARY REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

CARRIED.

PRESENTATIONS BY STAFF:

None

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

a) Volunteer Appreciation

Information provided on the Call for Nominations

Council discussed the report and determined that:

- Information on the Call for Nominations needs to be communicated to the public better and further that the criteria around who is eligible to make the recommendation and receive an award is clear.
- The cost is high to host the event
- There is potential for this to be a partnership event with the Chamber of Commerce

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that there is another option which is to host a breakfast for all volunteers.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO RECEIVE THE INFORMATION WITH REGARD TO THE PROPOSED 2013 VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION EVENING AND REFERS THE CALL FOR

NOMINATIONS TO THE JUNE 24TH REGULAR MEETING WITH DIRECTION TO STAFF TO ENGAGE THE BOUNDARY COUNTRY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO WORK IN PARTNERSHIP FOR THE EVENT.

CARRIED.

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b) Options to Grant in Aid Funding

Staff provided a report with several options for Council consideration regarding the Grant In Aid policy.

Corporate Officer, Diane Heinrich reviewed the report with Council.

Council discussed the report and determined that:

- The information provided is considerable and Council needs more time to consider the options presented. The Chief Administrative Officer advised that this discussion can be referred to the July 22nd, 2013 Committee of the Whole meeting for further discussion.
- The Regional Directors also need to be engaged in a Grant In Aid discussion and Council requested that Staff submit this document to the RDKB for the Regional table
- The Grant In Aid discussions came up at the AKBLG strategic planning session where working collaboratively on a regional level is important particularly in this regard

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS COUNCIL CONSIDER OPTIONS AS PRESENTED WITH REGARD TO GRANT IN AID AND REFER TO THE COTW MEETING ON JULY 22ND, 2013.

CARRIED.

The Mayor recessed the meeting at 10:11 am

The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 10:24am

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c) Chief Administrative Officer – Monthly Highlight Reports from Department Managers

The Chief Administrative Officer provided an overview of Staff Activities for the month.

Council requested that Staff provide information on the Dyking System and reporting requirements for the Provincial Government.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORTS AS PRESENTED.

CARRIED.

PROPOSED BYLAWS FOR DISCUSSION:

- a) Manager of Environmental & Building Services – Traffic Regulations Bylaw No. 1956 – To introduce a new Traffic Regulations Bylaw No. 1956.

Council discussed the importance of the Bylaw including a section on heavy vehicle use on City roads. The Manager of Environmental & Building Services advised that included in the Bylaw is a weight restriction piece that speaks to this issue. Council recommended that staff revisit section 1.26 around large recreational vehicle parking in town.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO RECEIVE THE REPORT TO INTRODUCE THE NEW TRAFFIC REGULATIONS BYLAW AND TO FURTHER REQUEST THAT THE NEW TRAFFIC REGULATIONS BYLAW NO. 1956 BE REFERRED TO THE JUNE 24TH, 2013 REGULAR MEETING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE FIRST THREE READINGS IN ADDITION TO RESCINDING BYLAW NO. 1004 AND BYLAW NO. 1810 AND THE AMENDMENTS THERETO.

CARRIED.

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- b) Manager of Environmental & Building Services – Municipal Ticketing Bylaw no. 1957 – an introduction to Municipal Ticketing Bylaw no. 1957.

The Manager of Environmental & Building Services advised that in accordance with this Bylaw, fines will be added to property taxes. A Bylaw adjudication process is being considered for 2014. The Chief Administrative Officer advised that this Bylaw will constantly evolve.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO RECEIVE THE REPORT AND REFER THE ISSUE TO THE JUNE 24TH, 2013 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING TO RESCIND BYLAW NO. 1378 AND ALL THE AMENDMENTS THERETO AND FURTHER THAT THE NEW MUNICIPAL TICKETING INFORMATION BYLAW NO. 1957 BE CONSIDERED FOR THE FIRST THREE READINGS.

CARRIED.

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- c) Manager of Environmental & Building Services – Park and Access Bylaw No. 1959 – An introduction to the new Park and Access Bylaw No. 1959

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO RECEIVE THE REPORT AND REFER THE ISSUE TO THE JUNE 24TH, 2013 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING TO RESCIND BYLAW NO. 1355 AND ALL THE

AMENDMENTS THERETO, AND FURTHER TO REQUEST THAT THE NEW PARK ACCESS BYLAW NO. 1959 BE CONSIDERED FOR THE FIRST THREE READINGS.
CARRIED.

