

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2013

PRESENT: MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR
COUNCILLOR BOB KENDEL
COUNCILLOR NEIL KROG
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
MANAGER OF DEVELOPMENT & ENGINEERING	S. Bird
MANAGER OF BUILDING INSPECTION & BYLAW ENFORCEMENT	W. Kopan

GALLERY

CALL TO ORDER:

The Mayor called the Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

The Mayor advised that he was including a late item to the agenda as 12 (a) Boundary Country Regional Chamber of Commerce request for items from the City for trip to China in October which was referred by the Committee of the Whole at the September 9th, 2013 9:00 am meeting to the Regular Meeting.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th, 2013, BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 19TH, 2013, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

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MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / KROG

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 19TH, 2013, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

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MOTION: KENDEL / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 19TH, 2013, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

DELEGATION:

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 Car Show-Park in the Park held in City Park
- He reported on his participation in the Grand Forks Fall Fair Parade and commented on a great fair
- He reported on his attendance at the Fly-in Appreciation Days held at the airport
- He advised that Hockey season is back in full swing and that the Border Bruins have played two exhibition games to date
- He advised that he visited James Donaldson Park and reported that a great job was done to the infield in preparation for next year's Grand Forks International

Councillor Wirischagin:

Councillor Wirischagin reported on the following items:

- He reported that he was glad to see the Soccer posts upright and installed in City Park and that's its finally being used
- He reported that the Border Bruins last exhibition game is coming up and that their first game will be at 7:00 on Thursday
- He advised that school is back in session and that high school sports is back in full swing
- Councillor Wirischagin advised that he and Councillor Smith would each like to enroll in on-line courses at Dalhousie University

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTS THE ENROLLMENT AND FUNDING OF AN ON-LINE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COURSE AT DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY EACH FOR COUNCILLOR WIRISCHAGIN AND COUNCILLOR SMITH.

MOTION DEFEATED.

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- The Chief Administrative Officer spoke with regard to the budgeting of the course within the five-year plan.
 - Councillor Wyers asked on the cost of the courses and Councillor Wirischagin advised that the cost each of the courses is \$895.00.
 - Councillor Kendel advised that he would like to see more notification with regard to these requests and would like to see that the Courses have been fulfilled and passed, and additionally, what the benefit of taking these courses is for the City.

Councillor Wyers:

Councillor Wyers reported on the following items:

- She reported on her attendance at a Regional Collaboration working group with AKBLG and CBT on August 20th and advised that the discussion involved a regional cohesion to bring all the communities together.
- She reported on her attendance at the Grand Forks Airport Appreciation Fly-in on August 25th. She commented that the City allocation of fuel for the use of the Penticton Warbirds was greatly appreciated, but that the Warbirds left before fueling up. She advised that next year's event will be on Sunday August 24th, and further that the Grand Forks Fall Fair would like to work in conjunction with the Fly-in event next year.
- She advised that they bid farewell to the Brazilian students who are pursuing their education Guelph, Ontario and commented on their assistance to the Environment Committee
- She reported on her attendance on August 28th where Council met with Linda Larson at City Hall to discuss City issues.
- She reported on her attendance at the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary monthly board meeting on August 29th as the City's alternate Director, and spoke with regard to the highlights of the agenda.
- She reported that the City will be submitting a gift basket at this year's UBCM as they have in the past

- She spoke with regard to the Columbia Basin Trust symposium in Creston in October and urged all members to attend.
 - She advised that the next Environment Committee meeting is on Thursday Oct 17th at 11:00 AM at the Region District Board Room.
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Councillor Kendel:

Councillor Kendel reported on the following items:

- He reported that on August 23rd , he attended the unveiling of the new City Signs
 - He reported on his attendance to an Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting on August 27th.
 - On August 28th , he reported on his attendance at City Hall with other members of Council where they met with MLA Linda Larson and had a brief discussion on some of the City's concerns
 - On September 4th , he reported on his attendance at a Boundary Regional Chamber of Commerce monthly meeting
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Councillor Krog:

Councillor Krog advised that he had no report this evening.

Councillor Smith:

Councillor Smith reported on the following items:

- He reported that Down Town Merchant Association had a meeting where they discussed the past events of Fly-in Appreciation and the Grand Forks Fall Fair. He reported that the shuttle bus didn't work as well as they had hoped.
- He reported that Economic Development Advisory Committee met last Tuesday where the group discussed the accomplishments and that its time to go to the next level.

