

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

**Tuesday, September 5, 2017, 7:00 pm
7217 - 4th Street, City Hall Council Chambers**

PRESENT: Mayor Frank Konrad
Councillor Julia Butler
Councillor Chris Hammett (via Telephone)
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
Juliette Rhodes - Chief Financial Officer
David Reid - Manager of Operations

GALLERY

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Konrad called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

a. Adopt agenda

September 5, 2017, Regular Meeting agenda

MOVED BY: BUTLER

SECONDED BY: TRIPP

**RESOLVED THAT the agenda be amended by including item 12.a -
Fall Fair Funding Request.**

CARRIED

MOVED BY: ROSS

SECONDED BY: BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the September 5, 2017, Regular Meeting agenda as amended.

CARRIED

3. MINUTES

- a. Adopt minutes - Special to go In-Camera

August 21, 2017, Special to go In-Camera Meeting minutes

MOVED BY: TRIPP

SECONDED BY: THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the August 21, 2017, Special to go In-Camera Meeting minutes as presented.

CARRIED

- b. Adopt minutes - Regular

August 21, 2017, Regular Meeting minutes

Discussion ensued to amend the minutes.

MOVED BY: ROSS

SECONDED BY: BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT Council amend the minutes by including under Section 4.b that

a) Councillor Ross proposed Option 2, to grant a business licence - the motion was not seconded

b) Councillor Ross proposed Option 3, to grant a business licence with conditions - the motion was not seconded.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: TRIPP

SECONDED BY: THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the August 21, 2017, Regular Meeting minutes as amended.

CARRIED

4. REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. REPORTS, QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

a. Corporate Officer's Report

Written reports of Council

No written reports from Council were included in the agenda.

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>

Mayor Konrad did not have a report for any RDKB meetings as most were cancelled and he did not attend the only Board meeting due to a scheduling conflict.

Mayor Konrad advised that he attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Trans Canada Trail section as well as the Ultimate Hockey ribbon cutting.

MOVED BY: THOMPSON

SECONDED BY: BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT Mayor Konrad's report on the Mayor's activities, given verbally at this meeting be received.

CARRIED

8. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS

- a. Volunteer Appreciation Night 2017 & Policy #204 update

Deputy Corporate Officer

MOVED BY: ROSS

SECONDED BY: BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT Council provides notice to the public calling for nominations from the public for exceptional volunteer service in the City of Grand Forks in accordance with Council Policy #204;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council replace Policy #204 - Volunteer of the City with an updated Policy #204-A1.

CARRIED

- b. MIA Appointments of City Voting Delegates

Chief Administrative Officer

Discussion ensued about the MIA General Meeting and possible decisions and resolutions being made at that meeting.

MOVED BY: THOMPSON

SECONDED BY: ROSS

RESOLVED THAT Council receives the staff report and resolves to appoint Councillor Thompson as the voting delegate at the 2017 MIA Annual General Meeting, and appoints Councillor Ross and Councillor Tripp as the alternates.

CARRIED

9. REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. Scott Davis and Elizabeth Eastwood - Outstanding Charges

Deputy Corporate Officer and Chief Financial Officer

Councillor Butler recused herself for item 10.a at 7:13pm advising that she has a similar situation.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- property ownership
- possibility to allow Mr. Davis to speak regarding his letter
- criteria regarding determination for free pit meter installation
- possible dismissal of charges
- possible burden on other tax payers if costs are deferred

Councillor Butler returned to the meeting following the discussions and motions at 7:32pm.

MOVED BY: TRIPP

SECONDED BY: THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT Council allow Mr. Scott Davis to speak regarding item 10.a.

Opposed (2): HAMMETT, and THOMPSON

DEFEATED

MOVED BY: THOMPSON

SECONDED BY: TRIPP

RESOLVED THAT Council receives the memorandum and letter from Scott Davis and Elizabeth Eastwood for information and discussion.

Opposed (1): TRIPP

CARRIED

11. **BYLAWS**

- a. 2018 Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 2040

Chief Financial Officer

MOVED BY: THOMPSON

SECONDED BY: TRIPP

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL gives first three readings to Bylaw No. 2040 “2018 Permissive Tax Exemptions”.

CARRIED

12. LATE ITEMS

- a. Fall Fair Funding Request

Grand Forks & District Fall Fair Society

MOVED BY: THOMPSON

SECONDED BY: BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT Council approve the funding request from the Grand Forks & District Fall Fair Society for perimeter fencing rentals and highway advertising banner for the 2017 Fall Fair in the amount of \$1,600, to be funded from the community support operational budget.

CARRIED

13. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA

Councillor Butler recused herself for the discussion with Mr. Davis at 7:34pm.

Discussion ensued with Mr. Davis:

- interpretation of Bylaw 1973-A1 Bylaw
- suggestion from Mr. Davis to possibly charge other home owners, who had inside water meters installed, for other parts used similar to his charges
- ownership of property and ownership of a water meter
- timelines regarding responses from staff
- Mr. Davis acknowledged that he refused the mandated inside water meter
- Mr. Davis suggested possible legal action against the City

The Manager of Operations explained the verbal agreement and history with Mr. Davis before the installation:

- breakdown of installation costs and credits on the bill for Mr. Davis

- Mr. Davis offered to do some work himself for the install, in return he would receive some credits regarding the costs
- no written correspondence with Mr. Davis regarding the installation agreement
- Mr. Davis refused to have in-site survey performed

Councillor Butler returned to Chambers at 7:53pm.

Councillor Butler recused herself for the discussion with Ms. Saylor at 7:54pm.

Kate Saylor, Grand Forks Gazette:

- circumstances regarding a previous case directly going to Court versus appearing before Council first - the claimant in the previous case advised that she was seeking legal action beforehand, and with the advisement of legal action the matter falls to the solicitor

Councillor Butler returned to Chambers at 7:56pm.

Gloria Koch:

- would like more updates and details for the RDKB reports - the Mayor advised that the full RDKB agendas and minutes can be found on the RDKB website and his verbal reports focuses primarily on items that pertain to the City of Grand Forks

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:01pm.

MOVED BY: ROSS

SECONDED BY: BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting be adjourned at 8:01pm.

CARRIED

Mayor Frank Konrad

Deputy Corporate Officer - Daniel
Drexler

