

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
TUESDAY MAY 21ST, 2013.

PRESENT:

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

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
DEPUTY CORPORATE SECRETARY
MANAGER OF DEVELOPMENT &
ENGINEERING

D. Allin
R. Shepherd
S. Winton
S. Bird

GALLERY

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION: KENDEL / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE MAY 21ST, 2013 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 6TH, 2013, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: KENDEL / SMITH

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

MOTION: KENDEL / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 10TH, 2013, A BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.
CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

Vicom Design Inc. Request for City to purchase advertising in the Kettle Valley Express publication.

Brian McAndrew and Barbara Bleiler representatives from Vicom Design Inc. presented the Kettle Valley Express publication to Council and requested that Council purchase advertising in the 2014 edition.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVE THE PRESENTATION MADE BY BRIAN MCANDREW AND BARBARA BLEILER AND FURTHER DISCUSSES THE OPTION OF PURCHASING ADVERTISING IN THE 2014 KETTLE VALLEY EXPRESS ADVENTURE TRAVEL GUIDE.

CARRIED.

Mr. McAndrew advised that last year's rates are being offered in place of this year's cost. The Chief Administrative Officer recommended that the actual ad be referred to the Economic Development Advisory Committee for direction.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Manager of Technical Services - Sign Corp provided additional signage options for Council to consider.

Councillor Kendel advised that he would like to see a message on the back side of the sign for people leaving the community.

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that a sign with rock sourced from the area could be used as a base for the sign, providing a savings of \$3,000.

MOTION: KENDEL / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL CHOOSE SIGNAGE OPTION NUMBER 2 (GRAY ROCK) IN ORDER TO PROCEED WITH THE GRAND FORKS WELCOME SIGN DESIGNS AS PRESENTED BY THE MANAGER OF DEVELOPMENT & ENGINEERING SERVICES.
CARRIED.

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MOTION: SMITH / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL CHOOSE THE TAG LINE "SETTLE DOWN" TO BE INCLUDED ON THE SIGN.

CARRIED.

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MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL SPEND \$20,000 TO HAVE SOLAR LIGHTING INSTALLED AND INCLUDED IN THE FABRICATION OF THE SIGN.

CARRIED

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

Councillor O'Doherty:

Councillor O'Doherty reported on the following items:

- He spoke with regard the City parks and ball fields which are open and looking good.
- He spoke with regard to his attendance at FCM in Vancouver from May 31st – June 3rd.
- He thanked City staff for their good work with Downtown beautification.

Councillor Wyers:

Councillor Wyers reported on the following items:

- She reported on her attendance at the presentation of the Selkirk College 5 year Strategic Plan on May 7th, presented by President Angus Graham.
- She reported on her attendance at the May 10th Water Sustainability subcommittee meeting where the City's international summer students were introduced.
- She reported that Drinking Water Week is from May 21 – 28th and that the City will be hosting an Open House at Well #3 on May 23rd from 12 - 3pm.

- She reported that Bike to Work Week is from May 27th – June 2nd and advised that you can register by community at www.biketoworkweek.ca
 - She reported that she will be attending FCM on May 30th – June 3rd.
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Councillor Kendel:

Councillor Kendel reported on the following items:

- He reported on his attendance at the Boundary Museum Society's monthly meeting and spoke with regards to the society taking over the management of the Flour Mill.
 - He spoke with regards to the good work City staff is doing with the downtown beautification.
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Councillor Krog:

Councillor Krog advised that he had nothing to report:

Councillor Smith:

Councillor Smith reported on the following items:

- He reported on his attendance at the presentation of the Selkirk College 5 year Strategic Plan on May 7th, presented by President Angus Graham.
 - He reported on his attendance on May 8th at Hutton School to assist with the solar cars being built by the students.
 - He reported on his attendance at the Downtown Merchants Meeting on the May 8th. He advised that the meeting included all the businesses downtown.
 - He reported on his attendance at the May 16th Environment Committee meeting.
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Mayor Taylor:

Mayor Taylor reported on the following items:

- He advised that he will be attending the Kaslo Hospital Tour on May 22nd.
- He advised that the Mayors will be meeting with the Interior Lumber Association in Southern BC and that Southern BC does not face the challenges that Northern communities are facing with regards to wood and that they expect positive demand in the future.
- He announced that he will be attending FCM from May 31st – June 3rd and is hoping to network and discuss the issue of the City's asset management plan.
- He requested that the Acting Mayor for June attend the Cadet Review as he has a conflict.

MOTION: SMITH / KROG

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)

Mayor Taylor advised he had nothing to report.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:

- a) Manager of Operations – Campground Procedure Policy

Approval of new Campground Procedure Policy

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE NEW CAMPGROUND PROCEDURE POLICY #1206 AS PRESENTED TO COUNCIL AT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON MAY 6TH, 2013.

CARRIED.

