

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS
AGENDA – REGULAR MEETING**

**Monday June 13th, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers City Hall**

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SUBJECT MATTER</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
1. <u>CALL TO ORDER</u>	7:00 p.m. Call to Order	Call Meeting to Order at 7:00 p.m.
2. <u>REGULAR MEETING AGENDA</u>	June 13th, 2011 Agenda	Adopt Agenda
3. <u>MINUTES</u>		
- May 30 th , 2011	Regular Meeting Minutes	Adopt Minutes
- May 30 th , 2011	Primary Committee Meeting Minutes	Adopt Minutes and all recommendations contained therein
4. <u>REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS</u>		
None		
5. <u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS:</u>		
None		
6. <u>REPORTS, QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL (VERBAL)</u>		
a) Corporate Officer's Report	Members of Council may ask questions, seek clarification and report on issues	Issues seeking information on operations be referred to the Chief Administrative Officer prior to the meeting. The Deer Management Plan is attached to Council Report.
7. <u>REPORT FROM THE COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY</u>		
a) Corporate Officer's Report	The City's Representative to the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary will report to Council on actions of the RDKB.	Receive the Report.
8. <u>RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:</u>		
a) Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Community First Agreement – Event Coordinator Position	Part of the Community First Agreement between the City of Grand Forks and the Province of BC included a proposal for an Event Coordinator Position	Council receives the Staff report dated, June 6, 2011, and supports, in principle, the proposal for the Event Coordinator Position Pilot

- b) Corporate Officer's Report – Application for a Development Variance Permit

Variance requested to the City's Zoning Bylaw Requirement under Sections 37(2)(g) & 37(2)(h) "Accessory Buildings" in order to construct a 1200 sq.ft. shop on the property known as 2 Morrissey Creek as proposed by property owners Gilbert & Jean Barry

Project, subject to the support of both Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Directors from Electoral Areas C and D, and the securing of program funding from grants or other approved revenue sources. It is further recommended that this proposal be subject to Council's consultation with organizing groups such as the Grand Forks International, the Grand Forks Fall Fair, the Farmer's Market, etc.

Council hear from the public, and after hearing from the public should they deem it feasible, resolve to approve the application for a development variance permit to the property at 2 Morrissey Creek Road, legally known as Lot 1, DL 653, SDYD, Plan KAP91133, thereby varying Section 37(2)(g) to vary the ratio of accessory building to principle building, allowing for the proposed construction of a shop to be greater than 50% of the principle residence structure; and further resolves to vary Section (2)(h) to allow the accessory building to be located in front of the front face of the principle building as proposed by the property owners, Gilbert & Jean Barry.

- c) Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Asset Management Policy

The Asset Management Committee as appointed by Council in April, 2011, is bringing forward a draft asset management policy

Council to consider adopting the Asset Management Policy No. 803 to be implemented no later than July 1st, 2011

- d) Chief Administrative Officer's Report – City of Grand Forks Actions for Economic Development Plan

Acceptance of the actions for the Economic Development Plan Developed by the Economic Development Task Force during the 2008-2011 Term

Council receive the report titled, "City of Grand Forks: Actions for Economic Development" and that the members of the Economic Development Task Force be publicly recognized and thanked on behalf of the City.

9. **REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

10 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

- Summary of Informational Items Information Items 10(a) to 10(k)

Receive the items and direct staff to act upon as recommended

11. **BYLAWS**
None

12. **LATE ITEMS**

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

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

MONDAY, MAY 30TH, 2011

PRESENT: MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR
COUNCILLOR JOY DAVIES
COUNCILLOR CHRIS MOSLIN
COUNCILLOR GENE ROBERT
COUNCILLOR CHRISTINE THOMPSON
COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WIRISCHAGIN
COUNCILLOR CHER WYERS

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
CORPORATE OFFICER

L. Burch
D. Heinrich

GALLERY

CALL TO ORDER:

The Mayor called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

RECESS TO PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING:

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE RECESSED AT 7:01 P.M. TO ALLOW FOR THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING, AND THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE RECONVENED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING.

CARRIED.

The regular meeting reconvened at 7:20 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION: MOSLIN/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT THE MAY 30TH, 2011, REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: WYERS/DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY MAY 9TH, 2011, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

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MOTION: THOMPSON/WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY MAY 11TH, 2011, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

DELEGATION:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Corporate Officer's Report – Grand Forks Water Demand Management Action Plan

The final version of the Water Demand Management Plan as authored by Urban Systems Ltd. that involves both water conservation and water auditing.

MOTION: THOMPSON/DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT THE GRAND FORKS WATER DEMAND MANAGEMENT PLAN, AUTHORED BY URBAN SYSTEMS LTD, AND DATED JANUARY 20TH, 2011, BE ENDORSED BY COUNCIL, AND A COPY FORWARDED TO THE RURAL BC SECRETARIAT AS PART OF COUNCIL'S OBLIGATION UNDER THE COMMUNITY FIRST AGREEMENT. CARRIED.

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Councillor Wyers spoke with regard to the Water Demand Management Plan and advised of the recommendations that were put forward by the Water Sustainability Sub-Committee of the Environment Committee:

MOTION: WYERS/MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT URBAN SYSTEMS, AS AUTHOR OF THE WATER DEMAND MANAGEMENT PLAN RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS IN WRITING FROM THE WATER SUSTAINABILITY SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AS AN ADDENDUM TO THE ORIGINAL REPORT: 1) A MORE PROACTIVE ASSESSMENT STUDY IS NEEDED SHOULD THE CO-GENERATION PLANT AS PROPOSED FROM INTERFOR BE CONSTRUCTED; 2) INTERFOR'S COMPLIANCE TO THE CITY BYLAW ON BACK FLOW VALVES SHOULD THE CO-GENERATION PLANT CONSTRUCTION GO AHEAD; 3) THE WATER DEMAND MANAGEMENT PLAN TO ADDRESS WINTER WATER BLEEDING; 4) THE WATER DEMAND MANAGEMENT PLAN TO INCLUDE A WATER EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR THE PUBLIC; 5) TO

EXPLORE THE NUMBER OF ABANDONED OR LEAKING HOME OIL TANKS LOCATED WITHIN GRAND FORKS IN CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE WATER CONSERVATION AS A SOURCE OF POSSIBLE WATER CONTAMINATION REFERENCING THE GOLDER AND ASSOCIATES REPORT DATED APRIL 17, 2003 THAT ADDRESSED CONTAMINATED SITES - PROCEEDS WITH RECOMMENDATION TO PURSUE THE RECLAMATION OF THESE CONTAMINATED SITES. CARRIED.

Council was advised that these recommendations could be forwarded to Urban Systems and that these recommendations be placed in writing from the Water Sustainability Sub-Committee.

REPORTS, QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL (VERBAL)

Councillor Davies:

Councillor Davies advised that she had no report this evening.

Councillor Thompson:

Councillor Thompson reported on the following items:

- She reported that on Wednesday, May 11th, she toured the Castle Wood facility in Castlegar, an assisted and supportive housing complex built by Golden Life Management with other members of Council and Staff. She commented that the Grand Forks complex which is to be built by this group will be a tremendous asset to the community.
- She reported on her attendance at the Trails Grand Opening on Saturday, May 14th at the kiosk on 68th Avenue across from the Black Train Bridge. She further commented on the military ceremony that has dedicated the Black Train Bridge that is now known as the Darryl J. Priede Bridge. She further complimented Councillor Moslin and George Longden of the Grand Forks Trails Society for putting together an excellent program and dedication ceremony.
- She advised that she has been asked to sit on a Steering Committee of concerned citizens regarding health care and services in our area and reported that there will be a general meeting tomorrow evening at the Grand Forks Secondary School auditorium at 7:30 PM and urged everyone to attend.
- She thanked the City's managers and employees for keeping Council and the public informed on the water break and flooding issues this past weekend.

Councillor Robert:

Councillor Robert reported on the following items:

- He reported on his attendance at a BCGEU meeting on May 17th regarding the state of the Forest Industry in our province, and advised that there is a pressing need for the government to reinvest in the management of our forests. He further advised that a new,

more balanced and integrated framework for sustainable forest management was needed. Other points which were discussed were: BC's forests communities want more input and control over forest matters, Government must take real action to diversify the industry and generate more value from BC forests, and to increase funding for a better forest inventory for the entire province. In addition, he advised that the Ministry of Forests research branch should be re-established and that funding increases to BC communities is required to mitigate risks from forest fires and to reconnect communities in developing a greater role in local forest lands.

- He reported his attendance at a Restorative Justice Meeting on May 10th. He advised that after Staff Sgt Jim Harrison presented his report to the Greenwood and Midway Councils, they have shown interest in the Restorative Justice Program.
- He commented on the Golden Life facility tour in Castlegar and advised that he was very impressed with the family emphasis in the facility.
- He announced that June 8th is Solar Day where the Solar Car races will take place in the parking lot at the Arena at 1:00 PM.
- He spoke with regard to the discussion with regard to the proposed expansion to the Aquatic Centre from the Primary Committee Meeting which included Area D Director, Irene Perepolkin.

MOTION: ROBERT/MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY INVITE JOHN MACKEY, DIRECTOR OF RECREATION & FACILITIES, TO DO A PRESENTATION ON THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF THE AQUATIC CENTRE AT THE NEXT PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING ON JUNE 27TH, 2011.
CARRIED.

Councillor Wyers:

Councillor Wyers reported on the following items:

- She reported on her attendance at the May 11th Water Sustainability Sub-Committee and spoke of the five recommendations that were presented to City Council with regard to the Water Demand Water Management Report.
 - She reported on her attendance to the 2nd Annual Kootenay Library Federation Conference on May 12 to 14th, 2011. She further advised that 19 Libraries are represented in this federation. She commented that the Grand Forks Library in-person visits in 2010 numbered over 100,000 visits, and that Grand Forks came in second of the 19 libraries as the highest percentage of attendees. She further advised that the new Collective Agreement for the Grand Forks Public Library has been negotiated in one day and is in place until 2014.
 - She reported on her attendance at the spring deer count last week.
 - On May 19th, she reported her attendance at a Grand Forks Fall Fair Meeting and advised that plans are underway for this year's Fall Fair in September.
 - On May 21st, she advised that the Citizens On Patrol organization held a Hog Dog Sale at Overwaitea, where the proceeds of this sale would contribute to the purchase of new communication equipment.
 - She reported her attendance at a second Grand Forks Fall Fair Meeting on May 26th, and advised that the group is seeking volunteer assistance in setting up the fall fair this year.
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Councillor Moslin:

Councillor Moslin reported on the following items:

- He spoke with regard to the smoke in the air and advised that the air quality jumped to moderate, and that this smoke is a result from fires in Alberta and wind direction.
- He spoke with regard to the Habitat for Humanity Boundary project and advised that the project is cash short, and that the Provincial Government needs to offer some assistance.

MOTION: MOSLIN/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR WRITE A LETTER TO THE HONOURABLE MINISTER RICHARD COLEMAN, MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINES, RESPONSIBLE FOR HOUSING, REQUESTING PROVINCIAL ASSISTANCE IN SUPPORT FOR THE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY 7-PLEX PROJECT.

CARRIED.

- He reported his attendance at a Deer Committee Meeting and reported that they have drafted a Deer Management Plan that will be presented to Council by the Deer Committee at a later date.
- He offered a reminder to the community that June 8th is Solar Days that will include the Solar Car Races by school children. He advised that the event is at 1:00 PM, and will be at the Grand Forks arena. He further advised that the Boundary Woodworkers Guild has built a race track for the children to race their solar cares on.

Councillor Wirischagin:

Councillor Wirischagin reported on the following items:

- He reported his attendance at the 64th Annual Youth Festival of the USCC in Castlegar and advised that it was a great honor and privilege to represent the City.

Mayor Taylor:

The Mayor reported on the following items:

- The Mayor advised that the Flood preparedness is handled collectively by the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary and the City, and advised that the next high water peak is expected sometime in the next week or so.
- He commented on the local senior housing situation and advised that the City will have about 50 supportive housing units in total with 17 assisted living units at the Boundary Lodge, and an additional 40 units with the new construction by Golden Life Management. He commented that the City stills needs more in the way of intermediate housing requirements with the growing senior population that should include an improved home support program.
- The Mayor advised that Councillor Thompson has taken a lead role with the Steering Committee regarding Interior Health care issues.

MOTION: DAVIES/MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ENDORSES COUNCILLOR THOMPSON AS THE CITY REPRESENTATIVE ON THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR IMPROVED HEALTH CARE IN OUR AREA, WHICH INCLUDES COMMUNICATION WITH THE INTERIOR HEALTH ASSOCIATION.

CARRIED.

MOTION: ROBERT/WIRISCHAGIN

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 April 21st, 2011 Regional District of Kootenay Boundary minutes are included with this report.

- He spoke with regard to the decision by Irene Perepolkin and himself to proceed with a referendum question for the expansion on the Recreation Center, and of Council's decision to invite John Mackey to the next Primary Committee Meeting.
- He advised that Councillor Robert wished to bring up the participation component in the Columbia Basin Treaty negotiations. Councillor Robert advised that he would have liked to have the Mayor as a participant in these negotiations. The Mayor advised that he would put his name forward in the future should Council have the appetite for this. The Mayor further spoke with regard to the Columbia Basin Trust and of their community initiatives program that has granted several communities approximately \$300,000 in funding.
- Councillor Moslin asked for clarification of the organic waste program. The Mayor advised that the program with Christina Lake Waste & Recycling would begin on July 1st, 2011. The Mayor advised that there will be no change in service and that there is no increase in rates at this time. Councillor Moslin inquired with regard to the proposed composting pilot project for the City. Council was advised that the pilot project regarding the proposed composting services for the City are currently being discussed between the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary and City Staff to decide on what this pilot project would look like.

MOTION: DAVIES/WIRISCHAGIN

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) Corporate Officer's Report – Application for a Development Variance Permit as requested by property owner, Darrell Turner. The Mayor invited members of the public to speak with regard to this issue – no one from the public came forward.

MOTION: ROBERT/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RESOLVES TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT, THEREBY VARYING SECTION 33(2)(f)(iii) OF THE ZONING BYLAW, ALLOWING FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING TO BE LOCATED 10 FEET FROM THE EXTERIOR SIDE PARCEL LINE, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 42, BLOCK 38, DL 108, SDYD, PLAN 72 LOCATED ON 10TH STREET SOUTH OF CENTRAL AVENUE. CARRIED.

- b) Corporate Officer's Report – Legislative: Employee Policies

Council to consider the adoption of an Excavation Safety Plan Policy for the City of Grand Forks.

MOTION: THOMPSON/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THAT COUNCIL ADOPTS THE EXCAVATION SAFETY PLAN POLICY FOR THE CITY OF GRAND, TO BE IDENTIFIED AS POLICY NUMBERED 604A. CARRIED.

- c) Manager of Environmental and Building Construction Services – Fiber Optic Network Equipment Connections

The Fiber Optic Network Equipment Connections project has been included in the adoption of the 2011-2015 Five Year Financial Plan in the amount of \$150,000. The borrowing for this project is within the approved bylaw amount. The estimated cost is approximately \$130,000 due to the fact that a number of the main components are already in place.

