

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

**Monday, May 29, 2017, 2:00 pm**  
**7217 - 4th Street, City Hall Council Chambers**

PRESENT: Mayor Frank Konrad  
Councillor Julia Butler  
Councillor Chris Hammett  
Councillor Colleen Ross  
Councillor Christine Thompson  
Councillor Bev Tripp  
ABSENT: Councillor Neil Krog  
ADMINISTRATION: Diane Heinrich - Chief Administrative Officer - interim /  
Corporate Officer  
Daniel Drexler - Deputy Corporate Officer  
Daphne Popoff - Corporate Administrative Assistant  
Dale Heriot - Fire Chief

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Konrad called the Special Meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

a. Adopt agenda

May 29, 2017, Special Meeting agenda

Discussion ensued to amend the agenda to allow for questions from the media and the public during the Special Meeting.

MOVED BY: THOMPSON

SECONDED BY: TRIPP

**RESOLVED THAT Council amends the May 29, 2017, Special Meeting agenda to include Questions from Members of the Public and the Media and that questions be allowed during the discussion.**

CARRIED

MOVED BY: ROSS

SECONDED BY: THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the amended agenda for the May 29, 2017, Special Meeting.**

CARRIED

**3. REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

a. Boundary Country Regional Chamber of Commerce

Discussion on the Chamber's procedures and financing. The BCRCC gave a presentation.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- registered BCRCC bylaws are from 2012, updated bylaws from 2016 were not filed
- timelines of filing of BCRCC bylaws
- past AGMs and elections, participation at AGMs regarding quorum
- AGM election and special meeting outcomes
- option to have another BCRCC AGM to perform an election of officers to resolve all issues.
- potential of moving forward with new board at BCRCC.
- internal communications at the BCRCC
- City representative at BCRCC board
- include wording in Fee for Service Agreement to ensure BCRCC bylaws and policies are followed
- Chamber membership: approximately 120, ~80% in Grand Forks
- funding from City in the amount of \$20,000, RDKB \$7500, Midway - free office, Greenwood \$500.
- Cathy Korolek spoke regarding AGM without a quorum and positive energy of the BCRCC board as a whole

- Jim Nathorst, BCRCC Board member spoke regarding differences between bylaws and regarding the current board composition
- Lynn Relph, spoke regarding DBC, election and communication concerns, approached City directly due to concerns with communication with BCRCC, DBC has roughly 140 business members in Grand Forks.
- James Wilson past executive director spoke regarding the business of the City and filing of bylaws previously. He volunteered to help through the transition with the current Executive Director leaving her position at the end of May 2017.
- Laura Savinkoff, spoke regarding the BC Societies Act and bylaw updates
- Ted Invictus suggested a proposal to file documents/paperwork and to confirm within two weeks to Council, once received the BCRCC could continue to operate and support the community
- Joan Thomas, Chair of Community Futures Board - spoke regarding the support for the region that Community Futures and the BCRCC bring
- Cher Wyers, James Hamilton, Shannon Profili spoke regarding support for BCRCC, to continue with current board, and to work together.

Councillor Thompson and Mayor Konrad opposed the motion to re-instate funding as procedures, bylaws and policies were not followed at the BCRCC.

MOVED BY: THOMPSON

SECONDED BY: HAMMETT

**RESOLVED THAT Council receives the delegation from the Boundary Country Regional Chamber of Commerce, and the memorandum as provided by Staff, for information and discussion purposes, regarding a decision on the matter of the 2017 Fee For Service agreement**

CARRIED

MOVED BY: ROSS

SECONDED BY: BUTLER

**RESOLVED THAT Council re-instate funding for the Boundary Country Regional Chamber of Commerce for 2017.**

OPPOSED (2): KONRAD, and THOMPSON

CARRIED

MOVED BY: BUTLER

SECONDED BY: TRIPP

**RESOLVED THAT Staff update the Fee for Service agreement to include "shall comply and operate within the rules and regulations as defined in their governing legislation of the Board of Trades Act - Part 2, and further to comply and operate within the confines of the Boundary Country Regional Chamber of Commerce's bylaws as approved by the Ministry of Innovation, Science and Economic Development, as the BCRCC's regulatory body."**

CARRIED

4. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
5. **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS**
6. **REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE**
7. **BYLAWS**
8. **LATE ITEMS**
9. **QUESTIONS FROM THE MEDIA AND THE PUBLIC**
10. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Special Meeting was adjourned at 4:06 pm.

MOVED BY: BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT the Special Meeting be adjourned at 4:06 pm

CARRIED

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Mayor Frank Konrad

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Deputy Corporate Officer - Daniel  
Drexler