

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

**Monday April 2nd, 2012 – 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>	April 2nd, 2012 Agenda	Adopt Agenda
3	<u>MINUTES</u>		
	- March 19 th , 2012	Regular Meeting Minutes	Adopt Minutes
	- March 19 th , 2012	Primary Committee Meeting Minutes	Adopt Minutes and all recommendations contained therein
	- March 26 th , 2012	Special Meeting Minutes	Adopt Minutes
4.	<u>REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS</u>		
	a) Corporate Officer's Report – Delegation-Boundary Detachment of the RCMP	Presentation by Staff Sgt Jim Harrison on the detachment Annual Report on Policing	Council to receive the presentation given by Staff Sgt. Jim Harrison of the Boundary Detachment of the RCMP
	b) Corporate Officer's Report – Delegation – Whispers of Hope	Presentation by Lisa Fichtenbers representative of Whispers of Hope regarding a request for organization to be a line item on yearly budget	Council to receive the presentation given by Lisa Fichtenbers, representative of the Whispers of Hope
	c) Corporate Officer's Report – Delegation – Jenny Coleshill of the Granby Wilderness Society	Presentation by Jenny Coleshill of the Granby Wilderness Society requesting Stewardship from the City to help conserve the Lewis's Woodpecker	Council to receive the presentation given by Jenny Coleshill representative on behalf of the Granby Ecological/Boundary Habitat Stewards/Granby Wilderness Society
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.

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

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. Minutes from February 23rd & March 15th RDKB Meeting are attached to this report.

8. **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:**

a) Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Cancellation of an Expired Development Variance Permit Registered on Title

The intended structure was never built and the issued Development Variance Permit issued in 2004 has long since expired and should be removed from the title

That the Chief Administrative Officer's Report, dated March 20th, 2012, be received and to further direct Staff to notify the Kamloops Land Titles Office to remove the Notice of Permit of property legally described as Lot 1, DL 534, SDYD, Plan 27119, owned by the Corporation of the City of Grand Forks, in accordance with the provisions of the legislation.

9. **REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:**
None

10. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

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

Receive the items and direct staff to act upon as recommended

11. **BYLAWS**
a) Chief Financial Officer's Report – 2012-2016 Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw

Presented to Council for consideration of the first three reading to the 2012-2016 Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw
Note: Bylaw & Back-up documents will be circulated prior to the meeting pending the outcome of the 3rd Public Presentation on March 29th

That the Chief Financial Officer's Report, regarding the proposed 2012-2016 Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw be received, and that Council considers giving first, second and third reading.

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, MARCH 19TH, 2012

PRESENT: MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR
COUNCILLOR BOB KENDEL
COUNCILLOR NEIL KROG
COUNCILLOR PATRICK O'DOHERTY
COUNCILLOR GARY SMITH
COUNCILLOR CHER WYERS

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER L. Burch
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER C. Arnott
CORPORATE OFFICER D. Heinrich

GALLERY

CALL TO ORDER:

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

RECESS TO PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE RECESSED AT 7:02 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 9:07 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION: KENDEL / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE MARCH 19TH, 2012, REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY MARCH 5TH, 2012, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: SMITH / KROG

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY MARCH 5TH, 2012, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

DELEGATION:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

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

Councillor Smith:

Councillor Smith reported on the following items:

- He reported on his attendance, along with Councillor Kendel, to the first Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting on March 6th, and advised that next meeting of this committee will be on April 3rd.
 - He reported on his attendance at a Boundary Economic Development Committee meeting.
 - He reported on his attendance at a Phoenix Foundation Meeting on Tuesday, March 13th and advised that the meeting was very informative.
 - On March 14th, he reported his attendance to the Bruce Davidson seminar at the High School with regard to the water incident at Walkerton
 - He reported that a group of citizens have formed a Facebook forum called "Grand Forks Citizens for Growth", and advised that the group will be meeting at Kocomos on April 1st at 9:00 am, and that the Facebook session will be left open until noon.
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Councillor Krog:

Councillor Krog reported on the following items:

- He reported that Gallery 2 held their first annual masquerade ball last weekend and that their website has been updated with photos of this event.

