

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**

**Monday, November 27, 2017, 7:00 pm
7217 - 4th Street, City Hall Council Chambers**

PRESENT: Mayor Frank Konrad
Councillor Julia Butler
Councillor Chris Hammett
Councillor Neil Krog
Councillor Colleen Ross
Councillor Christine Thompson
Councillor Beverley Tripp

ADMINISTRATION: Diane Heinrich - Chief Administrative Officer - interim /
Corporate Officer
Daniel Drexler - Deputy Corporate Officer
Juliette Rhodes - Chief Financial Officer
David Reid - Manager of Operations
Cavan Gates - Deputy Manager of Operations & Sustainability
David Bruce – Manager of Building Inspection Services (until
8:22 pm)

For item 4.a. only:

Bud Alcock - Bylaw Enforcement Officer
Sergeant Jim Fenske - RCMP

GALLERY

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Konrad called the November 27, 2017, Regular Meeting to order
at 7:02 pm.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

a. Adopt agenda

November 27, 2017, Regular Meeting agenda

MOVED BY: KROG

SECONDED BY: ROSS

RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the November 27, 2017, Regular Meeting agenda as presented.

CARRIED

3. MINUTES

- a. Adopt minutes - COTW

November 14, 2017, Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes

MOVED BY: TRIPP

SECONDED BY: BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the November 14, 2017, Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes as presented.

CARRIED

- b. Adopt minutes - Regular

November 14, 2017, Regular Meeting minutes

Brief discussion ensued regarding minor housekeeping items.

MOVED BY: ROSS

SECONDED BY: THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the November 14, 2017, Regular Meeting minutes as presented.

CARRIED

4. REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

- a. Proposed Implementation of City Block Watch Coordinator and Program

Sergeant Jim Fenske of the Grand Forks RCMP will be present to speak as a delegation

Chief Administrative Officer presentation and report

The Bylaw Enforcement Officer and Sgt. Fenske gave a presentation regarding the proposed program.

- current Citizens on Patrol program already in place
- different levels of success for proposed Block Watch program
- program would assist RCMP and is supported by the RCMP
- Block Watch could work well in conjunction with Citizens on Patrol
- Citizens on Patrol is a roaming group, while Block Watch is more static
- Block Watch has an important educational component
- Bylaw Enforcement initiative not an RCMP initiative

Discussion ensued:

- December 14, 2017 community dialogue event at Perley gym between 6pm and 8pm, about 200 people expected
- next steps would involve registration with society, recruitment of captains and co-captains, further recruitment and training
- Councillor Hammett shared her experiences with Block Watch program that she used to co-ordinate in the past

Council discussed amending the "approximate" amounts to an up to a maximum amount. During the discussion, the recommended \$1,000 (approx.) was amended to "a maximum of \$2,000.

MOVED BY: ROSS

SECONDED BY: BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT Council receives the delegation from Sergeant Jim Fenske along with the staff presentation regarding the proposed City Block Watch Coordinator and the Block Watch Program.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: HAMMETT

SECONDED BY: ROSS

RESOLVED THAT Council provides approval for the City of Grand Forks' Bylaw Enforcement Officer, Mr. Bud Alcock, to become the Block Watch Coordinator for the Block Watch Program for the City of Grand Forks;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council approves of the approximate funding not exceeding \$2,000 for the setting up of the Block Watch Program for the balance of the year 2017, and the acknowledgement that these funds are available within the current bylaw enforcement budget for 2017."

CARRIED

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. REPORTS, QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

a. Corporate Officer's Report

Written reports of Council

Discussion ensued regarding the reports:

- potential water rates changes
- potential discussion at the COTW on Dec 11, 2017

Motion on Microcells discussion:

- action item checklist
- change in technology does not require full cell towers
- possible previous case law in Canada
- potential staff time required
- senior government should be mandating local governments

Further discussion ensued regarding:

- the community safe and secure discussion forum
- the Block Watch recruitment possibilities at the forum
- budget amounts for the forum
- statistical data will be available to the City from RCMP Nelson offices including statistics from other communities and data from within the police force

MOVED BY: ROSS

SECONDED BY: BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT all written reports of Council submitted to the November 27, 2017, Regular Meeting be received.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: TRIPP

SECONDED BY: BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT Council implements the Action Check List, as provided by Citizens for Safe Technology, Section 5: Microcells – Municipal Rights and Responsibilities, regarding placement of microcells on City infrastructure.

Opposed (4): KONRAD, HAMMETT, KROG, and THOMPSON

DEFEATED

MOVED BY: KROG

SECONDED BY: TRIPP

RESOLVED THAT Council receives for decision the funding request regarding minor costs for expenses directly associated with hosting an event of this size up to, and not exceeding \$500, from the Safe and Secure Grand Forks Forum, where ongoing issues of concern to the citizens of Grand Forks include increased crime and overall safety, and where the City of Grand Forks is currently collaborating with agencies and organizations to co-host the forum.