MOTION: THOMPSON/DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZES STAFF TO PROCEED WITH THE INSTALLATION OF THE FIBER OPTIC NETWORK EQUIPMENT CONNECTIONS THROUGH THE BORROWING PROCESS AS SET OUT IN THE 2011-2015 FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN, DESIGNED TO CONNECT TO THE CITY'S ESSENTIAL SERVICES NAMELY THE CITY'S WELLS, RESERVOIRS, LIFT STATIONS AND WASTE WATER TREATMENT FACILITIES, AS WELL AS CONNECTION TO VALUE ADDED SERVICES NAMELY THE WEATHER STATION AT OBSERVATION MOUNTAIN, THE CITY PARK CAMPGROUND FOR WIRELESS INTERNET SERVICE AND TO CITY HALL IN PREPARATION FOR THE NEW VOICE OVER INTERNET PROVIDER TELEPHONE SYSTEM.

CARRIED.

Councillor Robert inquired about potential wireless connection to Gyro Park and downtown locations. The CAO advised that she would investigate into these options with the City's IT technician(s).

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT INFORMATION ITEMS NUMBERED 11(a) TO 11(n)

BE RECEIVED AND ACTED UPON AS RECOMMENDED AND/OR AS AMENDED.

CARRIED.

- a) Correspondence from the Boundary Museum – Invitation to the Mayor and Council to conduct a Regular & Primary Committee Meeting at the Fructova Heritage Site. **Recommend that Council consider holding the July 18th, 2011 Regular and Primary Committee Meetings at the Fructova Heritage Site.**

MOTION: WYERS/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE REGULAR AND PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 18TH, 2011 BE HELD OUTSIDE THE MUNICIPALITY AT THE FRUCTOVA HERITAGE SITE TO COMMENCE AT 5:00 PM, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 5.1(2), SECTION 5.1(3) AND SECTION 13(1) OF BYLAW 1889, THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS PROCEDURE BYLAW.

CARRIED.

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MOTION: MOSLIN/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT STAFF INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBLILTY OF PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM CITY HALL FOR THE PUBLIC BY MEANS OF THE INTERIOR HEALTH ASSOCIATION BUS FOR THOSE WISHING TO TRAVEL TO THE FRUCTOVA LOCATION FOR THE JULY 18TH, 2011 REGULAR AND PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

CARRIED.

- b) Correspondence from the Canada Day Committee – Invitation to Mayor and Council to participate in the Opening Ceremonies. **Mayor and Council to advise if they plan to attend – Diane to notify Community Futures of attendees. The Mayor advised he'll be there, Councillor Davies will cut the cake; and Councillor Thompson advised that she will also attend.**
- c) Thank-you Card from the Grand Forks Pee Wee Rep Bruins - For Grant in Aid funding received. **Recommend to file.**
- d) Correspondence from the Canada Day Committee - Invitation to the Firefighters to participate in the Opening Ceremonies. **Fire Department to advise Community Futures if planning to attend**

- e) Correspondence from the Grand Forks Public Library-2010 Financial Statements. **Receive for information.**
- f) West Kootenay/Boundary Crime Stoppers - Request for funding for this community service. **Recommend to receive for discussion.**

MOTION: ROBERT/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY SEND A LETTER OF INVITATION TO THE WEST KOOTENAY/BOUNDARY CRIME STOPPERS TO ATTEND A FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING, AND TO FURTHER ADVISE THE ORGANIZATION THAT GRANT IN AID FUNDING HAS ALREADY BEEN DISPURSED FOR THE YEAR 2011.

CARRIED.

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- g) Correspondence from Bull, Housser & Tupper- Advising that the City Mineral Tenure is up for renewal. **Recommend that Council renew the existing Mineral Claims at a cost of approximately \$1,956.00.**

MOTION: ROBERT/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS RENEW THE ANNUAL CITY MINERAL TENURE WITH REGARD TO THE SLAG PILE AT A COST OF APPROXIMATELY \$1,956.00 AND THAT THIS ITEM IS TO BE INCLUDED IN FUTURE FINANCIAL PLANS AS A LINE ITEM.

CARRIED.

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- h) Letter from the Phoenix Interpretive Forest Society to the Minister of Forests, Lands - cc'd to Council- Advising of concerns that holders of a Community Forest License may not be aware of historical & non-timber resources evident in the Phoenix Forest Area. **Recommend to receive for information**
 - i) Background Paper from AKBLG - Regarding the Rural BC Project. **Recommend to receive for information.**
 - j) UBCM Member Release - Fiscal Management Report. **Recommend to receive for information.**
 - k) UBCM – 2010 Resolutions - Information regarding Part 2 of Resolutions that were put forward at the 2010 UBCM. **Recommend to receive for information.**
 - l) Discussion Paper Series from the AKBLG - Regarding Rural BC and what does it need to succeed. **Recommend to receive for information.**
 - m) Minutes from the Deer Committee Meeting - From May 18th Meeting. **Recommend to receive for information.**
 - n) May 9th Task List - List of Completed and In-Progress Tasks. **Recommend to file.**
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NOT ADOPTED
SUBJECT TO CHANGE

BYLAWS:

None

LATE ITEMS:

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: ROBERT

**RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 8:58
P.M. CARRIED.**

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR

CORPORATE OFFICER- DIANE HEINRICH

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY MAY 30, 2011

PRESENT: MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR
COUNCILLOR JOY DAVIES
COUNCILLOR CHRIS MOSLIN
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COUNCILLOR CHRISTINE THOMPSON
COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WIRISCHAGIN
COUNCILLOR CHER WYERS

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
CORPORATE OFFICER

L. Burch
D. Heinrich

GALLERY

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:03p.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA:

The mayor advised the following topics would be added to the Primary Committee Meeting Agenda.

In attendance at the Primary Committee Meeting was Area D Director, Irene Perepolkin who will speak with regard to:

- 1) The proposed expansion of the Aquatic Centre;
- 2) Fringe Area Planning

MOTION: ROBERT/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD MONDAY, MAY 30TH, 2011, BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

CARRIED.

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1) Proposed Expansion of Aquatic Centre - Councillor Robert advised that the Recreation Commission is in agreement with having the proposed expansion of the Aquatic Centre to include exercise facilities, go to referendum in conjunction with the 2011 Municipal Election. The Mayor and Director Perepolkin advised that as Directors of the Regional District, they were in favour of a proposed expansion. Council was advised that it would be appropriate to put forward a motion in

the Regular Meeting following the Primary Committee Meeting this evening, to see if Council had an appetite with regard to this proposal.

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2) Fringe Area Planning – Irene Perepolkin, Area D Director advised that the City would need to establish the perimeter of the area for which they would have a voice, and that there would be a cost involved. She further spoke with regard to Municipality getting in on discussions in accordance to Section 26 of the Local Government Act. Ms. Perepolkin suggested that Mark Andison, Director for Planning and Development, for the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary should be invited to make a presentation to Council to offer the required information that the Municipality needs, and that she should also attend this meeting.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

None

PROPOSED BYLAWS FOR DISCUSSION:

None

LATE ITEMS:

None

REPORTS, QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL (VERBAL)

None

QUESTION PERIOD FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mayor Taylor stated that City Council is interested in hearing from the public on the issues it is dealing with or on any other issue that is of interest to the general public. To ensure that this process is open and does not feel uncomfortable to anyone, he advised that Council has set up some parameters to follow, and the normal rules apply.

- CARL YU – Asked about any updates with regard to the City's Water Main Breakage last Friday. The Mayor advised that the break had been isolated and that it did not comprise the City's water system.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: ROBERT

**RESOLVED THAT THIS PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING IS ADJOURNED AT 7:19 P.M.
CARRIED.**

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR

CORPORATE OFFICER – DIANE HEINRICH

THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL DECISION

DATE : June 8th, 2011
TOPIC : Reports, Questions and Inquiries from the Members of Council
PROPOSAL : Members of Council May Ask Questions, Seek Clarification and Report on Issues
PROPOSED BY : Procedure Bylaw / Chief Administrative Officer

SUMMARY:

Under the City's Procedures Bylaw No. 1889, 2009, the Order of Business permits the members of Council to report to the Community on issues, bring community issues for discussion and initiate action through motions of Council, ask questions on matters pertaining to the City Operations and inquire on any issues and reports.

STAFF SUGGESTION FOR HANDLING QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES: (no motion is required for this)

Option 2: Issues which seek information on City Operations or have been brought to the attention of the Members of Council prior to the meeting of Council should be referred to the City Manager so that Staff can provide background and any additional information in support of the issues and the member can report at the meeting on the issue including the information provided by Staff. Further the member may make motions on issues that require actions. It is in the interest of fiscal responsibility members may wish to avoid committing funding without receiving a report on its impact on the operations and property taxation.

OPTIONS AND ALTERNATIVES:

Option 1: Submit a motion for Approval: Under this option, a member might wish to submit an immediate motion for expediency to resolve an issue or problem brought forward by a constituent. This approach might catch other members by surprise, result in conflict and might not resolve the problem.

Option 2: Issues, Questions and Inquiries should be made with the intent to resolve problems, seek clarification and take actions on behalf of constituents. Everyone is well served when research has been carried out on the issue and all relevant information has been made available prior to the meeting. It is recognized that at times this may not be possible and the request may have to be referred to another meeting of Council.

BENEFITS, DISADVANTAGES AND NEGATIVE IMPACTS:

Option 1: The main advantage of using this approach is to bring the matter before Council on behalf of constituents. Immediate action might result in inordinate amount of resource inadvertently directed without specific approval in the financial plan.

Option 2: The main advantage is that there is a genuine interest to resolve issues and seek clarifications without spending too much resources of the City. The disadvantage is that there may be issues brought forward which have no direct municipal jurisdiction, however, due to the motion of Council arising from the issue, resources are directed and priorities are altered without due process.

COSTS AND BUDGET IMPACTS – REVENUE GENERATION:

Both options could result in expenditures being incurred as a result of a motion on an issue without supporting documentation and report on its implications.

LEGISLATIVE IMPACTS, PRECEDENTS, POLICIES:

The Procedure Bylaw is the governing document setting out the Order of Business at a Council meeting.



Department Head or Corporate Officer
Or Chief Administrative Officer



Reviewed by Chief
Administrative Officer

Deer Management Plan June 2011

The City Of Grand Forks

Mandate Statement: To reduce the deer herd to 2007 population levels while implementing conflict reductions actions throughout the community.

I. Conflict Reduction Actions

Strategy	Description	Objective and Timeline	Champions and Cost
Repellants	To implement motion detector sprinklers and other devices and Deer Away repellent	Successfully install repellants in 20% of municipal residences by 2014	Homeowners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$100 per device Deer Away \$100 per 5 gallons
Fencing	To sponsor an annual contest for the most 'aesthetic' fence To develop, publish and distribute a pamphlet of effective fence designs as well as bylaw information	Invite citizens to a Living with Deer workshop that features local builders and gardeners which will be held annually starting in fall 2011	Deer Committee, City <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$500 for pamphlet and prizes
Landscaping	To identify demonstration gardens and plantings with educational labels and brochures.	Create an accompanying pamphlet for city gardens and plantings which will be ready by the spring of 2012	City, Nurseries, Homeowners, Art Gallery, Deer committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$200
Signage	To install Kid Signs in trails and parks as well as on community bulletin boards To partner with Highways to install signage on crossings at 19 th and at 7 th To distribute bumper through car repair shops and ICBC sales outlets	Install 10 Kid Signs by spring 2011 Install Highway 3 signage by 2012 Print and distribute 500 bumper stickers starting in fall 2011	Deer Committee, City <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$500 Ministry of Highways, ICBC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$5000 Deer committee, city <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$500

Public Education	To place educational ads in newspapers	Develop and publish 20 factoids and publish one a week in 2011	Deer Committee, City <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$500

II. Population Reduction Actions

Strategy	Description and Cost	Objective and Timeline	Champion and Costs
Experimental Trap and Release	To repair, transport and set at least 3 MoE ungulate traps	Discover the most effective and discrete trap for Grand Forks White Tail to be conducted in the fall of 2011	MoE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$500
Experimental Trap and relocate	To use a contractor with MoE supervision deer will be captured, ID tagged, and relocated. Their survival would be monitored	Relocate and tag at least 10 deer in fall 2012. Monitor relocated deer survival by collecting any submitted ID tags.	MoE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$2500 City <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$2500
Sharpshooting, bolt gunning or trapping in special permit hunt	To use a contractor or the CO and in partnership with the provincial government harvest deer from a bait site. The meat would be distributed.	Harvest at least 20 does starting in Fall 2013 and to distribute the meat.	MoE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$3000 City <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$3000
Fertility Control	To monitor this technology until it's workable and effective	Vaccinate and ID Tag 3 does and to monitor their survival and reproductive life over 3 years.	MoE, Deer Committee

III. Administrative Actions

Strategy	Description and Cost	Objective and Timeline	Champion
Continued monitoring of herd size and location	To conduct semi annual deer counts every spring and fall	Organize volunteers to 'count' the deer herd twice a year in 2011 through 2014	Deer Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$150
The City record deer complaints and report this number annually to Council	To maintain a paper record in the city office for every phone or letter complaint	Implement a log and train staff to use it starting in 2011	City staff
Strengthen the municipal anti-feeding bylaw by identifying and warning feeders	To direct the existing bylaw enforcement officer to visit and warn deer feeders	Carry out the existing bylaw with identified feeders by using the existing bylaw officer	City <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$500
Coordinate the services of the Animal Control Officer to put down suffering animals	To use the existing Animal Control Officer on a per incident fee	Use these services at least 5 times in 2011 and share the costs with the RDKB	City, RDKB, Animal Control Officer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$500
Share 'know-how' with other jurisdictions	To design an annual workshop at UBCM	Collaborate with UBCM to bring a living with urban wildlife workshop to the forum	MoE, Deer Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$1000
Establish wildlife corridors	To use zoning the city will enable wildlife crossings within the city	Investigate special zoning clauses and discuss with Highways	Provincial Government, City, Deer Committee

	that allow safe passage for the deer		
Encourage the restoration of wildlife habitat around the city	To participate in habitat restoration projects whenever possible	Continue to monitor the Gilpin Grasslands and to encourage management for wildlife values	City
Continue to call for provincial resources to manage the deer herd	To follow up on UBCM motions	UBCM 2011	City, Regional Districts, Province
Amend provincial statutes and regulations	To call upon the provincial government to prohibit urban ungulate feeding. To call upon the provincial government to develop regulations that will better enable the harvest and distribution of abundant wildlife meat	Bring this up as a new motion at UBCM 2011 Bring forward a new motion at UBCM	City, Provincial government
Research and Monitoring of new technologies and solutions	To constantly study new techniques as they are reported	The Deer Committee and MoE will stay abreast of current research and report opportunities to D Council	Deer Committee, MoE
Investigate and monitor potential health hazards for people from living with abundant deer.	To conduct a fecal mass study of school grounds in the fall	The Deer Committee will quantify deer feces in the Perley playground each fall and send samples for analysis	Deer Committee, City, • \$500

THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS REQUEST FOR COUNCIL DECISION

DATE : June 8th, 2011
TOPIC : Report - from the Council's Representative to the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary

PROPOSAL : Regional District of Kootenay Director representing Council will report on actions and issues being dealt with by the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary

PROPOSED BY : Procedure Bylaw / Council

SUMMARY:

Under the City's Procedures Bylaw No. 1889, 2009, the Order of Business permits the City's representative to the Regional District of Kootenay to report to Council and the Community on issues, and actions of the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Option 1: Receive the Report.