Councillor Kendel:

Councillor Kendel reported on the following items:

- He reported on his attendance at a Boundary Museum Society meeting and that they have asked him to be their liaison. He further advised that he has toured the City Hall basement with Sue Adrian.
- He reported on his attendance at the Roxul Tour with other members of Council and Management this afternoon and advised that it was very interesting to see what they do.

MOTION: KROG / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT COUNCILLOR KENDEL BE APPOINTED THE LIAISON FOR THE BOUNDARY MUSEUM SOCIETY ORGANIZATION. CARRIED.

Councillor Wyers:

Councillor Wyers reported on the following items:

- She reported on her attendance at a Regional Chamber of Commerce annual promotion for tourism on Mar 3rd and 4th.
- She reported on her attendance on March 7th at the Grand Forks Public Library Annual Membership meeting and advised that there was no need for an election this year.
- Councillor Wyers advised that on March 9 & 10th, she attended the executive AKBLG meeting.
- She reported on her attendance on March 14th, to an informative presentation from Bruce Davidson with regard to the Walkerton incident.
- She reported on her attendance at a tour of Roxul this afternoon with other members of Council and Management.

Councillor O'Doherty:

Councillor O'Doherty reported on the following items:

- He advised that the Border Bruins Hockey organization will be back next season and that the Border Bruins will lend hockey jerseys to Council to be worn at the opening reception at AKBLG in Trail.
- He reported on his attendance at the Roxul tour earlier this afternoon

Mayor Taylor:

The Mayor reported on the following items:

- The Mayor thanked the Firemen for the spectacular job fighting the fire at the Grand Forks and Winnipeg Hotels
- He advised that he has received a letter announcing the retirement of the Chief Administrative Officer and that Council needs to move forward with plans to hire a new CAO
- He advised that he was including his Regional District of Kootenay Boundary report in this section
- He reported that the Regional District is finalizing their budget with regard to shared services with the City
- The Mayor advised that he had talked with Christine Thompson regarding the Interior Health Services that are currently delivered in our community.
- He advised that he toured the Kitchen Waste Composting Pilot project in the Val-Mar subdivision with Tim Dueck of the Regional District.

MOTION: SMITH / KROG

RESOLVED THAT ALL REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, INCLUDING THE MAYOR'S REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY, GIVEN VERBALLY AT THIS MEETING, BE RECEIVED. CARRIED

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:

None

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KROG

RESOLVED THAT INFORMATION ITEMS NUMBERED 11(a) TO 11(j) BE RECEIVED AND ACTED UPON AS RECOMMENDED AND/OR AS AMENDED. CARRIED.

- a) Invitation to the Mayor from the Union of Spiritual Communities of Christ - 65th Annual Union of Youth Festival in Castlegar on May 19th and 20th, 2012. **The Mayor to advise if able to attend – RSVP by April 16th. The Mayor advised that Councillor Wirischagin will attend this event**

- b) From Gallery 2- In accordance with the Lease and Funding agreement, the Grand Forks Art Gallery Society is submitting its Semi-Annual Report. **Recommend that Council receive the semi-annual report from the Grand Forks Art Gallery Society.**

- c) From the Royal Canadian Legion-Requesting permission to hold their West Kootenay Zone Parade as per the enclosed route and further inviting the Mayor to join their opening ceremony and dinner. **Recommend that Council grant permission to the Royal Canadian Legion to hold a Legion Zone parade from the Legion parking lot to the City Hall cenotaph as per their enclosed route on Saturday, April 21st at 1:00 PM.**

The Mayor (or alternate) to advise if able to attend the opening ceremony on Saturday at 9:00 am and further to attend their dinner at 6 PM – HE WILL ATTEND

MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL GRANT PERMISSION TO THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION TO HOLD A LEGION ZONE PARADE FROM THE LEGION PARKING LOT TO THE CITY HALL CENOTAPH AS PER THEIR ENCLOSED ROUTE ON SATURDAY, APRIL 21ST AT 1:00 PM, AND FURTHER THAT THE MAYOR WILL ATTEND THE OPENING CEREMONY ON SATURDAY, APRIL 21ST AT 9:00 AM AND THE DINNER AT 6:00 PM SATURDAY EVENING.

