

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY MARCH 18th, 2013.

PRESENT:

MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR
COUNCILLOR BOB KENDEL
COUNCILLOR PATRICK O'DOHERTY
COUNCILLOR GARY SMITH
COUNCILLOR CHER WYERS

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	D. Allin
CORPORATE OFFICER	D. Heinrich
DEPUTY CORPORATE SECRETARY	S. Winton
MANAGER OF OPERATIONS	H. Wright
MANAGER OF TECHNICAL SERVICES	S. Bird

GALLERY

CALL TO ORDER:

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

AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA:

The Mayor advised that Council was amending the agenda to add a resolution to go in camera for Monday March 25th, 2013 at 9am to be included at the end of the agenda prior to adjournment.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE MARCH 18TH, 2013, REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 4TH, 2013, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: KENDEL / WYERS

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

CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

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

Councillor O'Doherty:

Councillor O'Doherty reported on the following items:

- He reported on his attendance at the City Open house for Downtown Beautification, which he stated was well done by staff.
- He advised that the Pee Wee hockey tournament was taking place in town throughout the week.
- He advised that there would be no Grand Forks International Ball Tournament in 2013.
- He advised that work on the ball field was being done by City staff in preparation for the start of the baseball season.

Councillor Wyers:

Councillor Wyers reported on the following items:

- She reported on her attendance at the March 4th RDKB Area D Town Hall Meeting, where the topic of the day was the new animal control bylaw which she advised is receiving a lot of attention. She advised there will be a follow up meeting on March 19th at 7pm for further discussion on the bylaw.

- She reported on her attendance at the March 4th BEDC regional meeting, and advised that one of the latest projects from the group would be new pad maps which will help promote businesses in the Boundary to visitors and locals.
- She reported on her attendance at the March 6th Grand Forks and District Library AGM and advised that there was a new board by acclimation.
- She reported on her attendance at the March 9th Boundary Wood Workers Guild meeting where the Guild had teamed up with the Boundary Wilderness Society to build bat houses.
- She reported that the City along with Telus donated poles for the Bat houses.
- She reported that on March 12th she attended the City open house and advised she was happy to see an excellent turn out.
- She reported that on March 23rd earth hour begins at 8:30 until 9:30. She further commented that Fortis also has an event that can be registered for online.

Councillor Kendel:

Councillor Kendel reported on the following items:

- He reported on his attendance at March 5th BEDC meeting and advised that he had recommended to the committee that they work with EDAC to streamline the flow of information between EDAC and BEDC, particularly regarding regional items.
- He reported on his attendance at the March 12th City open house.
- He reported on his attendance at the March 12th Boundary Museum meeting and advised he had discussed the Welcome Wagon concept with them.

Councillor Smith:

Councillor Smith reported on the following items:

- He reported on his attendance at March 12th City open house.
- He reported that the Boundary Woodworkers Guild built Bat houses on March 9th and advised that locations for the houses were being considered at this time.

Mayor Taylor:

The Mayor advised that he was including his Regional District of Kootenay Boundary report in with his regular report.

Mayor Taylor reported on the following items:

- He advised that The Responsible Dog Owners meeting is March 19th. A draft of the proposed bylaw will be the topic of discussion. Christina Lake, Area D, Greenwood and the City will be considering the information gathered through the community consultation process for the bylaw. He advised that a cat management program may also be part of the conversation on the 19th.
- He advised that the RDKB aquatic centre budget needs to be approved by the Chief Administrative Officer and AREA D rep Roly Russell. He advised that changes to the budget are to include repairs to the roof of the pool and in maintaining the Recreation service the RDKB currently provides. CAO Doug Allin advised this will be an RDKB tax expense not a city one.

Councillor Kendel requested an update on Area D Director, Irene Perepolkin's health; whereas Mayor Taylor advised she is doing well, but recovery is slow. He also advised that in the mean time Roly Russell is the interim representative.

- He advised that Councillor Kendel had formalized an agreement with the BEDC and EDAC to work cooperatively on projects and initiatives that are regional in scope.
- He advised there has been some discussion regarding utilizing the stage coach, owned by the Boundary Museum, to represent the City at events and functions. Councillor Kendel advised that the Boundary Wood Workers Guild has been looking to secure a way to transport the coach for this purpose.

Councillor Wyers inquired about power sources for electric cars. CAO, Doug Allin, advised that the City applied for a grant through the Community Charging Infrastructure Fund last year but was unsuccessful. He advised that the City needs to gather more information for example, zoning requirements. Mayor Taylor advised it would be a good partnership opportunity with other communities as in the Darkwoods Carbon Neutral Pilot Project. The CAO advised that there may be other good initiatives that would keep money within our community.