OPTIONS AND ALTERNATIVES:

Option 1: Receive the Report: Under this option, Council is provided with the information provided verbally by the Regional District Director representing Council.

Option 2: Receive the Report and Refer Any Issues for Further Discussion or a Report: Under this option, Council provided with the information given verbally by the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Director representing Council and requests further research or clarification of information from Staff on a Regional District issue

BENEFITS, DISADVANTAGES AND NEGATIVE IMPACTS:

Option 1: The main advantage is that all of Council and the Public is provided with information on the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary.


Option 2: The main advantage to this option is the same as Option 1.

COSTS AND BUDGET IMPACTS – REVENUE GENERATION:


There is no direct financial impact on the provision of information.

LEGISLATIVE IMPACTS, PRECEDENTS, POLICIES:

The Procedure Bylaw is the governing document setting out the Order of Business at a Council meeting. Bylaw 1889, Council's Procedure Bylaw, was implemented in early February to include a specific line item in the Order of Business at a Regular Meeting to include a Report on the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary.



Department Head or Corporate Officer
or Chief Administrative Officer



Reviewed by Chief
Administrative Officer

THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS REQUEST FOR COUNCIL DECISION

DATE : **June 6, 2011**

TOPIC : **Community First Agreement – Event Coordinator Position**

PROPOSAL : **Approval of the Event Coordinator Pilot Project**

PROPOSED BY : **BC Rural Secretariat / Staff**

SUMMARY:

Part of the Community First Agreement, between the City and the Province of British Columbia, included a proposal for an Event Coordinator position, under Section 4, Tourism Development, of the Agreement. The Community First Agreement was a one year agreement, which expired May 31, 2011. Most the tasks have been completed. Although much work has been completed on the Event Coordinator position, the final disposition of this task is still outstanding.

By way of background the idea of the Event Coordinator position was first identified in the Grand Forks Transition Study, conducted by CTQ Consultants in 2009. This study was intended to identify ways in which the Grand Forks economy would “transition” away from the traditional forestry dominated economy. One of the goals outlined in the plan, was to support local business by implementing branding and strengthen the City’s position in reaching tourists. It was determined that Grand Forks and the Boundary Area already host a number of special events, which are the base to a growing tourism sector. The report suggested that it warranted more emphasis on event coordination, and proposed an Events Coordinator. An excerpt copy of the Transition Plan Goal 2 “Create a Business Friendly and Supportive Business Environment For the City of Grand Forks”, which identifies this proposal is attached.

Staff has worked with the Steering Committee of the Community First Agreement to try and outline how the Event Coordinator Position would work. Cognizant that the greater Grand Forks community has a wonderful group of volunteers that are fully capable of providing coordination for the many special events and festivals that are so much a part of life in Grand Forks, any effort to expand the Events Tourism may well be beyond what local volunteers can deliver. It is suggested that the Events Coordinator position may well fill this expectation. However, there has been no direct consultation with the volunteer organizing groups as to what support, if any, they require.

Attached is a draft proposal for a “Pilot Project” for the Event Coordinator Position. A pilot project would enable the greater Grand Forks area, including Electoral Areas C and D, to test drive the position to determine whether the position is sustainable in the long term. There are some short term deliverables from the proposal which will benefit all event organizations in the long term. These deliverables include a data base of volunteers, an events calendar, a data base of organization assets and equipment that could be shared such as temporary fencing, portable stage risers, etc.

In finding a “Champion” for this specific proposal, it was thought that an organization which includes representatives from the City as well as from Electoral Areas C and D, would be the best, such as the Regional Chamber of Commerce. As the Regional Chamber of Commerce is still in the process of

incorporation, the pilot project may have to be championed by another organization in the interim. It has been suggested that the Grand Forks & District Recreation Commission may well fit this role.

Attached is a proposal for the Event Coordinator Position. While Council may be in favour of proceeding with the pilot project, the project cannot move forward without the support of both the Electoral Area Directors. It has also been suggested that while there is support for the proposal, there are no budgeted funds available, from any of the jurisdictions, for wages. The BC Rural Secretariat is investigating funding opportunities that provide a wage component. Other support, by way of in-kind services, such as office space, equipment and supplies, would have to come from the City and Electoral Areas C and D.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Option 1: Council supports, in principle, the proposal for the Event Coordinator Position Pilot Project, subject to the support of both Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Directors from Electoral Areas C and D, and the securing of program funding from grants or other approved revenue sources. It is further recommended that this proposal be subject to Council's consultation with organizing groups, such as the Grand Forks International, the Grand Forks Fall Fair, the Farmers' Market, etc.

OPTIONS AND ALTERNATIVES:

Option 1: Council supports, in principle, the proposal for the Event Coordinator Position Pilot Project, subject to the support of both Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Directors from Electoral Areas C and D, demonstrated support of the various event organizations, and the securing of program funding from grants or other approved revenue sources. This option will allow the Ministry, in consultation with City Staff, to continue to look for available funding. This option also fulfills the goal of the Community First Agreement.

Option 2: Council Receives this Report for Information. This option will see no further action on the part of City Staff or the Ministry.

BENEFITS, DISADVANTAGES AND NEGATIVE IMPACTS:

Option 1: The advantage to this option is that the Event Coordinator Pilot Project is supported by Council. This option is advantageous inasmuch as it demonstrates Council's position that events are important for our community and that volunteer organizations coordinating these events need to be supported. A further advantage to this option is that Council is seen as following through on recommendations outlined in both the Transition Study and the Community First Agreement. The disadvantage to this option may be the view that event coordination assistance is not needed or welcomed by the various organizations.

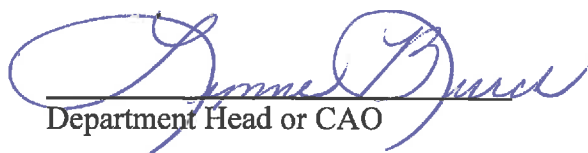
Option 2: This option intends that no further action on the part of the City or the Province is forthcoming. This option demonstrates that Council feels that the Event Coordinator position is not needed or welcomed by the volunteer community. The disadvantage to this option is that Council may be seen as non-supportive of community groups, volunteers and existing events.

COSTS AND BUDGET IMPACTS – REVENUE GENERATION:

There will be direct costs involved for the wages of any Event Coordinator. Contingent on whether this is a full time or part time position, it may well require a range of \$25,000 - \$35,000 in annual funding, shared between the three jurisdictions.

LEGISLATIVE IMPACTS, PRECEDENTS, POLICIES:

The Community Charter provides Council the authority to create and fund positions or organizations which are deemed to be a benefit to the Community.


Department Head or CAO
Reviewed by Chief Administrative Officer

Event Coordinator

Proposal for Pilot Project Event Coordinator Position

Background:

In May of 2010, the City entered into a "Community First Agreement" with the Rural Secretariat of British Columbia. The agreement was intended to be a pilot project intended to demonstrate urgent or unique opportunities relating to economic development. The Community First Agreement between the City of Grand Forks and RSBC includes eight projects. One of these projects, under Tourism Development, is the establishment of an Event Coordinator. The Community First Agreement outlines that the Event Coordinator is to be established in the Boundary to assist with coordination of existing events and to support the establishment of new events in support of tourism development in the region.

Prior to the "Community First Agreement", with financial assistance from the Province of British Columbia, the City undertook the development of a "Transition Study". This study, finally released in August, 2009, outlined Goals and Objectives, one of which was to retain a part-time event coordinator. This goal, outlined in the Transition Study, led to the Event Coordinator project being included in the "Community First Agreement".

CFA Workplan Status:

The Province undertook to investigate funding options for the establishment of an events coordinator, providing assistance with proposal development as required. The City undertook to identify the appropriate organization to be responsible for managing the events coordinator.

Pilot Project Champion:

The Community First Agreement Steering Committee consists of representatives from the following partner/stakeholder groups:

Brian Taylor , Mayor of the City of Grand Forks

Lynne Burch, CAO of the City of Grand Forks

Michael Strukoff, Superintendent of Schools, School District 51 Boundary

Ingrid Hampf, Interior Health Authority

Jim O'Meara, Selkirk College

Eventually the benefitting stakeholders for the Event Coordinator project will be the City of Grand Forks, Electoral Area "D", Electoral Area "C", and possibly Electoral Area "E", the City of Greenwood and the Village of Midway. The Pilot Project intends to provide event coordination for the City of Grand Forks, Electoral Area "D" and Electoral Area

"C". It is proposed that the organization positioned to champion this project would be the Grand Forks and District Recreation Commission.

Pilot Project Funding:

The Province is investigating funding opportunities that provide funding on a 50/50 basis and local government 50% share can be in-kind. It is proposed that the funding opportunity will provide the direct wage costs, and the "in-kind" share would be the provision of office space and supplies. While the three stakeholders have verbally suggested that there is support for this position, they have also indicated that there is no appetite from any of the local government jurisdictions to fund this position from property tax revenue.

It is proposed that for the pilot project, the position would be offered office space at the Grand Forks Recreation Office, which is already funded by the City of Grand Forks and Electoral Area "D". The City of Grand Forks would offer additional support by way of office supplies and in-house equipment.

Pilot Project Deliverables:

At the end of the Pilot Project, the following deliverables will be provided:

1. Data base of volunteers
2. Greater Community/Regional Events Calendar
3. A data base of organizational assets and equipment that could be shared amongst the different event organizations
4. A demonstrated need and purpose for a permanently funded Events Coordinator

Events Coordinator:

A full time or part time position, the Events Coordinator will work with local volunteers on events, providing assistance, when requested to do so. The Events Coordinator will also work with the community on expanding existing events and creating new events which capitalize on the community's cultural and heritage aspects, including a diverse agriculture industry. Existing events that the Event Coordinator will be requested to assist with will include, but not be limited to:

The Grand Forks Canada Day Committee
The Grand Forks & District Fall Fair
The Farmers' Market
The Kettle River Festival of the Arts
The Grand Forks International
The Christina Lake Triathlon

HIGH
(Implementation Priority)

Grand Forks Transition Study
August 11, 2009

THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL DECISION

DATE : June 6, 2011

TOPIC : Application for Development Variance Permit

PROPOSAL : Variance requested to the City's Zoning Bylaw Requirement under Section 37 (2) (g) to vary the ratio of the building and to vary Section 37(2)(h) "Accessory Buildings" to allow for the construction of an accessory building in front of the principle building.

PROPOSED BY : Gilbert & Jean Barry, Property Owners

SUMMARY:

We are in receipt of an application for a development variance permit to allow for a variance to Section 37(2)(g) to vary the ratio of the accessory building to principle building from 50% to 88% and to also vary Section 37(2)(h) of the Grand Forks Zoning bylaw to allow for the construction of an accessory building in front of the principle building at the property located on 2 Morrissey Creek Road. The application outlines the property owner's request for a variance increasing the minimum floor area of an accessory building, allowing it to be more than the 50% of the principle structure. The application, complete with the Planning Technician's report is attached. Section 922 of the Local Government Act allows Council to vary sections of the Zoning Bylaw, by way of a development variance permit provided the variances do not involve the use of the property or the density. In this case, the principle use of the property remains residential and the density of the property, ie: the lot area coverage, including the principal residence and the proposed carport will not exceed the maximum 50% coverage. If a Council proposes to pass a resolution to issue a permit under this section, notice must be given to surrounding property owners in accordance with this section. Property owners within 100 feet of the subject property have been notified, and should they wish, may provide input at this time, prior to Council considering the application.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Option 1: Council hear from the public, and after hearing from the public should they deem it feasible, resolve to approve the application for a development variance permit to the property at 2 Morrissey Creek Road, legally known as Lot 1, DL 653, SDYD, Plan KAP91133, thereby varying Section 37(2)(g) to vary the ratio of accessory building to principle building, allowing for the proposed construction of a shop to be greater than 50% of the principle residence structure; and further resolves to vary Section (2)(h) to allow the accessory building to be located in front of the front face of the principle building as proposed by the property owners, Gilbert & Jean Barry.

OPTIONS AND ALTERNATIVES:

Option 1: Council adopts a resolution to approve the application: This option will allow the proposed construction of the shop to proceed. The requested variance is minimal.

Option 2: Council declines to approve the application. This option will preclude the proposed construction from going ahead.

BENEFITS, DISADVANTAGES AND NEGATIVE IMPACTS:

Option 1: The benefit of this option is that it will allow the property owner to construct the shop as proposed. There is currently one other accessory building on this property, however the property is a 4.5 acre lot, and the maximum 50% lot coverage requirement is being met.

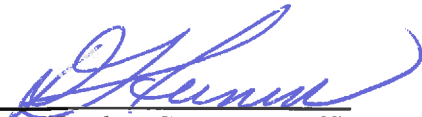
Option 2: The disadvantage to not approving the application, will be that the proposed construction of the shop could not proceed and the property would remain in its current state.

COSTS AND BUDGET IMPACTS – REVENUE GENERATION:

Eventually improved properties are reflected in the overall increase in property assessment.

LEGISLATIVE IMPACTS, PRECEDENTS, POLICIES:

The Local Government Act provides the authority to vary the ratio of accessory buildings vs existing residential buildings. Council over the past number of years, have approved variances through the Development Variance Process. Notice of this permit, should Council approve it, will be deposited in the Kamloops Land Title Office and attached to the title of the property.



Department Head or Corporate Officer
Or Chief Administrative Officer



Reviewed by Chief Administrative Officer

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

STAFF MEMORANDUM

To: Diane Heinrich, Corporate Officer
Date: June 3, 2011
From: Kathy LaBossiere, Planning Tech

Barry Development Variance Application

The City has received a Development Variance application from Derek Barry, agent for Gilbert and Jean Barry, owners of property legally described as Lot 1, D.L 653, S.D.Y.D., Plan KAP91133 located at 2 Morrissey Creek Road.

The applicant is requesting a variance to Section 37(2)(g) to vary the ratio of accessory building to principal building from 50% to 88% and to also vary Section 37(2)(h) to allow for the construction of an accessory building in front of the principal building.

The proposed accessory building is 1,200 square feet and the principal building is 1,366 square feet which makes the ratio at 88%.

Section 37(2)(h) states that no accessory building shall be located in front of the front face of a principal building and the requested variance would allow for the construction to be located in front of the house as shown on attached site plan.

The property is 4.5 acres in size and as the photos indicated, the only visible neighbor is Roxul's smoke stack.

There are no City services available to this site.

Respectfully Submitted:



Kathy LaBossiere
PLANNING TECH
N:Planning/dvp/barry/memo to co

Proposed location of accessory bulding



Taken from accessory building site showing Morrissey Creek Road



Neighboring property to the north



Neighboring property to the east



SECTION 37 **R-4 (Rural Residential) Zone** cont'd

Height

- (e) No building or structure shall exceed 10 metres (33 ft) in height. This height restriction does not apply to any farm buildings or structures.