CARRIED.

- d) From the Royal Canadian Legion - Request for a donation towards their West Kootenay Zone Meeting. **Recommend that Council considers a donation to the Royal Canadian Legion towards their West Kootenay Zone Meeting in the amount of \$150.00 to come out of Council's Public Relations Budget.**

MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL PROVIDE A DONATION TO THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION TOWARDS THEIR WEST KOOTENAY ZONE MEETING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150.00 TO COME OUT OF COUNCIL'S PUBLIC RELATIONS BUDGET. CARRIED.

- e) Correspondence from Nadine Heiberg - Concerns with regard to chlorination of the City's drinking water. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- f) From the Grand Forks International Baseball Tournament - Requesting \$10,000 for the 2012 GFI International. **Request was forwarded to the 2012-2016 Budgeting Presentation process presented to Council and Public at the Primary Committee Meeting earlier tonight.**

- g) Correspondence from the Grand Forks Fall Fair - Thanking Council for considering that the Grand Forks Fall Fair be located at Dick Bartlett Park and also requesting permission to hold a beer garden. **Recommend that Council grant permission to the Grand Forks Fall Fair Society to use Dick Bartlett Park for the 2012 Grand Forks & District Fall Fair and to approve the issuing of a special occasion liquor license to hold a Beer Garden for the three day event.**

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT PERMISSION BE GRANTED FOR THE USE OF DICK BARTLETT PARK FOR THE GRAND FORKS & DISTRICT 2012 FALL FAIR SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 7TH, 8TH & 9TH, SUBJECT TO THE GRAND FORKS & DISTRICT FALL FAIR SOCIETY ENTERING INTO A PARK USE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY, AND CONTINGENT UPON PROVISION OF 3RD PARTY LIABILITY INSURANCE NAMING THE CITY AS AN ADDITIONAL INSURED, AND THAT STAFF BE AUTHORIZED TO WORK WITH THE VOLUNTEERS TO PREPARE THE PARK AS REQUESTED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE ISSUING OF A SPECIAL OCCASION LIQUOR LICENSE TO THE GRAND FORKS & DISTRICT FALL FAIR ON SEPTEMBER 7TH, 8TH & 9TH, 2012, AT DICK BARTLETT PARK SUBJECT TO THE GRAND FORKS FALL FAIR SOCIETY OBTAINING 3RD PARTY (PARTY ALCOHOL) LIABILITY INSURANCE, NAMING THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS AS AN ADDITIONAL INSURED ON THAT POLICY FOR THE THREE DAY EVENT; ALL GRAND FORKS FALL FAIR LIQUOR PROVIDERS TO HOLD A SERVE-IT-RIGHT LICENSE CERTIFICATE; AND ICBC "DRINKING AND DRIVING" WARNING POSTERS TO BE DISPLAYED AND THAT A DESIGNATED DRIVER PROGRAM BE PUT IN PLACE.

CARRIED.

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- h) Earth Hour Public Information for March 31st Event – 8:30PM-9:30 PM - The City is encouraging all members of the public to make their pledge at the web site: www.fortisbc.com/earthhour. **Recommend to receive for information – further information on the City Website for those making a pledge will be entered to win a weekend at the Manteo Resort in Kelowna, and the benefits to the community should Grand Forks have the most pledges per capita.**
- i) Canada Day Committee Meeting Minutes - From February 24th. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- j) March 5th Task List. List of completed and in-progress tasks. **Recommend to file.**

BYLAWS:
None

LATE ITEMS:

NOT ADOPTED
SUBJECT TO CHANGE

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 9:37
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 MARCH 19TH, 2012

PRESENT:

MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR
COUNCILLOR BOB KENDEL
COUNCILLOR NEIL KROG
COUNCILLOR PATRICK O'DOHERTY
COUNCILLOR GARY SMITH
COUNCILLOR CHER WYERS

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	L. Burch
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	C. Arnott
CORPORATE OFFICER	D. Heinrich
MANAGER OF OPERATIONS	H. Wright
FIRE CHIEF	D. Heriot
MANAGER OF TECHNICAL SERVICES & ENGINEERING	S. Bird
MANAGER OF ENVIRONMENTAL & BUILDING CONSTRUCTION SERVICES	W. Kopan

GALLERY

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

MOTION: SMITH / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD MONDAY, MARCH 19TH, 2012, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

DELEGATIONS:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

- a) Management Team Presentations followed by the Chief Financial Officer's Presentation of the 2012-2016 Five Year Financial Plan

The Chief Administrative Officer made opening remarks with regard to the 2012-2016 Five Year Financial Plan and subsequently, turned the presentation over to Staff.

