

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD, 2013

PRESENT:

MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR
COUNCILLOR KENDEL
COUNCILLOR KROG
COUNCILLOR PATRICK O'DOHERTY
COUNCILLOR GARY SMITH
COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WIRISCHAGIN
COUNCILLOR CHER WYERS

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

D. ALLIN
R. SHEPHERD
D. HEINRICH
S. WINTON
H. WRIGHT

S.BIRD

CALL TO ORDER:

The Mayor called this Special Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT THE SEPTEMBER 23rd, 2013 SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE PUBLIC MAY SPEAK THROUGH THE MAYOR AND PARTICIPATE VERBALLY IN THE MEETING.

CARRIED.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:

- a) Chief Administrative Officer's Verbal Report – To discuss the temporary relocation options for venues to temporarily house City Hall

The Chief Administrative Officer spoke with regard to options for possible venues to temporarily relocate City Hall Staff in order to continue to give service to the public and to continue its daily operations.

He spoke with regard to the spot offered by the School District at 7425 – 5th Street that would be able to provide continued downtown access for the public to pay their bills and to field inquiries. He further advised that the City is reviewing other options to house the rest of City Hall staff and that those Staff members would remain at the Public Works location until a new venue has been determined.

The Mayor opened the floor to questions from the public.
It was determined that:

- Bill payments made prior to the fire should be followed up on.
- The time lines for restoration of the building are uncertain.
- The demolition could cost up to \$200,000 for time and demo and that workers will be asked to expedite the work as quickly as possible.
- It is expected to be between 3 and 6 months until Staff can move back into City Hall.
- It is doubtful that anything could have been done differently to prevent the fire
- The clock is in working order.

Sergeant Harrison advised that bars on windows often gives the impression that there is something worth stealing inside a building and there may always be a way in. He further advised that the individual was very motivated to get inside City Hall and he probably couldn't have been deterred.

Deputy Fire Chief, Kevin McKinnon spoke with regard to how quickly the fire department extinguished the fire and the limited amount of water that was used.

Sergeant Harrison advised that the fire investigator was very impressed with the small amount of water damage done.

Councillor Wyers spoke with regard to UBCM and how many thoughts and wishes she received from others at the Conference. She commented that the MLA, Linda Larson, will be coming to Grand Forks to check in with the community.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THIS SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 7:24 P.M.

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR



DEPUTY CORPORATE SECRETARY- SARAH WINTON