Setbacks

- (f) Except as otherwise specifically permitted in this bylaw, no building or structure shall be located within:
 - (i) 6 metres (20 ft) of a front parcel line;
 - (ii) 3 metres (10 ft) of an interior side parcel line;
 - (iii) 4.6 metres (15 ft) of an exterior side parcel line; or
 - (iv) 6 metres (20 ft) of a rear parcel line.

Accessory Buildings

- (g) The total of all the accessory buildings shall have a floor area not greater than 50% of the principal structure. This does not apply to farm buildings or structures;
- (h) No accessory building shall be located closer than 1.5 metres (5 ft) to a rear parcel line and not closer to the front parcel line than the facing wall of the principal building, to which it is accessory.

Lot Area Coverage

- (i) The maximum permitted lot area coverage shall be as follows
(This does not include farm buildings or structures):

Principal building with all accessory buildings and structure 50%

Additional requirements

- (j) ****open fencing with no height or location restrictions is allowed in this zone;***

Bylaw 1679

- (k) The minimum size for a single-family dwelling ***or mobile home*** shall be 75 square metres (800 sq. ft.);
- (l) See Sections 13 to 30A of this Bylaw.

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MAY 24 2011

THE CORPORATION OF
THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS**GIL BARRY CONTRACTING LTD.**P.O. BOX 1011
PEACHLAND, B.C.
V0H 1X0

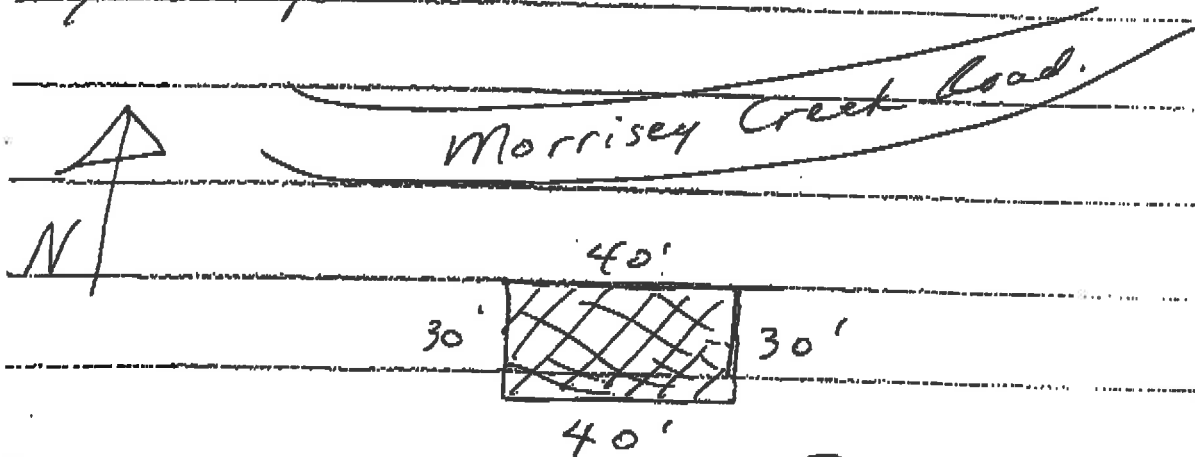
TELEPHONE: 250-862-7379 / 250-707-0707

FAX: 250-769-7221

DATE: May 24, 2011NO. OF PAGES (INCLUDING COVER PAGE) 01TO: Kathy - Planning - Grand ForksFAX NO. 250 442 8000RE: #2 Morrissey Creek Road G.F.
Application for Variance on size of shop.

MESSAGE:

Hi Kathy - We would like to build
a shop having 1200 square feet - being 88%
of the size of the house which is 1366
square feet :

Thank you.Jean Barry

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

7217-4th Street
P.O. Box 220
Grand Forks, B.C.
VOH 1H0

Telephone: 250-442-8266
Fax: 250-442-8000

DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT APPLICATION

APPLICATION FEE \$350.00

Receipt No. 143135

Registered Owner(s): Gilbert Leroy Barry and
Jean Barry

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1011
Peachland BC V0H1X0

Telephone: Home: 250 707 0707 Work 250 707 0707

Legal Description:

Lot 1 DL 653 SD40 Plan KAP 91133
PID 028 280 822

Street Address: #2 Morrissey Creek Road
Grand Forks B.C.

DECLARATION PURSUANT TO THE WASTE MANAGEMENT ACT

WE Gilbert Leroy Barry + Jean Barry, owner of the subject property described on this application form, hereby declare that the land which is the subject of this application has not, to my knowledge been used for industrial or commercial activity as defined in the list of "Industrial Purposes and Activities" (Schedule 2) of the Contaminated Sites Regulation (B.C. Reg. 375/96). I therefore declare that I am not required to submit a Site Profile under Section 26.1 or any other section of the Waste Management Act.

(signature)

Gilbert Barry

Jean Barry

(date)

May 16, 2011

OVER.....

June 13

Outline the provisions of the respective Bylaw(s) that you wish to vary and give your reasons for making this request:

home based business need bigger shop to
park and work and store my equipment.
Section 37(2)(g) Ratio from 50% to 88%
✓ (h) locate accessory in front of principal

Submit the following information with the application:

1. A legible site plan showing the following:

- irregular 4.5 acres*
- (a) The boundaries and dimensions of the subject property.
 - (b) The location of permanent or proposed buildings and structures existing on the property. *house*
 - (c) The location of any proposed access roads, parking, screening, landscaping or fencing.
 - (d) The location and nature of any physical or topographic constraints on the property (stream, ravines, marshes, steep slopes, etc.) *Nothing*

Other information or more detailed information may be requested by the City of Grand Forks upon review of your application.

The information provided is full and complete and to the best of knowledge to be a true statement of the facts, relating to this application.

Signature of Owner

Gilbert Barry

Jean Barry

Date

May 16/11

AGENT'S AUTHORIZATION

I hereby authorize the person/company listed below to act on my behalf with respect to this application:

Name of Authorized Agent:

Derek Barry

Mailing Address:

Box 2176

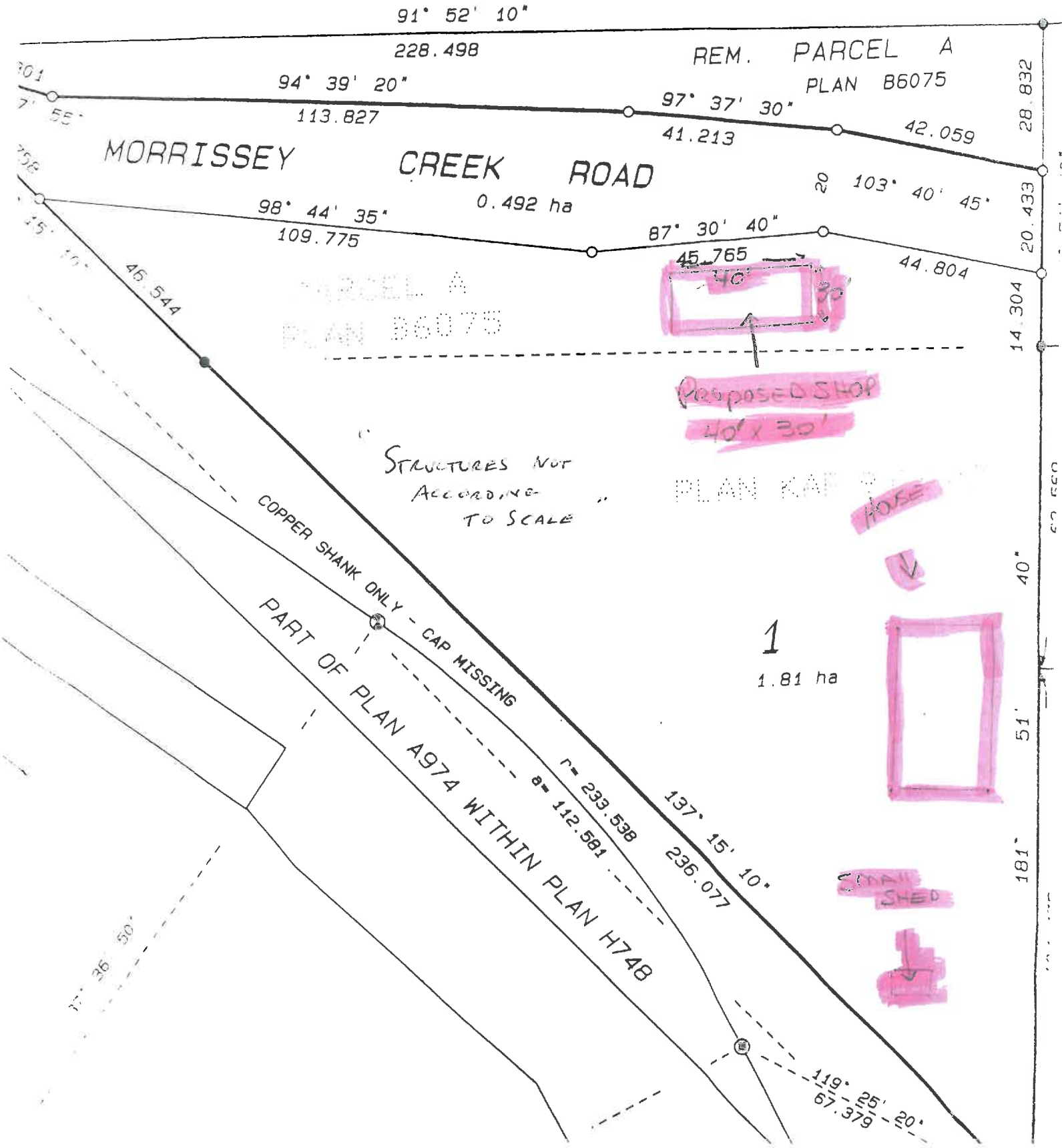
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Telephone: *250-442-9690 / 442-6996*

Owner(s) Signature of Authorization

Gilbert Barry

PLAN B5052



THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL DECISION

DATE : June 8, 2011

TOPIC : Asset Management

PROPOSAL : Adoption of the Proposed Asset Management Policy

PROPOSED BY : Asset Management Steering Committee

SUMMARY:

In April, 2011, Council appointed an Asset Management Committee to move forward with the development of an Asset Management Policy and preliminary recommendations including terms of reference to be brought forward for Council's consideration. The Committee is therefore bringing forward the attached draft asset management policy for Council's consideration.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Option 1: Council adopts Policy #803 "Asset Management", to be implemented no later than July 1, 2011.

OPTIONS AND ALTERNATIVES:

Option 1: Council adopts Policy 803 – Asset Management. This option will allow the policy, as drafted and as attached, to be implemented no later than July 1, 2011.

Option 2: Council declines to adopt the policy as drafted and presented. This option will see the status quo of no Asset Management Policy in place.

BENEFITS, DISADVANTAGES AND NEGATIVE IMPACTS:

Option 1: The advantage to this option is that it is following through on Council's objectives and directives as they relate to Asset Management. This option is also advantageous as it signals to the taxpayers that Council is looking to formulate a plan to deal with the City's assets in a strategic manner. Adopting the policy will also advise the public that Council intends to be open and accountable in dealing with the City's capital infrastructure assets.

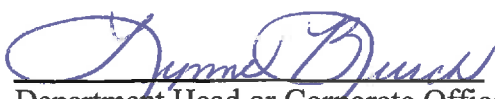
Option 2: The status quo will remain as is. This option also reflects that Council does not consider Asset Management a priority, large enough to warrant a policy.

COSTS AND BUDGET IMPACTS – REVENUE GENERATION:

There are no direct costs involved in adopting a policy for Asset Management.

LEGISLATIVE IMPACTS, PRECEDENTS, POLICIES:

The Community Charter provides provisions to develop policies. Policies flow from City bylaws and provincial statutes.


Department Head or Corporate Officer
Or Chief Administrative Officer


Reviewed by Chief Administrative Officer

THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS			
POLICY TITLE:	Asset Management	POLICY NO:	803
EFFECTIVE DATE:	June 13, 2011	SUPERSEDES:	New
APPROVAL:	Council	PAGE:	1 of

Background and Purpose of Policy

The City of Grand Forks has undertaken the development of an infrastructure Asset Management Investment Plan (AMIP) to help establish the importance of an affordable, balanced and well maintained suite of infrastructure that supports the economic health of the community.

An AMIP needs to be balanced against an Asset Management Financial Plan (AMFP) so that the City can live within affordable infrastructure management limits, and to enable Council and staff to determine appropriate and affordable levels of service, performance and risk.

To ensure residents, businesses and industries enjoy an appropriate level of reliable services, Council has a mandate to provide a wide range of infrastructure and services designed to maintain and promote a resilient community.

The purpose of this policy is to assist Council and staff to develop and maintain accurate and complimentary long range cost and revenue plans that have been designed collaboratively. This will provide an appropriate and affordable balance of City infrastructure in a cost effective state of repair.

Definitions

Asset Management:	The business practice of collaboratively managing the supply, condition and performance of tangible capital infrastructure assets in a strategic cost effective manner for the long term benefit and sustainability of the City.
Asset Management Champion:	A small representative group of senior decision-makers who implement and project manage the many cyclic asset management activities each year.
Asset Management Funding Plan (AMFP):	A 20 year funding cash flow analysis for all of the City's tangible capital linear and non-linear infrastructure assets.
Asset Management Investment Plan (AMIP):	A 20 year cost cash flow analysis for all of the City's tangible capital linear and non-linear infrastructure assets.

Collaborative:	The act of City staff working collectively and concurrently to manage the City's tangible capital assets for the long term benefit and sustainability of the City.
Cost Drivers:	Reasons for investing in infrastructure: renewal, replacement, regulatory, growth, safety, economic development, community development, operations and maintenance (to ensure life cycle).
Cross Functional Team:	Is a collaborative team of tangible capital asset, financial and corporate City managers, and may include a Council representative.
Infrastructure Deficit:	A backlog of work on fully depreciated assets that often results in infrastructure failure, complaints and claims. Infrastructure deficit results in more costly repairs, reconstruction or replacement.
Linear Asset:	Linear infrastructure systems such as (but not limited to) roadway, water, wastewater, storm water, electrical distribution.
Non-Linear Asset:	Typically points of infrastructure such as (but not limited to) parks, playgrounds, buildings, vehicles, waste management facilities.
Quarterly Asset Management Meetings:	Regular pre-scheduled meetings held by the Cross Functional Team to collaborate on each year's investment in infrastructure, and discuss appropriate levels of revenues to fund infrastructure investment for a sustainable City.
Tangible Capital Asset:	Infrastructure that lives longer than one year and directly or indirectly provides a service the City residents, business or industry.

Vision and Goals for Infrastructure Asset Management

Council's vision and goal for the City is a safe, liveable, resilient, sustainable and economically vibrant community underpinned by well managed and maintained infrastructure assets. These assets include but are not limited to efficient transportation networks, economic and reliable water and electrical distribution networks, safe and reliable sewage collection systems, reliable information technology systems, productive fleets, and accessible parks, recreation and civic facilities.