The Management Team made a presentation to Council and the Public on their perspective departments. The Chief Financial Officer made a presentation of the proposed 2012-2016 Five Year Financial Plan and advised that no resolutions would be required tonight.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO RECEIVE THE PRESENTATIONS MADE BY THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS MANAGEMENT TEAM WITH REGARD TO THE PROPOSED 2012-2016 FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN.

CARRIED.

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.

NOT ADOPTED
SUBJECT TO CHANGE

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: KENDEL

**RESOLVED THAT THIS PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING IS ADJOURNED AT 8:52
P.M. CARRIED.**

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR

CORPORATE OFFICER – DIANE HEINRICH

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY MARCH 26TH, 2012

PRESENT: MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR
COUNCILLOR BOB KENDEL
COUNCILLOR NEIL KROG
COUNCILLOR PATRICK O'DOHERTY
COUNCILLOR GARY SMITH
COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WIRISCHAGIN
COUNCILLOR CHER WYERS

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER L. Burch
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER C. Arnott
CORPORATE OFFICER D. Heinrich

GALLERY

The Chair called this Special Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

Amendment to the agenda:

The Mayor advised that there is a late item to add to the agenda: A Staff Report with regard to the Strategic Community Investment Funds Agreement.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD MONDAY, MARCH 26TH, 2012, BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED. CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a) Corporate Officer's Report – Proposed Amalgamation of Wildlife Conflict Resolutions to AKBLG

AKBLG has requested that the City of Grand Forks and the Village of New Denver's resolution with regard to Wildlife Conflict, be merged.

The Village of New Denver has merged the two resolutions as previously submitted by each community to the AKBLG, and is presenting the following proposed merged resolution for Council's consideration.

BC CONSERVATION SERVICE CAPACITY

WHEREAS; the Provincial Government is responsible for managing bears and other forms of wildlife through its Conservation Service, and there is no BC Wildlife Management Plan in place to deal with increasing conflicts in municipalities due to a lack of capacity;

AND WHEREAS; municipalities are unable to appropriately respond to wildlife conflict, as their role is to enact policies that deter wildlife and limit wildlife attractants;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities request that the Provincial Government establish a Provincial Wildlife Management Plan under the Ministry of Environment and provide adequate funding and staffing to the BC Conservation Service, in order that wildlife conflicts in municipalities across BC can be effectively managed.

MOTION: SMITH / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVE THE REPORT PRESENTED BY STAFF DATED MARCH 22ND, AND ENDORSES THE MERGED RESOLUTION WITH REGARD TO WILDLIFE CONFLICT AS PROPOSED BY THE VILLAGE OF NEW DENVER.

CARRIED.

**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM
STAFF FOR DECISION:**

- a) Chief Financial Officer's Presentation – Second Public Presentation
regarding the proposed 2012-2016 Five Year Financial Plan

The Chief Administrative Officer began the presentation with regard to the Second Public Presentation of the 2012 – 2016 Five Year Financial Plan. The Chief Financial Officer made the presentation with regard to the Five Year Financial Plan.

MOTION: KENDEL / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL CONSIDER FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000 FOR THE GRAND FORKS INTERNATIONAL TO BE PLACED IN THIS YEAR'S BUDGET.

CARRIED.

