

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**MONDAY MAY 6TH, 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
FIRE CHIEF/EMERGENCY SERVICES	D. Heriot
MANAGER OF ENVIRONMENTAL & BUILDING SERVICES	W. Kopan

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

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Mayor Taylor announced the in-camera meeting scheduled for today at 1p.m. is cancelled and will be held on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:**

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD MONDAY MAY 6TH, 2013, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.**

CARRIED.

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**DELEGATIONS:**

a) Regional District of Kootenay Boundary – Dan Derby

Dan Derby, representative for the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary made a presentation to Council of the Kootenay Boundary Emergency Management Plan. Mr. Derby advised that:

- Emergency Operations Centers are located in both Trail and Grand Forks

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS COUNCIL RECEIVE THE PRESENTATION FROM DAN DERBY OF THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY ON THE KOOTENAY BOUNDARY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN.**

CARRIED.

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b) Grand Forks Rotary WiFi Initiative – Brian Junnila

Brian Junnila, representative for Rotary made a presentation to Council of the WiFi Initiative. He advised that:

- This initiative is for a free WiFi network to be set up in Grand Forks and will be funded by Rotary
- It will be a “Mesh” network (longer connectivity radius)
- The idea is to draw people into the centre of town – Market Avenue
- Care has been taken in the safety and accessibility to the WiFi
- There would be 4 locations and complete coverage of Market Avenue for about a 100 yard radius
- There will be signage to identify the location of the WiFi
- This system would leverage the existing School District fiber system
- This project has been hugely successful in Peachland.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN

**RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS COUNCIL RECEIVE THE PRESENTATION FROM BRIAN JUNNILA OF ROTARY ON THE WIFI INITIATIVE AND TO REFER THE ROTARIAN DONATION OF WIFI SERVICES TO THIS EVENING'S MEETING FOR ACCEPTANCE.**

CARRIED.

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c) Fortis BC – Patricia Dehnel

Patricia Dehnel, representative for Fortis BC made a presentation to Council regarding the Kootenay Energy Diet for homeowners. An invitation was presented to Council to the Grand Forks Program launch on June 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

Ms. Dehnel advised that:

- The Fortis Power Sense program initiated this project to help home owners determine how they could save power and become energy smart.
- Energiguide ratings will be mandatory in 2015 before being able to sell your home
- Kootenay Energy Diet is the Kootenay wide initiative to the Rossland Energy Diet

- \$60 energy assessments are available through this initiative
- There will be free lighting, low flow shower heads and pipe installation upon sign up
- There is up to \$4,000 available in live smart rebates
- There may be low interest, long amortization loans with any of the participating Credit Unions
- The Kootenay Energy Diet for Grand Forks will be held on June 18<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm at Perley School where home owners may register for the program
- Breakfast at Omega for contractors to provide information on the Energy Diet on June 5<sup>th</sup>
- Fortis has an RFQ out to determine response for contractors in area
- They are expecting approximately 1000 assessments throughout the Kootenay Boundary region

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN

**RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO RECEIVE THE PRESENTATION FROM FORTIS BC AND SUPPORT THE KOOTENAY ENERGY DIET FOR HOMEOWNERS AND ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE FROM THE CITY OF CASTLEGAR TO AUTHORIZE AN EXPENDITURE OF UP TO \$1250 TO PROVIDE A \$25 SUBSIDY TOWARDS THE INITIAL \$60 KOOTENAY ENERGY DIET HOME ENERGY ASSESSMENT FEE FOR THE FIRST 50 HOME OWNERS IN THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS TO REGISTER FOR THE PROGRAM**

**AND FURTHER RESOLVES THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO REFER THIS INITIATIVE TO THE MAY 6<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR MEETING.**

CARRIED.

Mayor Taylor recessed the meeting at 10:12a.m.  
The meeting reconvened at 10:22a.m.

d) Granby Wilderness Society - Jenny Coleshill

Jenny Coleshill, representative from the Granby Wilderness Society made a presentation to Council regarding a request for support for the Kettle River Watershed Threat Assessment through a monetary contribution of \$1000 - \$2000 and to participate in the development of recommendation and outcomes.