MOTION: SMITH / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT ALL REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL GIVEN VERBALLY AT THIS MEETING, INCLUDING THE MAYORS VERBAL REPORT WITH REGARD TO THE RDKB, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED.

REPORT FROM THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY (VERBAL)

- Included in above report
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RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:

- a) Manager of Operations Report – Request to proceed with the purchase of a new Diesel Powered Chipper

MOTION: WYERS / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZES EARLY BUDGET APPROVAL TO PROCEED WITH THE \$33,000 EXPENDITURE FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE DIESEL WOOD CHIPPER FROM EQUIPMENT RESERVES AS PROPOSED IN THE 2013 CAPITAL BUDGET.

CARRIED.

- b) Manager of Technical Services Report - Downtown Core Beautification

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZES EARLY BUDGET APPROVAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$253,700 FOR STAFF TO PROCEED WITH THE DOWNTOWN CORE BEAUTIFICATION UPGRADES PRIOR TO THE TOURIST SEASON AS PROPOSED IN THE 2013 CAPITAL BUDGET.

CARRIED.

- c) Manager of Operations – Request to proceed with the purchase of a new utility vehicle

MOTION: SMITH / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZES EARLY BUDGET APPROVAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,000 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW UTILITY VEHICLE FROM EQUIPMENT RESERVES AS PROPOSED IN THE 2013 CAPITAL BUDGET.

CARRIED.

- d) Manager of Environmental and Building Construction Services – Lease Agreement of City owned Property located at 555 Central Avenue, the Circuit Court Facility.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS AND THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE FOR A NEW FIVE YEAR TERM COMMENCING APRIL 1, 2013 AND ENDING MARCH 31, 2017 WITH REGARD TO THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 555 CENTRAL AVENUE, GRAND FORKS (CIRCUIT COURT FACILITY).

CARRIED

Counsellor Wyers asked if the time frame of 5 years is common. The CAO advised that it is common.

- e) Manager of Environmental and Building Construction Services – To proceed with the purchase of new office furniture

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZES EARLY BUDGET APPROVAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,500 FOR STAFF TO PROCEED WITH THE PURCHASE OF OFFICE FURNITURE FROM THE RESERVES AS PROPOSED IN THE 2013 CAPITAL BUDGET.

CARRIED

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KENDEL

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

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

CARRIED.

- a) Declaration under section 107 of the Community Charter - Contract with the City for Pest Control Services. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- b) Climate Action Revenue Incentive (CARIP) Public Report. **Recommend to receive for Information.**
- c) UBCM 2012 Resolutions. **Recommend to receive for Information.**
- d) Grand Forks and District Public Library Financial Report. **Recommend to receive for Information.**

Counsellor Smith left the meeting at 7:26pm, prior to the vote, with regard to his conflict of interest and returned after the vote completed at 7:27pm.

BYLAWS:

- a) Chief Financial Officer - Bylaw No.1948 – City of Grand Forks 2013 – 2017
Financial Plan Bylaw.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KENDEL

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL GIVE FIRST READING TO BYLAW NO. 1948 – CITY
OF GRAND FORKS 2013 -2017 FINANCIAL PLAN BYLAW.**

CARRIED

MOTION: WYERS / KENDEL

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL GIVE SECOND READING TO BYLAW NO. 1948 –
CITY OF GRAND FORKS 2013 -2017 FINANCIAL PLAN BYLAW.**

CARRIED

MOTION: KENDEL / SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL GIVE THIRD READING TO BYLAW NO. 1948 – CITY
OF GRAND FORKS 2013 -2017 FINANCIAL PLAN BYLAW.**

CARRIED

- b) Manager of Technical Services – Bylaw No. 1949 – Roxul Road Closure final
reading

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL GIVE THE FINAL READING TO BYLAW NO. 1949 –
ROXUL ROAD CLOSURE.**

CARRIED

LATE ITEM

RESOLUTION TO GO IN CAMERA FOR MONDAY MARCH 25TH, 2013 AT 9AM.

MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL CONVENE AN IN-CAMERA MEETING AS OUTLINED UNDER SECTION 90 OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER TO DISCUSS MATTERS IN A CLOSED MEETING WHICH ARE THE SUBJECT OF SECTION 90(1)(c) LABOUR RELATIONS OR OTHER EMPLOYEE RELATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT PERSONS, OTHER THAN MEMBERS, OFFICERS, OR OTHER PERSONS TO WHOM COUNCIL MAY DEEM NECESSARY TO CONDUCT CITY BUSINESS, WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM THE IN-CAMERA MEETING.

CARRIED.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

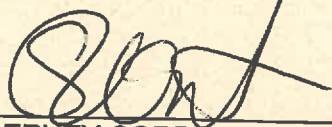
MOTION: SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 7:30 P.M.

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


DEPUTY CORPORATE SECRETARY -
SARAH WINTON