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MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE PRESENTATION MADE BY THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AND THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER WITH REGARD TO THE PROPOSED 2012-2016 FIVE YEAR PLAN AND DIRECTS STAFF TO BRING FORWARD, FOR COUNCIL'S FURTHER CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION TO A SPECIAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MARCH 29TH, 2012 AT 2:00 PM IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS: THE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING FOR THE BOUNDARY MUSEUM

SOCIETY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000 PLUS ARCHIVAL FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000; THE BOUNDARY WOMEN'S COALITION REQUEST FOR \$6,000; THE BOUNDARY EMERGENCY TRANSITIONAL HOUSING SOCIETY REQUEST FOR \$15,000; AND A DETAILED REPORT REGARDING THE FUNDING "IN-KIND" FOR THE JAMES DONALDSON BASEBALL PARK. CARRIED.

LATE ITEMS:

- a) Corporate Officer's Report – The Strategic Community Investment Funds Agreement

Request for Council's Authorization to enter in the Strategic Community Investment Funds Agreement with the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development in order to receive the Small Communities grant funding from 2012 to 2014.

MOTION: KROG / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE STAFF REPORT OF MARCH 23RD, 2012, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZES THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS TO ENTER INTO A STRATEGIC COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUNDS AGREEMENT WITH THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY, SPORT AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT. CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THIS SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 8:00 P.M.

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR

CORPORATE OFFICER-DIANE HEINRICH

**THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL DECISION
DELEGATION**

DATE : April 2nd, 2012
TOPIC : Boundary Detachment of the RCMP
PROPOSAL : Presentation by NCO Staff Sgt. Jim Harrison
PROPOSED BY: RCMP / City Staff

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SUMMARY:

Staff Sgt. Jim Harrison NCO of the Boundary Detachment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police will make a presentation to Mayor and Council on the RCMP detachment Annual Report on Policing.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Council receive the presentation.

OPTIONS AND ALTERNATIVES:

1. Receive the presentation: Under this option, Council is provided with the information on the operation of the local RCMP Detachment and the services provided to the residents of the city.
2. Receive the presentation and refer any issues for further discussion.

BENEFITS DISADVANTAGES AND NEGATIVE IMPACTS:

Option 1: The main advantage of this option is that information is provided to the City and the Community.

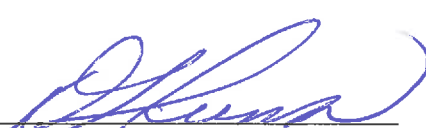
Option 2: The main advantage is the same as Option 1.

COSTS AND BUDGET IMPACT - REVENUE GENERATION:

There is no cost of making the presentation.

LEGISLATIVE IMPACTS, PRECEDENTS, POLICIES:

Council procedures bylaw makes provisions for making presentations to Council.



Department Head or Corporate Officer
or Chief Administrative Officer



Reviewed by Chief Administrative
Officer

2012
***Annual Report to Mayors, Councils and
Regional District of Kootenay Boundary
on Policing in the Boundary Regional Area***

***Boundary Regional Detachment
Royal Canadian Mounted Police***



**S/Sgt. Jim Harrison
February 2012**



2012 Report on Policing Boundary Regional Detachment

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2008 to 2011



2012 Report on Policing Boundary Regional Detachment

Section 1 BOUNDARY REGIONAL RCMP

Boundary Regional RCMP is responsible for policing throughout a vast geographical area. Stretching from east of the Anarchist(Hwy 3 east of Rock Creek) to Polsen Pass(Hwy 3 East of Christina Lake) the United States/Canada Border to well North of Beaverdell on Hwy 33. The unit area includes the communities of Beaverdell, Westbridge, Rock Creek, Midway, Greenwood, Grand Forks Rural, Grand Forks City and Christina Lake within the Kootenay Boundary Regional District.

We operate two offices in the Region. Grand Forks and Midway.

In 2008 Boundary Regional was amalgamated with Trail, Castlegar and Central Kootenay Detachments to form Kootenay Boundary Regional Detachment. Centralization of administrative functions such as budgeting, training coordination, and planning has been accomplished and is now performed at our Nelson Detachment Headquarters.

Resource sharing between the units is now a reality as we shift people from area to area for Community special events such as Shambala, Nakusp Music Festival, Grand Forks International and Rock Creek Fall Fair, to name a few.