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d) Manager of Environmental & Building Services – Unsightly Premises Bylaw No. 1962 – An introduction to a new Unsightly Premises Bylaw No. 1962

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that in 2014, the Zoning Bylaw will be reviewed to address containers and storage on properties.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO RECEIVE THE REPORT AND REFER THE ISSUE TO THE JUNE 24TH, 2013 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING TO RESCIND BYLAW NO. 1680 AND ALL AMENDMENTS THERETO, AND FURTHER TO REQUEST THAT THE NEW UNSIGHTLY PREMISES BYLAW NO. 1962 BE CONSIDERED FOR THE FIRST THREE READINGS.

CARRIED.

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e) Manager of Environmental & Building Services – Noise Control Bylaw No. 1963 – An introduction to a new Noise Control Bylaw No. 1963

MOTION: SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO RECEIVE THE REPORT AND REFER THE ISSUE TO THE JUNE 24TH, 2013 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING TO RESCIND BYLAW NO. 1681 AND ALL AMENDMENTS THERETO, AND FURTHER TO REQUEST THAT THE NEW NOISE CONTROL BYLAW NO. 1963 BE CONSIDERED FOR THE FIRST THREE READINGS.

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f) Manager of Environmental & Building Services – Building and Plumbing Bylaw No. 1964 – An introduction to a new Building and Plumbing Bylaw No. 1964

MOTION: SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO RECEIVE THE REPORT AND REFER THE ISSUE TO THE JUNE 24TH, 2013 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING TO RESCIND BYLAW NO. 1743 AND THE MINIMUM MAINTENANCE STANDARDS BYLAW NO. 999 AND ALL AMENDMENTS THERETO, AND FURTHER TO REQUEST THAT THE NEW BUILDING AND PLUMBING BYLAW NO. 1964 BE CONSIDERED FOR THE FIRST THREE READINGS.

CARRIED.

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g) Manager of Environmental & Building Services – Fire and Life Safety Bylaw No. 1965 – An introduction to a new Fire and Safety Bylaw No. 1965

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO RECEIVE THE REPORT AND REFER THE ISSUE TO THE JUNE 24TH, 2013 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING TO RESCIND BYLAW NO. 1320 AND ALL AMENDMENTS THERETO, AND FURTHER TO REQUEST THAT THE NEW FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY BYLAW NO. 1965 BE CONSIDERED FOR THE FIRST THREE READINGS.

CARRIED.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

None

LATE ITEMS:

Councillor Smith brought forward a recommendation from the Deer Committee regarding a wildlife management plan and a request for \$15,000 to fund this program.

Councillor Wyers pointed out that this program is an example of the Provincial Government down loading costs to municipalities. She spoke with regard to the municipalities not accepting this and that it is a discussion at the UBCM and AKBLG tables.

Councillor Smith advised that it is important to move forward with the education program. The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the City staff will be looking at granting opportunities to support this program.

MOTION: SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO BRING THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE DEER COMMITTEE THAT COUNCIL PROVIDE \$15,000 IN FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE WILD LIFE AWARENESS EDUCATION PROGRAM TO THE JUNE 10TH REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.

During discussions regarding the issue, Council determined to defer the issue so the Chair of the Deer Committee can provide further information.

MOTION: WYERS

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DEFER TO THE JUNE 24TH REGULAR MEETING, THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE DEER COMMITTEE FOR COUNCIL TO APPROVE \$15,000 IN FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE WILD LIFE AWARENESS EDUCATION PROGRAM IN ORDER FOR MORE INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED TO COUNCIL ON THE MATTER.

CARRIED.

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

QUESTION PERIOD FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mayor Taylor stated that City Council is interested in hearing from the public on the issues it is dealing with or on any other issue that is of interest to the general public. To ensure that this process is open and does not feel uncomfortable to anyone, he advised that Council has set up some parameters to follow, and the normal rules apply.

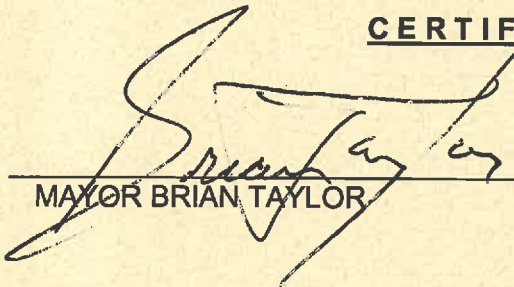
ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THIS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 11:43PM.

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


DEPUTY CORPORATE SECRETARY -
SARAH WINTON