Though these assets age and deteriorate, by using sound asset management practices, Council and staff can be assured that the assets meet performance levels, are used to deliver the desired service in the long term and are managed for present and future City users.

This policy is to articulate Council's commitment to asset management, and guide staff using the policy. In doing so, this policy also outlines how it is to be integrated within the organization in such a way that it is coordinated, cost effective and organizationally adopted and used. This policy also demonstrates to the City that Council and staff are exercising good stewardship, and

is delivering sustainable services while considering its legacy to current and future City residents, businesses and industries.

Staff will implement the policy through the development and use of asset management practices, and will collaborate in their infrastructure decision-making and in their recommendations to Council. Since the performance of asset management is organization-specific, reflective of knowledge, technologies and available tools, and will evolve overtime, the responsibility for guidelines, practices and development of support tools are delegated to staff.

Policy Statements

Infrastructure asset management is the strategic and tactical business practice of managing community infrastructure, encompasses many disciplines within the City, and involves the entire organization. To guide the organization, the following policy statements have been developed:

1. Council and staff will maintain and manage infrastructure assets at sustainable levels to support public safety, community well-being, economic prosperity, and community goals.
2. Staff will monitor standards and service levels to ensure that they meet and support the City's needs, goals and objectives.
3. Staff will develop, maintain and report on asset inventories of all its infrastructures.
4. Council and staff will establish infrastructure investment strategies through the use of full life cycle costing principles.
5. Council and staff will plan financially for the appropriate level of infrastructure investment to deliver service levels and extend the useful life of assets at acceptable levels of risk.
6. Council and staff will plan for and provide sustainable long term funding to replace and/or renew and/or expand and/or decommission infrastructure assets.
7. Where appropriate, Council and staff will consider and incorporate asset management in its other corporate plans, such as (but not limited to) Master plans, Official Community Plan, Integrated Community Sustainability Plan, Business Plans, Resource Management Plans, Environmental Plans, Designs, Facility Plans, and Economic Development Plans.
8. Council and staff will report to citizens regularly on the status and performance of work related to the implementation of this asset management policy.

Policy Principles and Guidelines

Council and staff will endeavour to undertake and adopt the following key principles of the infrastructure asset management policy:

1. Appoint and support an Asset Management Champion.

2. Ensure there are adequate people resources (staffing levels and skill sets) to undertake the City's asset management initiatives.
3. Develop and maintain a rolling 20 year AMIP, and include all cost drivers.
4. Develop and maintain a rolling 20 year AMFP.
5. Ensure there is a balance between the AMIP costs and AMFP revenues by making informed decisions, identifying all long term cost drivers and revenues associated with infrastructure asset decisions, including additions and deletions. Develop an infrastructure deficit management plan as part of balancing the AMIP and AMFP.
6. Tradeoffs should be done through the balancing of the AMIP and AMFP and decisions should be articulated and evaluated, and the basis for the decision recorded.
7. Use available resources effectively and manage assets in a sustainable business manner, minimizing total life cycle costs of assets.
8. Collaboratively integrate corporate, financial, business, technical and budgetary planning and decision-making for infrastructure assets. Collaboration to consist of regular quarterly meetings each year, with updates to Council and feedback from Council.
9. Establish organizational accountability and responsibility for asset inventory and reporting system, data rules/definitions, and levels of service, risk and performance.
10. Consult with stakeholders when and where appropriate.
11. Implement cost containment practices and explore economies of scale to reduce cost pressures.
12. Update other City plans with infrastructure asset management planning, priorities, and findings. Such plans to include (but not limited to): Master plans, Official Community Plan, Integrated Community Sustainability Plan, Business Plans, Resource Management Plans, Environmental Plans, Designs, Facility Plans, and Economic Development Plans.

Scope and Application

This policy applies to Council and all staff using and managing the City's tangible capital assets in providing services to residents, business and industry.

Authority and Responsibility

City policies are approved by Council. While staff, public and other agencies may provide input on the nature and text of the policy, Council retains the authority to approve, update, amend or rescind policies.

Actions

Adopt Asset Management Policy

Responsibility

Council and Chief Administrative

	Officer
Monitor and review infrastructure levels of service, performance and risk at established intervals	Council and Chief Administrative Officer
Champion asset management within the City and ensure quarterly asset management meetings scheduled, chaired, and action items delivered:	Council and Chief Administrative Officer, senior staff
Q1. Mar – Needs & Cost Assessment	
Q2. June – Business Case Development	
Q3. September – Preliminary Budget Review	
Q4. December – Budget Approval and Allocation	
Develop and maintain infrastructure strategies and plans	Planning, Public Works, other asset operation and maintenance departments, Finance
Develop and maintain asset inventories and data system	Public Works, other asset operation and maintenance departments, Finance
Assess infrastructure levels of service, performance and risk	Public Works and other asset operation and maintenance departments
Establish and program balanced cost effective infrastructure replacement plans	Public Works and other asset operation and maintenance departments
Develop and maintain financial plans for infrastructure cost drivers. Balance AMIP and AMFP through collaborative trade-offs	Public Works, other asset operation and maintenance departments, Finance, Council
Report to citizens on status of the community's infrastructure assets and asset management program. The channels may include annual citizen reports, business plans, etc.	Council, Chief Administrative Officer, Corporate Communications

THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS REQUEST FOR COUNCIL DECISION

DATE : **June 7, 2011**
TOPIC : **City of Grand Forks: Actions for Economic Development Plan**
PROPOSAL : **Acceptance of the Actions for Economic Development Plan,
Developed by the Economic Development Task Force during the
2008-2011 Term**
PROPOSED BY : **Economic Development Task Force / City Staff**

SUMMARY:

At the beginning of this Council term, in early 2009, at the direction of Council an Economic Development Task Force was appointed. The Task Force was Co-chaired by Councillors Davies and Thompson. The large member task force was divided into several teams who made several different presentations to Council on workings of their various task teams, resulting in Council accepting recommendations for a final economic development plan. In the fall of 2010, we forwarded copies of all these various presentations to Diana Brooks of the BC Rural Secretariat, who compiled the attached plan titled "City of Grand Forks: Actions for Economic Development".

Much of what is in the plan is already being worked on by Council and Staff. The Downtown Business Group authored a report titled "Imagine Grand Forks", and following through on recommendations in the Imagine Grand Forks plan, the City sponsored a heritage workshop in the early part of 2011, at which time heritage guidelines were developed and a Statement of Significance. These guidelines will be included in the City's OCP at some point in time. Also following through on the recommendations outlined in the Imagine Grand Forks document, was the recommendation of hydro electrical power generation on the Granby River. Terms of Reference for a feasibility study are being developed by the City's consulting engineer, and this feasibility project should be tendered this summer.

The Agriculture Team was instrumental in creating the Community Garden, which is up running this spring. The Industrial Team was instrumental in looking at solar energy development, which resulted in Grand Forks becoming a Solar City in 2010, and the city is undertaking to install a solar hot water system at the city campground this summer. The Industrial Team also looked at the community forest concept vs support for existing and encouraging new Woodlot owners. The Airport Team was instrumental in meetings with Selkirk College to address how the Grand Forks Airport might fit into the college's Aviation Program curriculum.

And finally the Arts & Culture Team was instrumental in the development of a single arts festival, the Kettle River Festival of the Arts, which is due to showcase their first festival this summer.

Members of the Economic Development Task Force were all volunteers. They committed numerous hours to work on these teams on behalf of our community. Council should recognize their efforts, and thank them on behalf of the City. This acknowledgement can be in the form of a letter from the Mayor, or Council may wish to recognize these individuals by presenting them Certificates of Commendation at a Regular Meeting of Council.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Option 1: That the Report titled "City of Grand Forks: Actions for Economic Development" be received. That the members of the Economic Development Task Force be publicly recognized and thanked on behalf of the City.

OPTIONS AND ALTERNATIVES:

Option 1: That the Report titled "City of Grand Forks: Actions for Economic Development" be received. That the members of the Economic Development Task Force be publicly recognized and thanked on behalf of the City: This option will finalize the report of the works of the Economic Development Task Force and recognize all the volunteers who contributed volunteer hours on behalf of the City.

Option 2: Council declines to receive the plan. This option signals that Council has concerns with the plan, or disagrees with the contents.

BENEFITS, DISADVANTAGES AND NEGATIVE IMPACTS:

Option 1: Early in Council's term of office, the Economic Development Task Force was formed to come up with a "Grand Forks" economic development plan. The large member task force has worked hard over the past term, and made several presentations to Council with recommendations for inclusion in an economic development plan. Approving the plan indicates Council's acceptance of the work of the task force, which is evident by the number of projects undertaken by Council over the past year, which originated from Task Force Team presentations and recommendations. The advantage to this option is that work of the task force is formally received and the task force members publicly recognized for their volunteer hours on behalf of the City. Declining to accept the plan at this point would suggest that Council is not in agreement with the plan, of which there has been no indication from any member of Council to date.

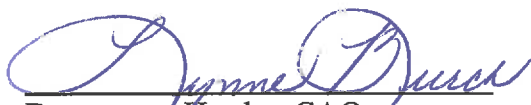
Option 2: There is no advantage in declining the receipt of the plan. The City has undertaken projects which originated from the work of the task force teams and expended resources for these projects.

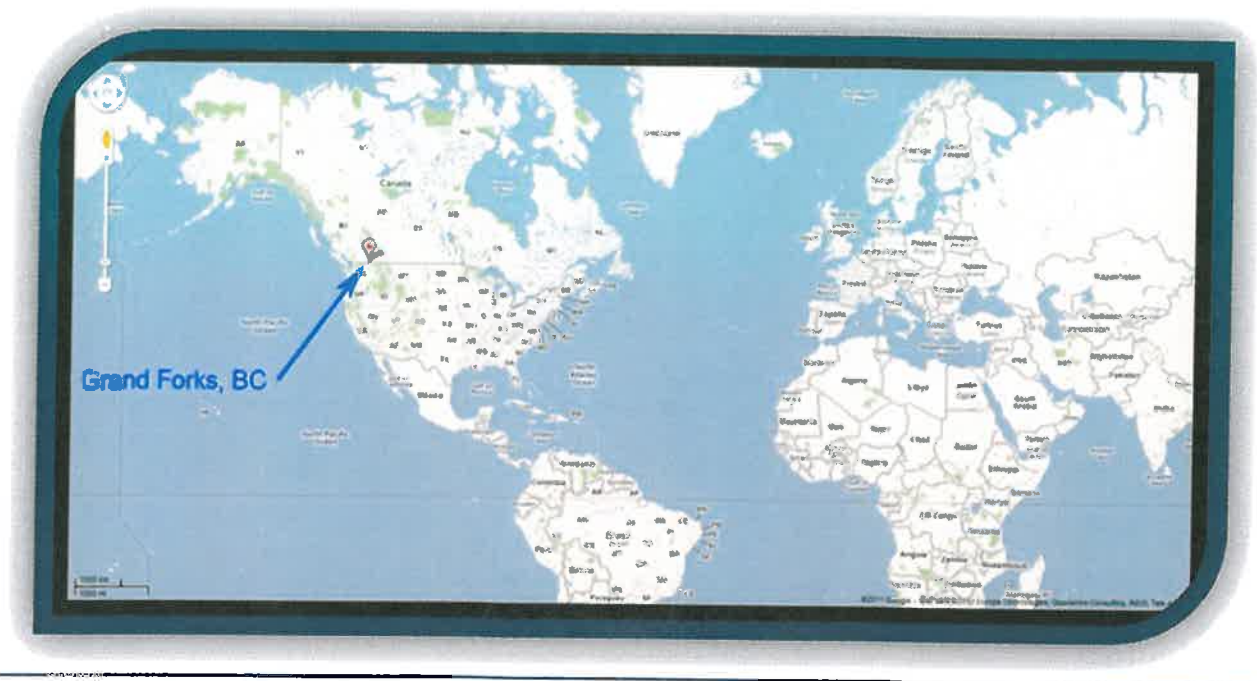
COSTS AND BUDGET IMPACTS – REVENUE GENERATION:

There is no direct cost in receiving the plan as presented. Futures measures taken by Council to undertake next steps will require resources.

LEGISLATIVE IMPACTS, PRECEDENTS, POLICIES:

Council has the authority to direct that an Economic Development Plan be undertaken.


Department Head or CAO
Reviewed by Chief Administrative Officer



City of Grand Forks: Actions for Economic Development

May 2011

The City of Grand Forks: Actions for Economic Development summarizes the work of the Grand Forks Economic Development Task Force, a community-led initiative that began in April 2009.

The ultimate goal of the Task Group was to complete a Grand Forks crafted economic development plan with plans of action and point persons and engage community members throughout the process. Following the initial open community forum with guest speakers and a brainstorming session, community focus areas were identified. The focus areas were then grouped under sector Teams with volunteer Team Chairs. These included: Agriculture; Arts and Culture; Industry; Business; and Tourism. The sector Teams met over the course of a year to explore options, develop plans of actions, and initiate activities. Individual sector Team summary reports were prepared and presented to the City of Grand Forks Council in April 2010. Progress has been made in many instances, and these are summarized as well.

This document provides a framework for the focus areas and individual sector Teams plans of action. The purpose is to integrate the initiatives into an overarching community economic development direction plan with strategic directions and links to the City of Grand Forks' goal to become a vibrant, sustainable community with a reliable and diverse economy.

Community Identified Focus Areas

- Haskap Berry Production Feasibility
- Agricultural Revitalisation
- Community Gardens
- Airport Enhancement
- Solar Energy development
- Boundary District Arts Festival
- Community Forest

- Cultural Tourism

A review of the community identified focus areas, sub-Team reports and plans of action, and actions taken revealed distinctive groupings of themed community economic development goal areas. These were called “common threads”.

Common Threads

- ❖ Environmental and social sustainability
- ❖ Diversify economic base
- ❖ Branding and increased City profile
- ❖ Internal and external community relations
- ❖ Employment opportunities

The Common Threads - environmental and social sustainability, diverse economy, branding and increased profile, internal and external community relations and employment opportunities, provide the link to overarching City of Grand Forks community economic development strategic directions.



The Economic Development Task Force of Grand Forks established a commitment to enhance the economic development function for the residents through task oriented initiatives. It is however beneficial to link the task oriented initiatives to strategic directions and goals. Although strategic planning has become very sophisticated over the years and often deemed too high level, the rudiments of developing and articulating community economic development initiatives remain a series of strategic directions, objectives, tasks and timelines.

The Task Force focus areas and plans of actions were reviewed and focus area targets / objectives articulated. These in turn were aligned to strategic directions and common threads and provide the community economic development plan framework.

Strategic Direction	Common Threads	Targets / Objectives
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self Sufficiency 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental and social sustainability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop renewable energies • Reduce dependency on outside power providers • Encourage food security and job opportunities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A reliable and diversified economy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diversify economic base 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create job opportunities • Grow and expand the number of active economic sectors • Enhance airport asset
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regionally, nationally and internationally acclaimed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Branding and increased profile 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create an identity • Broadcast their message
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building Relationships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internal and external community relations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen ties with other communities through regional collaboration • Foster the sense of place within the community
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting the Workforce 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment opportunities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training and Education • Airport Enhancement

The Task Force sub-Team reports identified specific tasks to be achieved in each of the focus areas. These are summarized and aligned to strategic directions and targets/objectives in the next section. This constitutes the Task Force community economic development direction plan, which can be added to and modified to reflect current actions and activities in the community.