Currently our established Full Time Employee Strength and distribution is the following:

Grand Forks

- 1 S/Sgt. Detachment Commander (Staff Sergeant Jim Harrison)
- 1 Cpl. Operations NCO (Corporal Richard Lanz)
- 8 Csts. General Duty Investigators
- 1 Public Service Full time Employee/Unit Clerk
- 2 Public Service Half time Employees/Unit Clerk

Midway

- 1 Cpl. Operations NCO / Unit Commander (Cpl. Kevin Christensen)
- 3 Csts. General Duty Investigators
- 1 Public Service Full Time Employee/Unit Clerk

The total estimated population in our service area was approximately 12,165 in 2011. We experience a significant increase in seasonal population during the summer months in the



2012 Report on Policing Boundary Regional Detachment

Christina Lake Area.

Boundary Regional is a Provincial Contract RCMP Unit. All funding for police operations is supplied through the Provincial and Federal Government. Municipalities who do not have Policing contracts now pay a portion of policing costs to the Provincial Government who in turn have contracted with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to supply Policing services in the Boundary area.

We provide 24 hour emergency response. General service times vary throughout the year for non-emergency calls.

Our Detachment buildings are owned and operated by the RCMP, as are all equipment and vehicles.

Primary training for RCMP members is provided by the Force in Regina Saskatchewan. Continuing mandatory skills and advanced training is provided by RCMP E Division at Chilliwack at our Pacific Regional Training Centre.

Continuous learning and development of our personnel is an organizational priority. During the course of any given year we invest in training by sending our members on training courses to better their abilities to serve the communities we police. Although training does take members out of the community for brief periods of time the return in improved policing effectiveness is obvious. During the past year our members have participated in training for Investigative interviewing, Sexual assault investigation, PRIME computer training, DARE training along with mandatory training and re-certifications in Police weapons, Intervention management, Firearms and First Aid.. Members are required to attend Pacific Regional Training Centre every 3 years for a week long Police Skills training course.



2012 Report on Policing Boundary Regional Detachment

Section 2 Significant Changes in 2011/2012

2011 saw a return to normal operations at Boundary Regional. For most of the year we maintained our allotted establishment.(human resources). One member was on light duty for most of the year, however he has now returned to full duty..

New arrival at Boundary Regional in 2011 include; Cst. Rene Thomson (Grand Forks), arriving here from basic training in Regina in November.

Cst. Thomson was to replace Cst. Menno Van Agteren who had accepted a transfer to Barriere. However Cst. Van Agteren's transfer has not occurred due to his inability to sell his primary residence.

Cst. Thomson is four months into her Field Training program (6 months) and is Surplus to Establishment, meaning we currently have one extra member.

With the assistance and funding granted from Regional District of Kootenay Boundary a Reserve Constable was once again, deployed to Christina Lake for the months of July and August. Area C Director, Grace McGregor worked with S/Sgt. Harrison to make this partnership agreement occur again. This unique initiative continues to vastly increase presence on the water at Christina Lake with over 158 files generated for vessel checks and infractions. Overall statistics showed a continuing decrease in criminal activity during the summer months as a result of this deployment. This is the second season that we have not had a fatality or serious injury related to boating or water sports at Christina Lake.

Reserve Constable Chris Cotrill will be returning this coming summer. (*See report on Christina Lake Reserve Constable Program 2011*)

During the Summer of 2011 Seasonal Policing funds were once again allocated from South East District for additional Policing at Christina Lake. This funding was fully utilized.

The Detachment has supported the Boundary Emergency and Transitional Housing Society Extreme Weather Shelter by supplying printing needs, donating used furniture and limited stationary supplies. S/Sgt. Harrison serves as a director of the Society.



2012 Report on Policing Boundary Regional Detachment

Section 3 Planning for 2012

Our efforts in pursuing Prolific Offenders and known Methamphetamine dealers paid off in the latter part of 2010 and in 2011. We intend to continue to pressure this segment of our criminal population.

Within the Boundary Regional RCMP we are continuing to work on our initiatives regarding Crime Reduction. We are currently embarking on a Community Crime Reduction initiative. This initiative is multi-faceted. The first stage will include Crime Reduction Orientation training of all RCMP staff. (Online Training Course) The second stage will include bringing RCMP staff and Community partners together for training and the development of a Community Crime Reduction Plan.