CARRIED

7. REPORT FROM COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY

a. Corporate Officer's Report

Verbal report from Council's representative to the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary

Read the RDKB agendas here:

<https://rdkb.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/314>

The Mayor advised that he did not have a report for this evening.

Brief discussion ensued regarding the participation on the Hospital Board, potential input from Council, and composition of the board.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS

a. 2018 Regular and COTW Meeting Schedule

Corporate Services

Discussion ensued regarding changing September, October and November dates by 1 week.

The CAO advised that staff would move the Sept 17, 2018 meeting to Sept 24, 2018, and the October 1, 2018 meetings would move to October 9, 2018.

MOVED BY: ROSS

SECONDED BY: KROG

RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the meeting dates as amended and provides notice to the public of the 2018 Regular Council Meeting schedule and the schedule for Committee of the Whole Meetings;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to publish the notice in the Gazette in accordance with the Community Charter.

CARRIED

Amendment:

MOVED BY: TRIPP

SECONDED BY: BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT the schedule be amended by moving the September 17, 2018 Regular Meeting to the September 24, 2018; and by moving the October 1, 2018 COTW and Regular Meeting to the October 9, 2018.

CARRIED

b. Appointments of Acting Mayor for Council Year 2017-2018

Corporate Services

MOVED BY: BUTLER

SECONDED BY: ROSS

RESOLVED THAT Council designates members of Council to serve on a rotating basis as Acting Mayor during the year 2017-2018:

Councillor Butler - December 2017 and January 2018

Councillor Hammett - February 2018 and March 2018

Councillor Krog - April 2018 and May 2018

Councillor Ross - June 2018 and July 2018

Councillor Thompson - August 2018 and September 2018

Councillor Tripp - October 2018

CARRIED

c. Water Rate Structure for Mock Billing Process

Manager of Operations

Discussion ensued regarding:

- rate structures
- industry compared to residential costs
- size of services
- water consumption rate
- various options proposed and summarized
- potential impacts on residential lots with gardens
- conservation possibilities, drip irrigation
- equitable and fair
- demands during summer months
- possible implementation timelines of mock billing
- potential issues surrounding mock billing with financial software

MOVED BY: HAMMETT

SECONDED BY: ROSS

RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to proceed with the fixed water rate structure to use in the mock billing process.

Opposed (2): BUTLER, and TRIPP

CARRIED

MOVED BY: ROSS

SECONDED BY: HAMMETT

RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to implement the water rate mock billing process for 12 months.

CARRIED

9. REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. 2018 Fee for Service

Grand Forks Downtown Business Association

Councillor Hammett recused herself at 9:15 for the agenda item.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- communication with DBA regarding budget
- potential to only proceed with fee for service request if financials are presented

MOVED BY: ROSS

SECONDED BY: KROG

RESOLVED THAT Council receives the 2018 Fee for Service request from the Grand Forks Downtown Business Association and refers the request to the 2018 budgeting process for consideration.

Opposed (1): BUTLER

CARRIED

b. Memo - Water Meter Complaint

Manager of Operations

Councillor Hammett re-joined the meeting at 9:20 pm.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- responsibilities of home owners for protection or insulation of water meters
- contractors did not insulate the meters
- potential resolution options to the issue
- communication regarding the responsibilities of the home owner

MOVED BY: HAMMETT

SECONDED BY: TRIPP

RESOLVED THAT Council receives for information and discussion the memorandum from the Manager of Operations regarding a water meter complaint.

CARRIED

- c. Memo - November Open House Summary

Engineering and Planning

Brief discussion ensued regarding feedback from the open house.

MOVED BY: ROSS

SECONDED BY: KROG

RESOLVED THAT Council receives for information the memorandum from Engineering and Planning regarding the November Open House Summary.

CARRIED

11. **BYLAWS**

12. **LATE ITEMS**

13. **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA**

Berry Jarvis inquired regarding:

- water rates and comparison of costs with other communities

- Summerland formula comparison

Gloria Koch

- likes idea from Mr. Jarvis

Fred Scott

- Water bill process and possible corrections
- Fees and Charges Bylaw update to address some issues

Les Johnson

- positive feedback regarding mock billing outcome
- possible barriers regarding homeless issues and possible solutions

14. ADJOURNMENT

The November 27, 2017, Regular Meeting was adjourned at 9:49 pm.

MOVED BY: ROSS

SECONDED BY: THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT the Regular Meeting be adjourned at 9:49 pm.

CARRIED

Mayor Frank Konrad

Deputy Corporate Officer - Daniel
Drexler