Ms Coleshill advised that:

- This project is in partnership with the Kettle River Water Shed Plan
- There is a Riparian Knowledge Gap that this assessment would address
- The action plan includes a threat analysis, site specific assessment or habitat mapping and recommendations for management, protection and restoration
- This information will inform the Kettle River Water Shed Plan
- SIBAC has awarded \$50,000 to the Society for the Assessment

- They commented that they were (Granby Wilderness Society) requesting contributions of \$1000-\$2000 dollars to match funds from other area directors but advised in light of the City's in kind contribution of 2 summer students during the summer months that this contribution would be adequate contribution from the City.

MOTION: WYERS

**RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO RECEIVE THE PRESENTATION FROM THE GRANBY WILDERNESS SOCIETY WITH REGARD TO THE KETTLE RIVER WATERSHED THREAT ASSESSMENT.**

CARRIED

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- e) Grand Forks Community Trails Society – George Longdon

George Longdon, representative for the Grand Forks Community Trails Society made a presentation to Council regarding the Boundary Country Trails Agreement Regarding Collaboration for the Benefit of All Recreational Resource Users.

The Grand Forks Community Trails Society requested that Council authorize a representative from the city to sign the document. Councillor O'Doherty volunteered to be the signing representative for Council and upon authorization from Mayor Taylor Councillor O'Doherty signed the document.

MOTION: WYERS

**RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO RECEIVE THE PRESENTATION AND SUPPORT THE BOUNDARY COUNTRY TRAILS AGREEMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL TRAIL USERS AND THAT THIS ISSUE BE FORWARD TO TONIGHT'S REGULAR MEETING FOR ACCEPTANCE.**

CARRIED

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**CAPTIAL DISCUSSIONS FROM STAFF:**

None

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**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

- a) Manager of Development and Engineering – Boundary Timber Supply Area Land Acquisition

The Manager of Development and Engineering requested that Council approve that staff enter into discussions with Regional Partners on Community Forest opportunities.

MOTION: SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO RECEIVE THE REPORT ON THE BOUNDARY TIMBER SUPPLY AREA LAND ACQUISITION**

**AND FURTHER RESOLVES TO DIRECT STAFF TO COMMENCE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE CITY AND REGIONAL PARTNERS ON THE BENEFITS OF DEVELOPING A COMMUNITY FOREST.**

CARRIED

- b) Manager of Development and Engineering – Request for Proposal for the Design, Fabrication and Installation of Welcome Signs

The Manager of Development and Engineering presented the responses to the RFP for Welcome signs to Council and advised that:

- The signs would be installed approximately 5km from City boundaries, and are to be installed before the July long weekend
- The signs will not include the Boundary Country logo
- There is \$30,000 in the budget for signage

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO CHOOSE A SIGN DESIGN OPTION AND RECOMMEND THAT STAFF AWARD THE PROPOSAL TO THE CORRESPONDING PROPONENT**

MOTION WITHDRAWN

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO TAKE ALL SIGN OPTIONS TO THE MAY 6<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR MEETING FOR DECISION.**

CARRIED

- c) Staff – Campground Procedure Policy

Staff requested that Council approve the new Campground Procedure Policy

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE NEW CAMPGROUND PROCEDURE POLICY AND THAT THIS WILL BE REFERRED TO THE MAY 21<sup>ST</sup> REGULAR MEETING FOR CONSIDERATION**

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d) Habitat for Humanity Boundary Society, Whispers of Hope Benevolence Association, Boundary Emergency and Transition Housing Society – Lease Proposal for 7212 Riverside Drive