The lack of easily accessible services for addictions and substance abuse and mental health treatment is a concern in our communities. In many cases we see people dealt with in the Criminal Justice System that would be better served in the Health system. We will be liaising with existing services in our communities to identify better solutions as part of our Crime Reduction initiatives.

Major initiatives that are currently operating or in progress are:

Citizens on Patrol for Grand Forks, Midway, Greenwood and Christina Lake
Restorative Justice renewal, Grand Forks and Boundary Restorative Justice Society
School Liaison, DARE program and youth safety education.
Community Crime Reduction initiative.

Prolific Offender program which includes participation of external agencies and services
Partnership to create a multi agency Sexual Assault Investigation Team and provide Education regarding this issue in our communities.

Small Vessel Regulation Enforcement, Christina Lake

Our major objectives for 2012 are to;

Continue our efforts on Border Enforcement and intelligence
Continue efforts towards identifying and prosecuting Methamphetamine and Cocaine Dealers
Continue to target known Prolific offenders



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Enforce conditions of Bail, Probation and Conditional Sentence orders
To reduce injury motor vehicle accidents through education and enforcement..

Section 4 ***CRIME STATISTICS AND CALLS FOR SERVICE***

In 2009 several Crime Reduction strategies were introduced at Boundary Regional RCMP. Over the past 3 years the results of initiating and practicing these strategies has become apparent.

In 2011 there were significant decreases in the occurrence of Crime throughout the Boundary area.

Overall Criminal offences were down 19% from 2010 to 2011.

The most notable decreases were; Residential Break and Entry down by 56% and Business Break and Entry down by 64 %. Followed by thefts under \$5000 down by 24% and Causing a Disturbance down by 29%.

These reductions are attributable to several factors. The predominant factors were;

1. Police were back to full established strength of 1 S/Sgt., 2 Cpls. and 11 Constables.
2. Concentrated efforts made to target known prolific offenders led to successful prosecution and detention of several known offenders. (Crime Reduction initiatives)
3. Community programs such as Citizens on Patrol and Restorative Justice have contributed to prevention and working with young offenders.
4. The adoption of Intelligence led policing methods has allowed us to concentrate our resources on Crime reduction to a level previously



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unattainable.

Boundary Regional RCMP Totals

Type	2009	2010	2011
Homicide	1	0	0
Assault	101	107	80
Sex Assault	15	18	7
Break and Enter Total	121	133	98
Break and Enter Residence	43	59	22
Break and Enter Business	60	47	22
Theft of Motor Vehicles	51	39	22
Theft From Motor Vehicles	57	59	57
Theft under \$5000	106	119	91
Wilful Damage	230	200	195
Drug Offences	51	77	94
Total Calls for Service	4374	4702	4417

**Calls for Service decreased by 6% in 2011
Criminal Code offences were down by 19%**



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City of Grand Forks

TYPE	2009	2010	2011
Homicide	0	0	0
Assaults	55	56	41
Sex Offences	7	13	5
Break and Enter Total	59	46	36
Break and Enter Residential	22	26	10
Break and Enter Business	34	17	11
Theft of Vehicle	20	09	9
Theft from Vehicle	34	34	35
Thefts other	53	57	47
Wilful Damage	121	123	105
Total Calls for Service Boundary Regional	4374	4702	4417
Calls for Service Grand Forks City	1968	2080	1984



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Christina Lake

TYPE	2009	2010	2011
Homicide	0	0	0
Assaults	6	3	4
Sex Offences	1	0	1
Break and Enter Total	18	16	12
Break and Enter Residential	3	6	0
Break and Enter Business	2	4	2
Theft of Vehicle	6	2	1
Theft from Vehicle	7	6	6
Thefts other	8	12	11
Wilful Damage	25	17	18
Total Calls for Service Boundary Regional	4374	4702	4417
Calls for Service Christina Lake	375	481	585