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- b) City Staff – Climate Action Reserve Fund Policy

City staff requests Council approval of the Climate Action Reserve Fund Policy

MOTION: SMITH / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RESCIND THE JANUARY 14TH, 2013 RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT THE CITY'S 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED TO RECEIVE THE CLIMATE ACTION RESERVES FUND REPORT AND FURTHER APPROVES THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CLIMATE ACTION RESERVE FUND AS PRESENTED AND IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY'S COMMITMENT TO CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY WIDE ENERGY AND GHG REDUCTIONS, AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING CLIMATE MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION STRATEGIES AND ACTIONS THAT TARGET ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND GREENHOUSE GAS (GHG) REDUCTIONS, AND, THAT IN LIEU OF BUYING HIGH QUALITY BC-BASED OFFSETS TO ACHIEVE CARBON NEUTRAL OPTIONS, AN AMOUNT OF \$25.00 PER TONNE OF THE CITY'S GHG EMISSIONS BE ALLOCATED ANNUALLY TO THE FUND.

CARRIED.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KENDEL

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

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

CARRIED.

- a) Correspondence from the Intergenerational Society of Canada requesting that the City proclaim June 1st as Intergenerational Day. **Recommend that Council receives for informational purposes as the City does not make proclamations.**
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- b) Correspondence from SPARC BC regarding Access Awareness Day on June 1st, 2013. **Recommend that Council receives for informational purposes as the City does not make proclamations.**
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BYLAWS:

- a) Chief Financial Officer – Bylaw No. 1952 – Sewer Regulations and Rates Bylaw

Bylaw No. 1952 A Bylaw to amend the City of Grand Forks Sewer Regulations and Rates Bylaw No. 1500 is given first three readings

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL GIVES FIRST READING TO BYLAW NO. 1952, A BYLAW TO AMEND THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS SEWER REGULATIONS AND RATES BYLAW NO. 1500

CARRIED.

MOTION: WYERS / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL GIVES SECOND READING TO BYLAW NO. 1952, A BYLAW TO AMEND THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS SEWER REGULATIONS AND RATES BYLAW NO. 1500

CARRIED.

MOTION: KENDEL / KROG

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL GIVES THIRD READING TO BYLAW NO. 1952, A BYLAW TO AMEND THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS SEWER REGULATIONS AND RATES BYLAW NO. 1500

CARRIED.

b) Chief Financial Officer – Bylaw No. 1953 – Water Regulations and Rates Bylaw

Bylaw 1953 – A Bylaw to amend the City of Grand Forks Water Regulations and Rates Bylaw No. 1501 first three readings

MOTION: KENDEL / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL GIVES FIRST READING TO BYLAW NO. 1953, A BYLAW TO AMEND THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS WATER REGULATIONS AND RATES BYLAW NO. 1501

CARRIED.

MOTION: O'DOERTY / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL GIVES SECOND READING TO BYLAW NO. 1953, A BYLAW TO AMEND THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS WATER REGULATIONS AND RATES BYLAW NO. 1501

CARRIED.

MOTION: SMITH / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL GIVES THIRD READING TO BYLAW NO. 1953, A BYLAW TO AMEND THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS WATER REGULATIONS AND RATES BYLAW NO. 1501

CARRIED.

c) Chief Financial Officer – Bylaw No. 1955 – City of Grand Forks Bylaw 1955 to Establish and Impose a Flat Tax on Northwest 79th Avenue Road and Electrical Local Area Service

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL GIVES FINAL READING TO BYLAW NO. 1955 "ESTABLISH AND IMPOSE A FLAT TAX ON NORTHWEST 79TH AVENUE ROAD AND ELECTRICAL LOCAL AREA SERVICE".

CARRIED.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA:

Bernie Draper - He spoke with regard to concerns he has with the City leasing 7212 Riverside Drive to BETHS and partnering groups and that the proposal to house a homeless/emergency shelter on that property would decrease property values and public safety. Mr. Draper advised that he was not concerned about Habitat for Humanity but about the homeless individuals who would be accommodated there.

Mayor Taylor advised that the City and the RCMP would be working with the leasing groups to monitor the safety and well being of the community.

Betty Anne McKay – She spoke with regard to her and her husband’s support for the BETHS initiative at 7212 Riverside Dr.

Bill Pipin – He spoke with regards to 7212 Riverside Drive and advised that he is a resident of the riverside condos. He further advised that he and other residents of the condo complex do not support the Beth’s initiative and voiced his concern around having a shelter in a residential area.

Zak Waterlow – he spoke with regard to the Canada Day weekend concert and requested that Council grant an extension to the 10pm noise limit outlined in the Park Use Policy. In the past, he advised, that Council has supported his request.

MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL GRANTS AN EXTENTION TO THE NOISE BYLAW LIMIT FROM 10:00 PM TO 11:00 PM, WITH REGARD TO THE CANADA DAY EVENING EVENT HELD AT CITY PARK.

CARRIED.

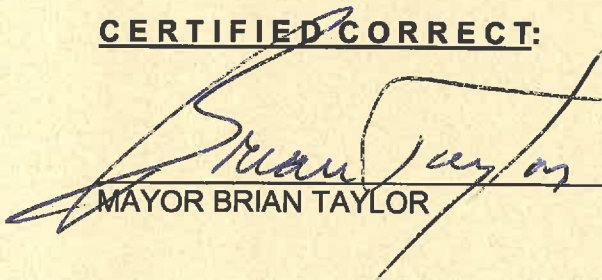
ADJOURNMENT:


MOTION: SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 8:08 P.M.

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


DEPUTY CORPORATE SECRETARY –
SARAH WINTON