MOTION: SMITH / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THE CITY SUPPORT THE CONCEPT OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MODEL USING THE FORMAT THAT IS UTILIZED IN THE CITY OF NELSON.

CARRIED.

- He spoke with regard to the resolution passed by Council regarding the Genetically Engineer Free issue which was presented to Council by the Agricultural Society at

the August 19th Meetings. He asked that Council rescind the motion that read as follows:

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL SUPPORTS, IN PRINCIPLE, THE ENDEAVOURS AND INITIATIVES OF THE BOUNDARY REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY WITH REGARD TO A GENETICALLY ENGINEERED FREE ZONE FOR THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS, AND FURTHER THAT, THOSE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL WHO WILL BE ATTENDING THE 2013 UBCM, WILL CONSIDER THE GENETICALLY ENGINEERED FREE BC RESOLUTION WHEN VOTING AT THE 2013 UBCM CONVENTION.

Rescinding motion as proposed:

MOTION: SMITH / KROG

RESOLVED THAT THAT THE RESOLUTION WHICH COUNCIL SUPPORTED, IN PRINCIPLE, THE ENDEAVOURS AND INITIATIVES OF THE BOUNDARY REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY WITH REGARD TO A GENETICALLY ENGINEERED FREE ZONE FOR THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS, AND FURTHER THAT, THOSE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL WHO WILL BE ATTENDING THE 2013 UBCM, WILL CONSIDER THE GENETICALLY ENGINEERED FREE BC RESOLUTION WHEN VOTING AT THE 2013 UBCM CONVENTION BE RESCINDED.

MOTION DEFEATED.

Councillor Wyers advised that the City send a letter to the GE Free Website and the Boundary Regional Agricultural Society, advising that the City would like to be removed as a one of the municipalities stating to be a GE Free Zone, as this was not Council's intent in their resolution of August 19th, 2013, Regular Meeting.

Mayor Taylor:

The Mayor reported on the following items:

- He spoke with regard to the Stagecoach and the horses that pulled the coach. He advised that the horses' owner suggested that they partner with the Boundary Museum to represent the City at other parades in other municipalities. The Mayor would like to continue this discussion for next year's festivities.
- The Mayor advised that the Regional District is looking at the feasibility of extending the Green Bin program to Area D

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / WYERS

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)

- The Mayor advised that the Kettle River Water Management Plan meeting is tomorrow night at the RDKB Boardroom at 7:00pm and is open to the public
- He advised that the Boundary Economic Development Committee is meeting tomorrow morning at 9:30 AM
- He advised that the new paper and packaging rules are coming down the tubes and that some decisions will be made at the Regional Table on this issue. He advised that he will provide further information to Council as this unfolds. The Chief Administrative asked if the Regional District was going to put forward a communications plan on this issue

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR'S REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY, GIVEN VERBALLY AT THIS MEETING, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:

a) Manager of Building Inspection and Bylaw Services – Unsightly Premises at 6401 Highway 3

Wayne Kopan spoke with regard to the state of the property in a chronological order of visits and actions and indicated that the property remains as an unsightly premises. Mr. Bob Saini, who is the property owner, did not appear before Council.

MOTION: WYERS / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE CITY AND ITS CONTRACTORS TO ENTER THE PROPERTY ON SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2013, TO ESTIMATE THE COSTS AND TIMEFRAME FOR THE CLEANUP OF OBJECTS AND DERELICT VEHICLES THAT ARE IN VIOLATION OF THE CITY'S UNSIGHTLY PREMISES BYLAW NO. 1962, AT THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 6401 HIGHWAY #3 AND LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 3, PLAN NUMBER 3072, L.D. 54.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZES STAFF TO DELIVER A THIRD NOTICE TO MR. BALHAR SAINI, PROPERTY OWNER, OF A DATE AND TIME WHICH THE CITY AND/OR ITS CONTRACTORS INTEND TO ENTER THE PROPERTY AND REMOVE THE DERELICT VEHICLES AND ITEMS THAT ARE IN VIOLATION OF THE CITY'S UNSIGHTLY PREMISES BYLAW NO. 1962.

CARRIED.

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the City will be working with legal on any litigation.

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b) Manager of Development and Engineering – Unplanned expenditure requiring Financial Plan amendment

Request for approval of Application by City for funding to locate water system infrastructure in the City in preparation for installation of water meters in 2014.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DIRECT STAFF TO PROCEED WITH THE EXPENDITURES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$96,000. FOR THE WATER SYSTEM INFRASTRUCTURE LOCATES, EXCAVATION/REPAIRS AND DATA MANAGEMENT/MAPPING; AND THAT IT BE FUNDED BY GAS TAX RESERVE FUNDS.