Strategic Direction	Targets/Objectives	Focus Area	Tasks
Build a self sufficient community.	Encourage food security and job opportunities	Community Garden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish a community garden Attract members and build revenue Build a relationship between two local Not-For-Profit's
	Foster the sense of place within the community		
Provide a reliable economy with options and potential for growth.	Reduce dependency on outside power providers	Solar Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement solar power waters heaters at local campsite Retrofit city buildings to solar heating & lighting Apply for solar city status –successfully accomplished in 2010 Create a solar ready building code for new construction Create a delay on increased assessments due to solar installations
	Develop renewable energies		
	Create an identity		
	Create job opportunities	Berry Production	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake the feasibility of Haskap, Blueberry and other berry production in the area. Investigate why is the US doing berry production and Grand Forks is not Embark on an agricultural revitalization initiative Acquire specialist reports on soil and climate, etc. Introduce young people in the area to farming (horticulture/science class in high school) Invest in shipping infrastructure
	Grow and expand the number of active economic sectors		
	Training and Education		

<p>Become influential on a regional, national, and international scale.</p> <p>Foster community relationships.</p> <p>Support the current and future workforce.</p>	<p>Create job opportunities</p> <p>Grow and expand the number of active economic sectors</p> <p>Training and Education</p>	Community Forest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make decision on community forest versus woodlot • Ministry approval of the application • Assign a Steering Committee for management (of Community forest) • Develop business plan • Form Grand Forks Logging Company • Identify start-up funds
	<p>Grow and expand the number of active economic sectors</p> <p>Create job opportunities</p> <p>Create an identity</p> <p>Broadcast their message</p> <p>Foster the sense of place within the community</p>	Cultural Tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a Marketing Plan • Identify stakeholders • Improve City Appearance • Improve Web Presence • Promote Community Pride • Survey and Report to Heritage Advisory Committee • Utilise the Visitors' Profile • Develop Tourism Strategy • Training for Tourism Sector
	<p>Create job opportunities</p> <p>Grow and expand the number of active economic sectors</p> <p>Create an identity</p> <p>Broadcast their message</p> <p>Training and Education</p>	Boundary District Arts Festival	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of Endorsement by the City for the festival • Identify potential sponsors and grant applications • Develop flow chart of tasks and timelines • Stimulate the Arts sector in the region • Promote the festival internationally • Target Germany to attract interest and investment • Provincial Government support • Hotel/Restaurant industry support • Emphasize youth engagement and the history of Grand Forks during the festival.

Support the current and future workforce.	<p>Create job opportunities</p> <p>Enhance the airport asset</p> <p>Training and Education</p> <p>Strengthen ties through regional collaboration</p> <p>Grow and expand the number of active economic sectors</p>	Airport Enhancement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To encourage the development of “commercial” and “recreational” aviation activities for the future growth and sustainability of the Grand Forks Municipal Airport • Amend Clear Zone Bylaw • Hire part time Airport Manager • Promote the Airport • Implement Airport Site Development Plan • Lobby to relocate Selkirk College’s pilot training facility and Big Red’s ski packages to Grand Forks • Upgrade Airport website.
	<p>Encourage food security and job opportunities</p> <p>Grow and expand the number of active economic sectors</p> <p>Training and Education</p> <p>Create an identity</p>	Agriculture Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determine the feasibility of an agricultural centre, which will house an Agricultural College, Agriculture Labour and Machinery Exchange, Contract Crops, Fall Fair Home Grounds, 4H Centre, Farmers Market Home Base, Gardens for Store and Restaurant, and a Culinary Arts Faculty – commercial kitchen to be staffed by two teaching chefs, Seed Bank Home Base, Niche-course Marketing, meeting rooms for all agriculture-based groups.

Accomplishments as of May 2011

Work has progressed on several projects, and accomplishments as of May 2011 are provided below.

FOCUS AREA Community Garden

- ✓ There is a \$15 membership fee per bed.
- ✓ Garden bed for the Food Bank, for a school classroom and one for Sunshine Community Service.
- ✓ A relationship has formed between two local Not-For-Profits.

FOCUS AREA Solar Power Water Heaters

- ✓ Implement solar power water heaters at local campsite

FOCUS AREA Community Forest

- ✓ Decision made whether to get a community forest or a woodlot: acquisition of the community forest will not occur through council.

Next steps

Community economic development is an ongoing process. The Economic Development Task Force will in the future face both successes and challenges. Suggested next steps are:

- Continue implementation of actions and community involvement.
- Continue to validate the focus areas identified to ensure ongoing relevance and appropriate direction.
- Remain open to explore other focus areas and receptive to engagement with other agencies and partners.
- Recognize the advantages and benefits of collaboration and a regional approach to economic development and integrate into actions and implementation.



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

COUNCIL INFORMATION SUMMARY FOR June 13TH, 2011

Date: June 8th, 2011
 Agenda: June 13th, 2011
 Proposal: To Receive the Items Summarized for Information
 Proposal By: Staff

Staff Recommendation:

That Information Items numbered 10(a) to 10(k) be received and acted upon as recommended.

	ITEM	SUBJECT MATTER	RECOMMENDATION
CORRESPONDENCE TO/FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL			
10(a)	From the Ministry of Environment	Response to Council's March 25 th Letter Regarding a Deer Management Strategy and Terms of Reference Template	Receive for information
CORRESPONDENCE TO/FROM STAFF			
10(b)	Memo from Corporate Officer regarding reinstatement of a Business License	This business license was cancelled by resolution at the April 26 th Regular Meeting	That Council reinstates the 2011 Business License of White Knight Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning
10(c)	Thank-you card from the Boundary Youth Soccer Association	For Grant in aid funds received	Receive for information
10(d)	Memo from Corporate Officer	Regarding Council's resolution for Staff to investigate costs and availability of using IHA Bus to transport members of the community wishing to attend July 18 th Council Meetings at Fructova Heritage Site	Receive for Discussion
GENERAL INFORMATION			
10(e)	Public Meeting on BC Forests	Location: Community Futures Boundary on Tuesday, June 21 st from 1-4 pm	Open invitation for anyone to attend this meeting
10(f)	From Canada Post	Information regarding the Postal Strike	Receive for information
10(g)	BC Sustainable Energy Association	"Watt's Happening" – Information Paper	Receive for information
10(h)	From the Heart & Stroke Foundation Announces You Tube Video launched on June 2nd	Information regarding the 5 warning signs of Stroke and their awareness campaign	Receive for information



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COUNCIL INFORMATION SUMMARY
FOR June 13TH, 2011

FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT			
10(i)	Municipal Advisory from the Passenger Transportation Board	New Rates for Taxis and Passenger Directed Vehicles	Receive for information
INFORMATION FROM UBCM/FCM/AKBLG			
10(j)	UBCM-In The House	Provincial Legislation 2011	Receive for information
MINUTES FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS			
10(k)	May 30 th Task List	List of Completed and In Progress Tasks	File

Reference: 140409

MAY 30 2011

His Worship Mayor Brian Taylor
and Councillors
The Corporation of the City of Grand Forks
7217 4th Street
Grand Forks BC V0H 1H0

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Thank You & Urban

WEB, MH- Deer Issue

Dear Mayor Taylor and Council:

Thank you for your letter of March 25, 2011, regarding my appointment as Minister of Environment as well as urban deer in Grand Forks.

As Mr. Murray Coell, former Minister of Environment, noted to you in his letter of February 18, 2011, it is encouraging to hear that the City of Grand Forks has established a committee to discuss urban deer conflicts and has begun development of a management strategy.

Although the Ministry is not in a position to assist in implementing a translocation program, staff are in the process of developing templates for a Committee Terms of Reference and Deer Management Strategy as we proceed with those communities (such as Grand Forks, Kimberley and Cranbrook) that have already made significant progress in this area.

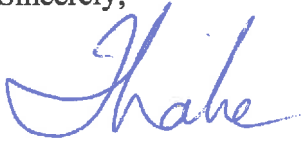
Ministry staff look forward to participating with the City of Grand Forks as successful resolution will involve cooperation and partnerships between all parties involved. If you have further questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Mike Badry, Wildlife Conflicts Prevention Coordinator, by phone at 250 356-9134 or by email at Mike.Badry@gov.bc.ca.

I would also like to thank you for your kind words of congratulations regarding my recent appointment as British Columbia's Minister of Environment. I am enjoying the challenging portfolio and look forward to working together on issues of mutual concern.

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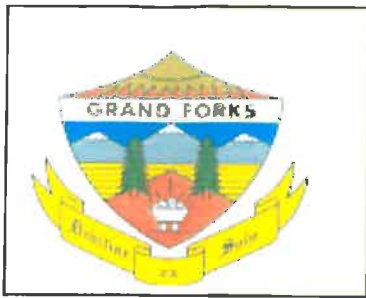
Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "T. Lake", with a stylized, cursive script.

Terry Lake
Minister of Environment

cc: Mike Badry, Wildlife Conflicts Prevention Officer, Conservation Officer Service,
Ministry of Environment
Brian Harris, Wildlife Biologist, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource
Operations



CITY OF GRAND FORKS MEMORANDUM

DATE : June 6th, 2011

TO : Chief Administrative Officer

FROM : Corporate Officer

SUBJECT: Reinstatement of Business License

At the April 26th, 2011 Regular Meeting, Staff presented a report to Council with regard to a Show Cause Hearing on Unpaid Business Licenses. As a result of this report, Council adopted a resolution to cancel business licenses that had not paid their 2011 Business License.

On May 20th, we have received payment from an additional owner/operator for their 2011 Business License as follows:

- White Knight Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning

Since there is no legislation in the Community Charter that directs local government on procedures to reinstate a business license, I am suggesting that Staff recommend to Council:

"That Council reinstates the 2011 Business Licenses of White Knight Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning."

Respectfully yours,

Diane Heinrich
Corporate Officer

**CITY OF GRAND FORKS
Business Licence Listing**



BL5200

Date : Apr 20, 2011

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Time : 1:21pm

Customer : All
Appl. Date : Jan 01, 2011 To Apr 20, 2011
Customer Status : Active
Business Class : Not Included
Payment Status : Unpaid

Licence Type : All
Report Sequence : Customer Code
Resident : All
Home Operator : All

Customer Code	Trade Name	Batch Balance
RACT10	SPIKE INVESTMENTS LTD	
RASH10	ASHLAND TRAINING CONCEPTS	75.00
RBOU04	BOUNDARY DO IT RIGHT CONSTRUCTION & DESIGN	75.00
RCJS10	C.J. SERVICES	75.00
RDGP10	D. G. PAINTING	75.00
	<i>Resubmitted May 9th</i>	
RDIM10	DIMENSIONS BY TONY	75.00
RE Z10	E-ZS TREE CUTTING	75.00
	<i>Exempted from April 26 Council Resolution</i>	
RGAL10	GALENA PONDS	75.00
RGF10	GF FLEA MARKET	75.00
RGRA45	GRAND FORKS ARTISAN MARKET CO-OP	75.00
RHAR70	HARPS TREE SERVICE	75.00
RIMP20	IMPERIAL MOTEL	75.00
RKOS10	KOST FIRE SAFETY LIMITED	75.00
RLAR20	LARRY MONTANA SERVICES	75.00
RLAW20	THE LAWN RAINGER	75.00
RLET10	LETA BAK FREELANCE ARTIST	75.00
RQUA10	QUALITY INSTALLATIONS	75.00
RRYD10	RYDER ROOFING LTD.	75.00
RSOU40	SOUL CREATIONS	75.00

**CITY OF GRAND FORKS
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Customer Status : Active
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Payment Status : Unpaid

Licence Type : All
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Resident : All
Home Operator : All

Customer Code	Trade Name	Batch Balance
RSUN04	SUNNY LANE GARDENS	75.00
	<i>Restated May 9th</i>	
RTHE50	THE BOUNDARY COMMUNICATOR	75.00
RTOM10	TOM MUSKOVICH GUITARS	75.00
RTRU30	TRUST IN NATURE CHILDBEARING WITH LOVE	75.00
RWHI50	WHITE KNIGHT CARPET & UPHOLSTERY CLEANING	75.00
Total :		1800.00

Total New : 0
Total Renewals : 24



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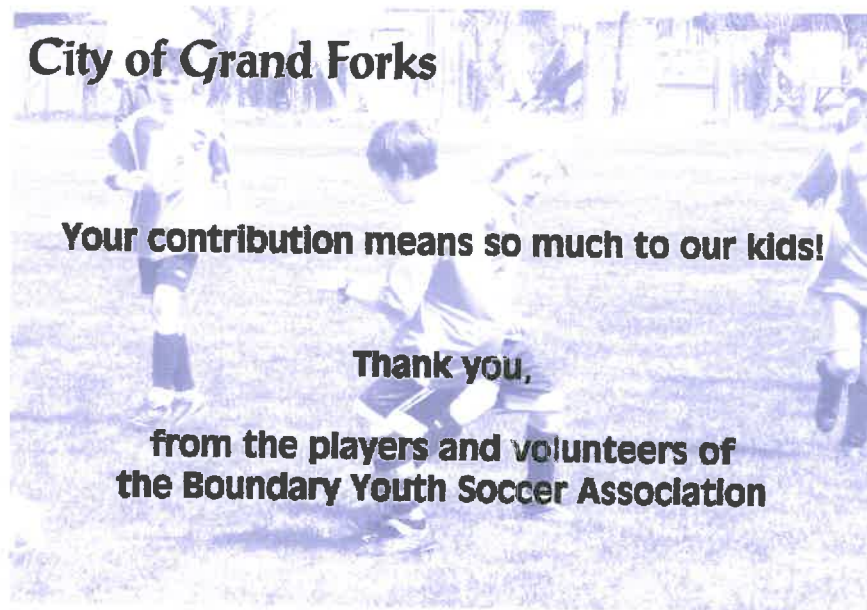
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City of Grand Forks

Your contribution means so much to our kids!

Thank you,

**from the players and volunteers of
the Boundary Youth Soccer Association**





CITY OF GRAND FORKS MEMORANDUM

DATE : June 6th, 2011

TO : Chief Administrative Officer

FROM : Corporate Officer

SUBJECT: Utilizing the Interior Health Transit Bus to Drive Members of the Public to the July 18th Regular and Primary Committee Meetings that are being held at the Fructova Heritage Site

At the May 30th, 2011 Regular Council meeting, Council adopted a resolution that read,

RESOLVED THAT STAFF INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM CITY HALL FOR THE PUBLIC BY MEANS OF THE INTERIOR HEALTH ASSOCIATION BUS FOR THOSE WISHING TO TRAVEL TO THE FRUCTOVA LOCATION FOR THE JULY 18TH, 2011 REGULAR AND PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

Following the investigation for the use of Transit Bus, the costs are as follows:

- The cost for the bus and driver for the first four hours is \$125.00 (from 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm)
- \$25.00 for each additional hour thereafter

The bus would pick up members of the public from City Hall at 4:30 PM and return them to City Hall after the meeting has concluded.