- Councillor Kendel spoke with regard to his concerns with the proposed lease in relation to Grant in Aid.
- Rick Fression spoke with regard to the Community Sustainability Plan and addressed how this project falls within certain objectives of the plan
- He further advised that there is a good chance to receive Federal and provincial funding to move the project forward.
- Sgt Harris spoke with regard to the jobs these organizations bring into the community.
- Louise Heck spoke with regard these groups becoming self sustaining.
- Rick Fression spoke with regard the collaborative model being used and that the property will remain the City's so it is not being given to the groups. He further advised that 5% of the Social Enterprise activities and funds generated through the Social Enterprise will be given back to the City.
- The Chief Administrative Officer advised that once the groups saw a cost recovery then the City would work with them to determine an appropriate rent schedule.
- The Chief Administrative Officer advised the cost associated with this lease could be included in the capital budget amendment.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO DIRECT STAFF TO REFER TO THE MAY 6<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR MEETING AND TO PROCEED WITH THE PROPOSED LEASE AND ROAD CLOSURE WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BOUNDARY SOCIETY, WHISPERS OF HOPE BENEVOLENCE ASSOCIATION, BOUNDARY EMERGENCY AND TRANSITION HOUSING SOCIETY, FOR 7212 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, PROVIDED THE TERMS IN THE SUMMARY ARE AGREED TO BY COUNCIL**

CARRIED

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d) Grand Forks Baptist Church – Lease Proposal for the Wildlife Hall

- Council spoke with regard to the capital costs associated with upgrading the building to offset the lower amount of rent requested to be paid.

- The Chief Administrative Officer advised that an RFP for the wildlife hall was posted and there were no responses regarding the use of the property for a Community Hall.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO DIRECT STAFF TO REFER TO THE MAY 6<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR MEETING AND RECOMMENDS TO PROCEED WITH THE PROPOSED LEASE WITH THE GRAND FORKS BAPTIST CHURCH FOR THE WILDLIFE HALL, PROVIDED THE TERMS IN THE SUMMARY ARE AGREED TO BY COUNCIL**

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- f) Chief Administrative Officer – Monthly Highlight Reports from Department Managers

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

MOTION: SMITH

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

CARRIED.

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**PROPOSED BYLAWS FOR DISCUSSION:**

- a) Chief Financial Officer – Bylaw 1951 – Grand Forks 2013 Tax Rates

Bylaw 1951 – City of Grand Forks 2013 Tax Rates, First three readings.

MOTION: SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO GIVE THE FIRST THREE READINGS TO BYLAW NO. 1951 WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED FOR COUNCIL DECISION AT MAY 6<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR MEETING.**

CARRIED

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- b) Chief Financial Officer – Bylaw No. 1952 – A Bylaw to Amend the City of Grand Forks Sewer Regulations and Rates Bylaw No. 1500

MOTION: SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO GIVE THE FIRST THREE READINGS TO BYLAW NO. 1952 - A BYLAW TO AMEND THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS SEWER REGULATIONS AND RATES BYLAW NO. 1500, WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED FOR COUNCIL DECISION AT MAY 21st REGULAR MEETING.**

CARRIED

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c) Chief Financial Officer – Bylaw No. 1953 – A Bylaw to Amend the City of Grand Forks Water Regulations and Rates Bylaw No. 1501

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO GIVE THE FIRST THREE READINGS TO BYLAW NO. 1953 - A BYLAW TO AMEND THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS WATER REGULATIONS AND RATES BYLAW NO. 1501, WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED FOR COUNCIL DECISION AT MAY 21st REGULAR MEETING.**

CARRIED

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**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

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**LATE ITEMS:**

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

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**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.

Zac Waterlow - He introduced himself to council as a member of the public who brings live music entertainment into the Community. He brought it to Council's attention that:

- He has been unable to secure James Donaldson Park for Canada Day Weekend



- He is seeking contributions from local businesses to bring music to Grand Forks over the 2013 Canada Day long weekend to play at City Park.
- He has booked four bands for this year (2013)
- The event this year will be a free event
- He would like to hold an annual music event at James Donaldson Park

Roy Ronaghan – He spoke with regard to the welcome signs and inquired as to whether any sign designs were submitted by local companies. The Chief Administrative Officer advised that there were no local responses to the sign RFP.

Mr. Ronaghan inquired as to whether the Overton Creek study from 1982 had been located. The Chief Administrative Officer advised that it will be addressed be brought to the Environment Committee.

The Manager of Operations – He spoke with regard to the street painting, advising that line painting will start once the streets are cleared of all winter aggregate which he anticipates will be either before or after the May long weekend.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION: O'DOHERTY**

**RESOLVED THAT THIS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 12:12PM.**

CARRIED.

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**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

  
MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR

  
DEPUTY CORPORATE SECRETARY –  
SARAH WINTON