AND FURTHER RESOLVES TO REQUEST THAT STAFF AMEND THE 2013 FINANCIAL PLAN TO REFLECT THIS AMENDMENT.

CARRIED.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION: SMITH / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT INFORMATION ITEMS NUMBERED 10(a) TO 10(b) BE RECEIVED AND ACTED UPON AS RECOMMENDED AND/OR AS AMENDED. CARRIED.

a) Grand Forks Park in the Park request from event organizers for 2014 event sponsorship.

Council to receive for discussion purposes and consideration of event sponsorship. The Mayor advised that the request be referred to the 2014 budgeting process.

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b) Good Sam Club-Request for 10% discount for the Grand Forks Municipal campground for Good Sam members the week of the event, June 23rd, 2014.

MOTION: SMITH / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM THE GOOD SAM CLUB FOR GOOD SAM MEMBERS TO RECEIVE A 10% DISCOUNT AT THE GRAND FORKS MUNICIPAL CAMP GROUND THE WEEK OF JUNE 23RD, 2014.

CARRIED.

BYLAWS:

a) Chief Financial Officer – Bylaw 1976 – 2014 Annual Tax Exemption Bylaw

Council to give first, second and third readings to Bylaw 1976 – 2014 Annual Tax Exemption Bylaw

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL GIVES FIRST READING TO BYLAW 1976 – 2014 ANNUAL TAX EXEMPTION BYLAW.

CARRIED.

MOTION: KENDEL / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL GIVES SECOND READING TO BYLAW 1976 – 2014 ANNUAL TAX EXEMPTION BYLAW.

CARRIED.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL GIVES THIRD READING TO BYLAW 1976 – 2014 ANNUAL TAX EXEMPTION BYLAW.

CARRIED.

b) Manager of Development and Engineering Services – Bylaw No. 1988 – 72nd Avenue Road Closure Bylaw

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MOTION: WYERS / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL GIVES FINAL READING TO BYLAW NO. 1988 – 72ND AVENUE ROAD CLOSURE BYLAW 1988, 2013.

CARRIED.

c) Chief Financial Officer – Climate Action Reserve Fund Establishment Bylaw No. 1989, 2013

MOTION: WYERS / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL GIVE FINAL READING TO BYLAW NO. 1989 "CLIMATE ACTION RESERVE FUND ESTABLISHMENT BYLAW"

AND FURTHER RESOLVES TO ALLOCATE THE CITY'S CARBON OFFSET 2012 PAYMENT TO THE CLIMATE ACTION RESERVE FUND AND INCLUDE THE ALLOCATION IN THE UPCOMING 2013-2017 FINANCIAL PLAN AMENDMENT.

CARRIED.

LATE ITEMS:

- a) James Wilson, Executive Director for the Boundary Country Regional Chamber of Commerce request for items to take with him on his trip to China in October.

At the Committee of the Whole Meeting the morning of September 9th, Mr. James Wilson, made a presentation to Council requesting items from the City to promote Grand Forks while on his trip to China in October. Mr. Wilson had requested 1) A professional portfolio of Grand Forks; 2) Grand Forks pins and business cards; 3) some "swag" (bling) to wear and give away; and 4) Promotional materials of Grand Forks. The Committee of the Whole referred the matter for a decision to the Regular Meeting on September 9th.

MOTION: SMITH / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY DETERMINES TO ALLOCATE TO THE BOUNDARY COUNTRY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE; 1) A PROFESSIONAL PORTFOLIO OF GRAND FORKS; 2) GRAND FORKS PINS AND BUSINESS CARDS; 3) "SWAG" OR "BLING" ITEMS TO WEAR AND GIVE AWAY; AND 4) OTHER PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL OF GRAND FORKS THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE; TO BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTING GRAND FORKS DURING, THE BOUNDARY COUNTRY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S VISIT TO CHINA THIS OCTOBER.

CARRIED.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

NIGEL JAMES – Spoke with regard to various issues: on the Education policy, UBCM attendance and of the GIS/GPS initiative. He further spoke with regard to containers that are populating the City that may become a future problem.

LES JOHNSON – He congratulated Council on the great entrance signs

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: SMTIH

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 8:29
P.M. CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


CORPORATE OFFICER- DIANE HEINRICH