I have been advised that the bus could be available for this date, but we need to confirm this date to Interior Health so that a driver may be scheduled.

Best regards,

Diane Heinrich
Corporate Officer

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MAY 18 2011



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BOUNDARY FORESTS - OUR LIFE SUPPORT!

Healthy Forests – Healthy Communities presents

A CONVERSATION ON BC FORESTS

Join BC forestry professionals, First Nations, community leaders, conservationists, academics, forest companies and the general public in sharing views and concerns over the long-term health of BC forests—and subsequently our families and communities.

The Canadian Institute of Forestry, Community Futures Boundary and Selkirk College are sponsoring a Community Dialogue Session:

Date: Tuesday June 21, 2011

Time: 1- 4 PM in Grand Forks 6:30 - 9:30 PM in Midway

Location: Community Futures Boundary in Grand Forks (2140 Central Avenue)

Midway Community Hall in Midway (692 7th Avenue)

This is an ideal forum to discuss your concerns and convey your message to Resource Managers, Government Policy Makers and elected officials about resource management in the Boundary region to ensure the health of your family and community.

Attend and participate in the Healthy Forests – Healthy Communities initiative and find out what's happening in BC and your local community and how you can best be involved.

COME AND MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

For more information contact Ray Hanson at:

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bcforestconversation.com

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Dear valued supplier:

Canada Post has been in negotiations with the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) for the past eight months. Meetings between Canada Post and CUPW aimed at reaching a new collective agreement continue, and the union is not currently in a legal strike position. We continue to believe that a negotiated settlement can be reached just as we have done in each round of collective bargaining with CUPW since 1997.

The purpose of this letter is to formally advise you that in the event of a work disruption, Canada Post may be required to invoke measures in accordance with our contract with you to suspend services. If services are suspended, there will be no compensation to you as a contractor as services will not be performed during this period.

If services are performed during a disruption and payment is required, invoices should be sent to Canada Post at accounts.payable@canadapost.ca.

In the event that you encounter a picket line, please exercise caution and respect the normal protocols that would apply to the crossing of a picket line.

These include:

- Vehicle operators must obey all rules of the road at all times
- Don't attempt to drive through a picket line until it is safe to do so
- Do not talk back or engage in unnecessary conversations
- Keep your cool and don't start a confrontation
- Do not become aggressive

The safety of our employees – whether they be picketers or picket line monitors – as well as the safety of other stakeholders including our suppliers and the general public remains our top priority.

Should Canada Post invoke measures to suspend services in the event of a work disruption, the company will act to resume services as soon as possible once the disruption has ended.

For all other questions or concerns relating to your contract, please contact your local operations representative or your Sourcing Management representative. You may also visit the Canada Post website www.infopost.ca/customers for further updates and information.

We thank you in advance for your understanding in this matter.

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Watt's Happening - May 2011

Dear BCSEA Members and Friends,

We are happy to bring you long-overdue news from the BC Sustainable Energy Association.

Roberta Martell joins the BCSEA

First, we have an exciting announcement ... We have appointed **Roberta Martell** to be the BCSEA's Sustainability Consultant.

Roberta comes to us having been Executive Director of Fernwood NRG in Victoria for 5 years, where she left a huge legacy of success, and prior to that she was Community Development Facilitator with the David Suzuki Foundation, living and working in the remote Nemiah Valley with the Xeni Gwet'in band (Honey Gweteen) to help diversify their local economy and build a legacy of capacity. She lives off the grid on Mudge Island, off Gabriola island, but will now be in Victoria frequently.

In her role as Sustainability Consultant, she will be listening, learning, absorbing, concluding, recommending and implementing, and we can expect changes to start flowing as soon as she gets comfy behind the wheel.

77% Renewable Energy Possible for Earth by 2050

Can our global civilization operate - and flourish - without fossil fuels? That's the question that hangs over us all, with techno-optimists at one end of the spectrum and the "party's over, civilization will collapse" folks at the other.

So now the prestigious United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has weighed into the debate, with a lengthy report due out at the end of May. In a smart move, they have given the world a sneak preview in their Summary for Policymakers.

This story continues [here](#).

The Premier Spells It Out For Climate Action

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BC Sustainable Energy

At the end of April we got the word that the BC government was on a wobble when it came to its green energy and climate action commitments. Maybe it was time to put them on the back burner, some MLAs were arguing, because of the economy.... bla bla bla.

A number of non-profits sprang into action, letters were written and meetings were held, including one with the new Premier by some teenagers, and the pressure of the by-election also helped.

As a result, on May 6th Premier Christy Clark issued an Open Letter to British Columbians, titled *Building on BC's Leadership in the Green Economy*, in which she affirmed her government's commitment to renewal energy projects, the Western Climate Initiative, the next carbon tax increase, and the possible use of the carbon tax to support regional initiatives such as public transit.

"As we go forward", she wrote, "one thing is for certain: we will work to achieve our targets to reduce carbon emissions and continue to be a leader in North America on the green economy ... by working together with British Columbian families, communities, and businesses."

The BCSEA is seeking a meeting with the Premier, to introduce ourselves and share our thinking about the best ways for BC to reach its climate goals - and more. If you want to communicate your thoughts about any of this to the Premier, her email address is yourvoice@christyclark.ca.

SolarBC Moving on to New Goals

Can solar hot water become a normal way of gathering energy for everyone with an unshaded south-facing roof?

This has always been our plan, even though there's still a long way to go. 100,000 solar roofs by 2020 is still our goal - and even this would represent only 5% of BC's two million residential roofs.

SolarBC, one of the BCSEA's flagship projects, has just wrapped up a three year program, and is moving on to new goals.

During these years we used funding from the Ministry of Energy to support the establishment of 32 Solar Communities across BC, and incentivize the installation of solar hot water systems on:

- 546 residences
- 39 local government buildings
- 45 schools
- 15 social housing projects
- 2 First Nations (T'Sou-ke and Xeni Gwet'in)
- 38 kW of solar PV on 15 schools
- 9 solar air heating systems on schools

We also undertook many supporting initiatives, including installer training, bulk buys, solar lesson plans, teachers workshops, system monitoring and inspection, a First Nations Mentorship Initiative, regulatory change such as the Solar Ready Regulation and Building Code changes, and public awareness events such as Solar Days.

SolarBC is now moving into a new two-year phase when we will continue to support BC's Solar Communities and First Nations initiatives, develop pilot projects, provide input on new regulations, develop training programs, lobby for solar incentives, and keep track of the 24 different solar hot water systems which are part of our monitoring project, so that by this time next year we should have a good handle on which kind of system (eg evacuated tubes vs. flat plates) performs best in which kind of climate and environment.

There are still \$500 grants available for the installation of solar hot water through LiveSmart BC, the details of which you can find [right here](#).

So it's onwards and upwards, with our champion Nitya Harris still at the helm! For details, see www.solarbc.ca, and more specifically [here](#).

Greening Those Big Multi-Unit Apartment Buildings (MURBS) ... and Condos

Everyone talks about greening Single Family homes - but what about the big ones - the multi-unit condos and apartment buildings? They need greening as much as their smaller neighbours. Why should they be deprived?

The BCSEA is running two major projects on this front - our Green Landlords Project, in partnership with the BC Apartment Owners and Managers Association and many others, and we are in discussion with the City of Vancouver about assuming the leadership of their Condominiums Retrofit Project, in partnership with the City and many others.

We are planning to retrofit 26 MURBS for this summer, which involves a host of details, from energy assessments to tenant and strata council engagement. We're also exploring the process for green certification for MURBS, and planning a Green Landlords Summit in Vancouver this November 24/25th.

One of the keys to unlock the hidden potential for energy savings lies in the possibility that an energy efficiency loan can be repaid through property taxes or utility bills, so that the loan repayments run with the property, not the individual owner.

To this end, we are really pumped that the Provincial Government has tabled legislation that will enable BC Hydro to offer 'Pay-As-You-Save' loan repayments on their utility bills. BC Hydro is planning a pilot in Colwood (Victoria) this fall, prior to a larger roll-out in 2012, and we are hoping that we will be able to participate in the pilot with a MURB in Colwood. And a big call-out to Stan Boychuk, our Green Retrofit Executive Director. To contact Stan, click [here](#).

Is ecoEnergy Dead or Alive?

So what about ecoEnergy, the federal government's flagship home energy saving project? In the budget that the Conservatives tabled just before the election, they promised a one-year \$400 million renewable for ecoEnergy, and then it was dead in the water for the next 4 years. Gone. Nada. ecoNothing.

When Parliament sits at the end of May, the budget will be re-tabled - and we are worried that even this one year commitment may disappear, now that the Conservatives have a majority.

The Save EcoEnergy Coalition is campaigning to save ecoEnergy, and get it renewed for four years. Its supporters, who represent more than 1,600 manufacturers, wholesalers, suppliers, home renovation contractors and energy audit businesses across Canada, have written to Prime Minister Harper seeking support for a 4-year three-step plan to sustain ecoENERGY. The BCSEA fully supports their efforts, and we will be writing to the Prime Minister to seek continued funding for ecoEnergy.

The ecoKids Are Alive and Well

The BCSEA's Climate Change Showdown project has been hard at work in BC's schools, thanks to our network of valiant Environmental Educators who have been getting in front of 8,000 young Grades 5 & 6 students in schools across BC.

After the classroom time, when they watch a video, discuss the issues and play the Showdown Game, they take the challenge home and work with their parents to reduce their household energy use and greenhouse gas emissions. The results of this year's Showdown challenges will start pouring in over the next month, as the school year ends.

In July, we are taking a day to pause and consider new ways in which we can make the Showdown even more compelling, both to the students and their parents. If you have ideas, please send them to Renate Sitch, our valiant project leader!

Smart Meters - a Field Trip

Ever wondered how a smart meter works? On Saturday May 28th, you can join the BCSEA Vancouver Chapter on a lunchtime Field Trip at BC Hydro's Smart Metering Lab in Burnaby. No, you don't have to be a member - but if you are, you will sure feel good when someone asks! The event details are here.

Solar West Conference

The following Monday May 31st, CanSIA's Solar West Conference and Trade Show starts in Vancouver - for all the details, see here.

Your Reward for Getting This Far - some really cool sustainable energy websites!

Bicycle Rush Hour in Utrecht, Holland

Designer Power Masts from Germany

Fracking the Future(from Desmogblog)

[How Green is my Welsh Valley?\(short video\)](#)

[Hywind - Norway's deep ocean floating wind power](#)

[I'm a Climate Scientist \(Hungry Beast\) - wonderful rap video!](#)

[Masdar - the World's First Zero-Carbon, Zero-Waste City\(photos\)](#)

[Moving Planet - a Day to Move Beyond Fossil Fuels](#)

[Savings and Rebates from BC Hydro](#)

[Solar Highways video](#)

[The Most Danceable Fracking Video you'll See Today](#)

[The Oprid Fast-Charged Electric Bus, from Sweden](#)

[Top Ten Electric Car Makers, 2011](#)

[Vancouver's Bike Lanes Defeat Herr Hitler \(3' video\)](#)

That's it folks, for now!





Enjoy the rest of May, and we'll be back with more news in June. If you'd like to contact us, email us [here](#).

To become a much-valued member of the BCSEA, and support us in all these efforts, click [here](#).

From Guy, Tom, Dave, Erika, Debbie, Jordan, George, Blaine, Kevin, Paul, Sarah, Roberta, Susanna, Nitya, Julia, Renate, Stan, Scott, Bill, and all the rest of our large extended family!

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Dear Mayors and Council Members:

I am forwarding a message from Mark Collison, Vice-President, Research & Health Promotion at the Heart and Stroke Foundation of BC & Yukon regarding on a stroke awareness campaign and action required on June 2. For further information on the information below, please contact Mary Stambulic, Project Coordinator (her contact information is listed at the bottom of the email).

Regards,
Gene Chin

(Mr.) Gene Chin

Provincial Coordinator

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Heart + Stroke Foundation

Sent on behalf of Mark Collison, Vice-President of Research and Health Promotion, Heart and Stroke Foundation of BC and Yukon.

Each year, more than 2,000 people in British Columbia die from stroke. Stroke is the third leading cause of death in the province and the #1 cause of acquired long-term disability in adults. Yet in a 2010 Heart and Stroke Foundation survey, only 45% of British Columbians respondents could name two or more warning signs of stroke. Only 71% said they would call 9-1-1 immediately if someone was having a stroke.

Last June, the Foundation launched a public awareness campaign around the warning signs of stroke with a TV ad. This year, we're going viral. On Thursday, June 2nd, our "It May Not Be Love" YouTube video goes live. Please help us spread the word!

Our goal is to make sure as many British Columbians as possible recognize the five warning signs of a stroke.

To increase recognition and ensure consistency, we are asking for your help.

Either forward this email to the appropriate individual in your organization such as the communication manager, or tell us who in your organization we should talk to regarding:

- **Posting a link to our video on your website or blog;**
- **Sending an email to contacts you believe would be interested in our video;**
- **Tweeting about the video; and/or**
- **Promoting us on your Facebook page.**

If appropriate, please consider doing the following on June 2nd between 9:00am and 12:00pm.

1. On your website, blog, Facebook page or newsletter:

Promote a link to www.itmaynotbelove.com (but please don't mention that this is a stroke-related video as we want the message of the video to be a surprise).

We're hoping people will draw on one of the five warning signs of stroke in their introduction. Here are some examples of what you could include in your post on Facebook:

- Sudden weakness? It may not be love...
- Sudden trouble speaking? It may not be love...
- Sudden vision problems? It may not be love...
- Sudden headache? It may not be love...
- Sudden dizziness? It may not be love...

2. On Twitter:

Tweet to the link - www.itmaynotbelove.com and use the following hashtag in your tweets: **#isitlove**. Please include one of the five warning signs of stroke in your tweet along with the **#isitlove** hashtag and the link to the video. Please RT any other tweets about this video or the event that you see on June 2nd, but don't mention that this is a stroke-related video as we want the message of the video to be a surprise.

Here is an example of the tweet: **Sudden weakness? It may not be love... (url) #isitlove**

You can substitute any of the following warning signs in your tweet:

- Sudden weakness?
- Sudden trouble speaking?
- Sudden vision problems?
- Sudden headache?
- Sudden dizziness?

If you need further information or have a question, please contact Mary Stambulic at the Heart and Stroke Foundation at marystambulic@shaw.ca or at 250-595-8074.

On behalf of the Heart and Stroke Foundation, thank you for helping us share this video far and wide to your family, friends and community and for making a difference that may one day save someone's life.

Kind regards,
Mary


Mary Stambulic

Project Coordinator

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Subject: New Rates for Taxis & Passenger Directed Vehicles

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Attachments:  Passenger Transportation Board-New Taxi and Passenger Vehic.pdf 368K

Dear Lynne Burch,

The attached advisory has been provided by the Passenger Transportation Board for local governments.

Please contact the Passenger Transportation Board directly with any questions.

This advisory is provided through a distribution system that is maintained and monitored by UBCM. To change or update the contact information for your organization, please contact radamson@ubcm.ca.

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WEB 142 - New Rates for Taxis & Passenger Directed Vehicles

Date

May 19, 2011

Attention

Chief Administrative Officer

1. Taxi Rate Changes in BC

The Passenger Transportation Board has approved a Taxi Cost Index (TCI) 2011 rate increase for taxis. TCI 2011 allows taxi operators to request an increase of up to 2.38% on their metered or non-metered rates. They may make these requests between now and October 31, 2011.

Taxi operators seeking a TCI 2011 rate increase must send written notice of the request to the clerk, manager or CAO of each municipality where the licensee is authorized to pick up passengers.

TCI 2011 is based on cost increases for fuel, wages, insurance and consumer goods for the 2009 and 2010 calendar years. TCI data in 2009 indicated a decrease in costs of 1.92%. Taxi rates were not adjusted to reflect this decline. Data for 2010 indicated an increase of 4.30%. Therefore, the Board set the allowable TCI increase at 2.38%.

Taxi companies may only charge rates approved by the Board. The Board posts approved rates on its website. More information on taxi rates is available at: <http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/ptb/taxi-rates.htm>

2. Fuel Price Monitoring

The Board monitors weekly gas prices in British Columbia. The Board will consider a fuel surcharge for taxis if average gas prices \$1.359 per litre. The average was \$1.329 week for the week ending May 17, 2011. If the Board approves a temporary fuel surcharge for taxis, it will notify local governments. More information is available at: <http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/ptb/surcharges.htm>

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3. Update on Rates for Limousines and other PDVs

This month, the Board announced a minimum and maximum rate pilot project for limousines. It also announced a fuel surcharge for operators of limousines, shuttles and other passenger directed vehicles (PDVs), except for taxis

- The Board set **minimum and maximum rates for limousine operators** in the Lower Mainland and Capital Regional District. These operators can charge rates that fall within the allowable range. The new rates system is being implemented as a pilot project. It starts July 1, 2011. The Board will evaluate the pilot project within 2 years.

More information: <http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/ptb/limousine-rates.htm>

- The Board introduced a new **"PDV Fuel Surcharge"** mechanism for limousines, shuttles and other passenger directed vehicles in British Columbia. (This surcharge does not apply to taxis.) The PDV Fuel Surcharge is optional. The amount of the surcharge reflects the additional costs of rising fuel prices. The maximum allowable surcharge rises and falls as fuel prices change. The surcharge protects limousine profit margins when fuel prices spike. Current and historical surcharges are posted on the Board's website.

More information: <http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/ptb/surcharges.htm>

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Dear Lynne Burch,

Please see the attached In the House release for information on new provincial legislation affecting or of interest to local governments.

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Provincial Legislation



Provincial Legislation 2011

The following is a summary of provincial legislation introduced in the 2011 Spring sitting, to date, that will affect, or is of interest to, local government.

Bill 5 – New West Partnership Trade Agreement Implementation Act

- implements the New West Partnership Trade Agreement between British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Bill 6 — Civil Forfeiture Amendment Act

- establishes a scheme of administrative forfeiture to the government, and disposal by the director, of specified subject property without having to commence proceedings in court;
- provides for civil claims against the government for claimants in specified circumstances;
- clarifies the standard of proof to be applied in proceedings;
- requires the director of civil forfeiture to administer and dispose of property in accordance with the Act;
- clarifies that the statutory immunity provisions do not operate to prohibit claimant proceedings being commenced or maintained;
- establishes a limitation period for commencing proceedings;
- provides that the *Unclaimed Property Act* does not apply in respect of money or property if the director under the *Civil Forfeiture Act* serves a notice of intent to commence proceedings, or commences proceedings under that Act, or the property is

forfeited and disposed of under the proposed Part 3.1 [*Administrative Forfeiture of Subject Property*] of that Act.

Bill 7 — Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act
Clean Energy Act, section 17.1 - requires prescribed public utilities to establish and maintain a program to provide financing for the acquisition and installation of prescribed energy efficiency improvements.

Ministry of Environment Act, section 6.1 - authorizes the minister to disclose that a person has failed to pay fines or penalties imposed for the contravention of an enactment administered by the minister.

Bill 8 – International Interests in Mobile Equipment (Aircraft Equipment) Act

- provides for the application in British Columbia of the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment and the Protocol to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment on Matters Specific to Aircraft Equipment.
- establishes an international registry for aircraft equipment used to guarantee loans and by participating in the registry, businesses can improve their access to lower-cost credit, as the registry helps reduce the risk of international financing that uses aircraft equipment as collateral.

Bill 9 – Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Amendment Act

The legislation follows from the report of the Sled Dog Task Force, which included UBCM representation. The Task Force identified a need to update the animal protection laws in B.C.

The new legislation gives the Province more authority to protect animals:

- provides the toughest animal cruelty penalties in the country with fines up to \$75,000 and jail terms of up to two years;
- extends the statute of limitations for offences under the act from six months to three years;
- holds owners, companies and others responsible for animals more accountable for the welfare of those animals; and
- gives the government additional powers to regulate specific activities pertaining to the use, care and protection of animals – including sled dogs and service animals such as dogs and horses used by police.

Bill 11 – Yale First Nation Final Agreement Act

- enacts the *Yale First Nation Final Agreement Act* and consequential amendments in satisfaction of British Columbia's obligation under the Yale First Nation Final Agreement to enact settlement legislation giving effect to and ratifying that agreement;
- makes amendments related to the coming into effect of the Maa-nulth First Nations Final Agreement and amendments consequential to those amendments.

Bill 12 – Police (Independent Investigations) Amendment Act

Creates an Independent Investigations Office, which will fulfill a central recommendation of the Braidwood Commission and will strengthen public confidence in police.

The office will be the lead investigative agency in cases under its mandate, interviewing witnesses and gathering evidence. Specifically, it will:

- be led by a civilian who has never served as a police officer;
- conduct criminal investigations into police-related incidents involving death or serious harm, and will be able to do investigations involving other serious incidents;
- be able to investigate members of all B.C. police agencies, including independent municipal departments and the RCMP;
- have its powers entrenched in legislation; and,
- report to the Ministry of Attorney General.

The legislation will also allow the Office's civilian director to appoint a civilian monitor with access to all information on an investigation. The monitor will be free to raise concerns to the director about the integrity of an investigation and submit a final report within 30 days.

The Office's director will have the discretion to hire ex-police officers as investigators, as long as they have not served as a police officer in B.C. within the past five years. This will ensure the office has sufficient investigative skills and capacity to achieve its mandate in its initial, formative years while it progresses to a fully civilian investigative staff.

Before Jan. 1, 2015, a special committee of the legislature will conduct a review of the office's administration and general operations. The committee will also review the chief civilian director's progress towards the goal of having an Independent Investigative Office that is staffed entirely with employees and investigators who have never served as officers or members of a police or law enforcement agency.

TASK LIST FOR MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 30TH, 2011

ISSUE	ASSIGNED	COMPLETED
PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING		
Irene Perepolkin, Area D Director suggested that Mark Andison, Director for Planning and Development, for the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary should be invited to make a presentation to Council to offer the required information that the Municipality needs, and that she should also attend this meeting.	Lynne (June 27 th Meeting)	Done
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL		
Unfinished Business:		
<p>a) Corporate Officer's Report – Grand Forks Water Demand Management Action Plan</p> <p>RESOLVED THAT THE GRAND FORKS WATER DEMAND MANAGEMENT PLAN, AUTHORED BY URBAN SYSTEMS LTD, AND DATED JANUARY 20TH, 2011, BE ENDORSED BY COUNCIL, AND A COPY FORWARDED TO THE RURAL BC SECRETARIAT AS PART OF COUNCIL'S OBLIGATION UNDER THE COMMUNITY FIRST AGREEMENT.</p> <p>RESOLVED THAT URBAN SYSTEMS, AS AUTHOR OF THE WATER DEMAND MANAGEMENT PLAN RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS IN WRITING FROM THE WATER SUSTAINABILITY SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AS AN ADDENDUM TO THE ORIGINAL REPORT: 1) A MORE PROACTIVE ASSESSMENT STUDY IS NEEDED SHOULD THE CO-GENERATION PLANT AS PROPOSED FROM INTERFOR BE CONSTRUCTED; 2) INTERFOR'S COMPLIANCE TO THE CITY BYLAW ON BACK FLOW VALVES SHOULD THE CO-GENERATION PLANT CONSTRUCTION GO AHEAD; 3) THE WATER DEMAND MANAGEMENT PLAN TO ADDRESS WINTER WATER BLEEDING; 4)THE WATER DEMAND MANAGEMENT PLAN TO INCLUDE A WATER EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR THE PUBLIC; 4) TO EXPLORE THE NUMBER OF ABANDONED OR LEAKING HOME OIL TANKS LOCATED WITHIN GRAND FORKS IN CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE WATER CONSERVATION WITH REGARD TO THE GOLD AND ASSOCIATES REPORT – THE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THIS REPORT PROCEED REGARDING THE PURSUIT OFTHE RECLAMATION OF THESE CONTAMINATED SITES.</p>	<p>Lynne</p> <p>Councillor Wyers to submit these requests in writing from the Water Sustainability Sub-Committee to Staff to be forwarded as an addendum to the Water Demand Management Plan to Urban Systems</p>	In Progress
Reports, Questions & Inquiries from Members of Council:		
1. Councillor Moslin:		
a) RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR WRITE A LETTER TO THE HONOUR MINISTER RICHARD COLEMAN, THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND MINES, RESPONSIBLE FOR HOUSING, REQUESTING PROVINCIAL ASSISTANCE IN SUPPORT FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY 7-PLEX PROJECT.	Lynne	Done
2. Councillor Robert:		
a) RESOLVED THAT THE CITY INVITE JOHN MACKEY, DIRECTOR OF RECREATION & FACILITIES, TO DO A PRESENTATION ON THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF THE AQUATIC CENTRE AT THE NEXT PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING ON JUNE 27 TH , 2011.	Diane	Done
3. Mayor Taylor:		
a) RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ENDORSES COUNCILLOR THOMPSON AS THE CITY REPRESENTATIVE IN THE STEERING GROUP OF CONCERN CITIZENS FOR IMPROVED HEALTH CARE IN OUR AREA, WHICH INCLUDES COMMUNICATION WITH THE INTERIOR HEALTH ASSOCIATION.	No further action required	
b)		
Recommendations From Staff for Decisions:		

<p>a) Corporate Officer's Report – Application for a Development Variance Permit as requested by property owner, Darrell Turner. The Mayor invited members of the public to speak with regard to this issue – no one from the public came forward.</p> <p>RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RESOLVES TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT, THEREBY VARYING SECTION 33(2)(f)(III) OF THE ZONING BYLAW, ALLOWING FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING TO BE LOCATED 10 FEET FROM THE EXTERIOR SIDE PARCEL LINE, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 42, BLOCK 38, DL 108, SDYD, PLAN 72 LOCATED ON 10TH STREET SOUTH OF CENTRAL AVENUE.</p>	Kathy	In Progress
<p>b) Corporate Officer's Report – Legislative: Employee Policies</p> <p>RESOLVED THAT THAT COUNCIL ADOPTS THE EXCAVATION SAFETY PLAN POLICY FOR THE CITY OF GRAND, TO BE IDENTIFIED AS POLICY NUMBERED 604A.</p>	Diane/Sasha/Blair	Done
<p>c) Manager of Environmental and Building Construction Services – Fiber Optic Network Equipment Connections</p> <p>RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZES STAFF TO PROCEED WITH THE INSTALLATION OF THE FIBER OPTIC NETWORK EQUIPMENT CONNECTIONS THROUGH THE BORROWING PROCESS AS SET OUT IN THE 2011-2015 FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN, DESIGNED TO CONNECT TO THE CITY'S ESSENTIAL SERVICES NAMELY THE CITY'S WELLS, RESERVOIRS, LIFT STATIONS AND WASTE WATER TREATMENT FACILITIES, AS WELL AS CONNECTION TO VALUE ADDED SERVICES NAMELY THE WEATHER STATION AT OBSERVATION MOUNTAIN, THE CITY PARK CAMPGROUND FOR WIRELESS INTERNET SERVICE AND TO CITY HALL IN PREPARATION FOR THE NEW VOICE OVER INTERNET PROVIDER TELEPHONE SYSTEM.</p> <p>Councillor Robert inquired with potential wireless connection to Gyro Park and downtown locations. The CAO advised that she would investigate into these options with the City's IT technician.</p>	Wayne/Cecile/Daniel	In Progress
	Lynne/Daniel	In Progress
Requests Arising from Correspondence:		
a)		
Summary of Information Items:		
<p>a) Correspondence from the Boundary Museum – Invitation to the Mayor and Council to conduct a Regular & Primary Committee Meeting at the Fructova Heritage Site. Recommend that Council consider holding the July 18th, 2011 Regular and Primary Committee Meetings at the Fructova Heritage Site.</p> <p>RESOLVED THAT THE REGULAR AND PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 18TH, 2011 BE HELD OUTSIDE THE MUNICIPALITY AT THE FRUCTOVA HERITAGE SITE TO COMMENCE AT 5:00 PM, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 5.1(2), SECTION 5.1(3) AND SECTION 13(1) OF BYLAW 1889, THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS PROCEDURE BYLAW.</p> <p>RESOLVED THAT STAFF INVESTIAGE THE POSSIBLITY OF PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM CITY HALL FOR THE PUBLIC BY MEANS OF THE INTERIOR HEALTH ASSOCIATION BUS FOR THOSE UNABLE TO TRAVEL TO THIS LOCATION.</p>	Diane	Done
	Diane	Done-Referred to June 13 th Agenda
<p>b) Correspondence from the Canada Day Committee – Invitation to Mayor and Council to participate in the Opening Ceremonies. Mayor and Council to advise if they plan to attend – Diane to notify Community Futures of attendees. Mayor Taylor, Councillor Davies and Councillor Thompson will be in attendance</p>	Diane	Done

<p>c) West Kootenay/Boundary Crime Stoppers- Request for funding for this community service. Recommend to receive for discussion.</p> <p>RESOLVED THAT THE CITY SEND A LETTER OF INVITATION TO THE WEST/KOOTENAY BOUNDARY CRIME STOPPERS TO ATTEND A FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING, AND TO FURTHER ADVISE THE ORGANIZATION THAT GRANT IN AID FUNDING HAS ALREADY BEEN DISPURSED FOR THE YEAR 2011.</p>	Diane	Done
<p>d) Correspondence from Bull, Housser & Tupper- Advising that the City Mineral Tenure is up for renewal. Recommend that Council renew the existing Mineral Claims at a cost of approximately \$1,956.00.</p> <p>RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS RENEW THE ANNUAL CITY MINERAL TENURE WITH REGARD TO THE SLAG PILE AT A COST OF APPROXIMATELY \$1,956.00 AND THAT THIS ITEM IS TO BE INCLUDED IN FUTURE FINANCIAL PLANS AS A LINE ITEM.</p>	Diane/Cecile	Done
Bylaws:		
None		
Late Items:		
QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC & THE MEDIA:		