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Rock Creek

TYPE	2009	2010	2011
Homicide	0	0	0
Assaults	7	8	3
Sex Offences	2	2	0
Break and Enter Total	12	13	7
Break and Enter Residential	3	4	2
Break and Enter Business	5	4	3
Theft of Vehicle	3	6	0
Theft from Vehicle	4	2	2
Thefts other	4	14	2
Wilful Damage	5	11	14
Total Calls for Service Boundary Regional	4374	4702	4417
Calls for Service Rock Creek	195	262	208



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Beaverdell

TYPE	2009	2010	2011
Homicide	1	0	0
Assaults	4	7	3
Sex Offences	1	0	0
Break and Enter Total	2	7	3
Break and Enter Residential	1	3	0
Break and Enter Business	1	0	1
Theft of Vehicle	4	2	1
Theft from Vehicle	0	1	2
Thefts other	4	2	1
Wilful Damage	7	3	2
Total Calls for Service Boundary Regional	4374	4702	4417
Calls for Service Beaverdell	99	86	125



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Midway

TYPE	2009	2010	2011
Homicide	0	0	0
Assaults	11	7	7
Sex Offences	2	0	0
Break and Enter Total	6	13	2
Break and Enter Residential	0	3	1
Break and Enter Business	7	7	1
Theft of Vehicle	5	4	1
Theft from Vehicle	1	2	3
Thefts other	3	9	8
Wilful Damage	22	23	13
Total Calls for Service Boundary Regional	4374	4702	4417
Calls for Service Midway	394	422	398



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Greenwood

TYPE	2009	2010	2011
Homicide	0	0	0
Assaults	10	5	6
Sex Offences	1	0	1
Break and Enter Total	10	26	13
Break and Enter Residential	0	9	4
Break and Enter Business	2	6	1
Theft of Vehicle	5	4	2
Theft from Vehicle	2	5	4
Thefts other	5	15	17
Wilful Damage	5	22	21
Total Calls for Service Boundary Regional	4374	4702	4417
Calls for Service Greenwood	326	350	329



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Grand Forks Rural

TYPE	2009	2010	2011
Homicide	0	0	0
Assaults	14	15	12
Sex Offences	1	3	1
Break and Enter Total	14	12	18
Break and Enter Residential	7	5	5
Break and Enter Business	2	4	3
Theft of Vehicle	18	13	1
Theft from Vehicle	2	8	7
Thefts other	15	23	14
Wilful Damage	25	30	18
Total Calls for Service Boundary Regional	4374	4702	4417
Calls for Service Grand Forks Rural	579	709	625



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Section 5 Comparative Crime Rates

Boundary Regional Criminal Code Offences

00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11
1006	840	878	852	843	1048	800	844	1025	1029	1071	869

Boundary Regional Crime Rate (reported Crimes per 1000 population)

02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10
70	68	68	84	64	66	83	83	89

Boundary Regional Population

03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10
12548	12426	12524	12498	11934	12263	12307	12165

Provincial Crime Rates 2010

Crime Rate expressed in crimes per 1000 population

Highest: Takla Landing: 908.5

Lowest: Nelson Provincial: 22.6

Provincial Average: **84.0**

South Okanagan Provincial: 66.2

Trail Municipal: 127.7

Nelson Municipal: 103

Castlegar Municipal: 105.9

Boundary Regional 2010: **89.4** 2011: **72.4** (19% decrease in overall crime)*

from BC Ministry of Attorney General, Police Services

** from local statistical analysis "PRIME"*



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Section 6 Strategic Goal

"SAFE HOMES, SAFE COMMUNITIES"

Mission Statement

The RCMP is Canada's national police service. Proud of our traditions and confident in meeting future challenges, we commit to preserve the peace, uphold the law and provide quality service in partnership with our communities.

Vision

To ensure that we are successful into the future we will be directed by our corporate vision.

We will:

- ☐ ***be a progressive, proactive and innovative organization***
- ☐ ***provide the highest quality service through dynamic leadership, education and technology in partnership with the diverse community we serve***
- ☐ ***be accountable and efficient through shared decision-making***
- ☐ ***ensure a healthy work environment that encourages team building, open communication and mutual respect***
- ☐ ***promote safe communities***
- ☐ ***demonstrate leadership in the pursuit of excellence***

Core Values

The employees of Boundary Regional will demonstrate our commitment to the Mission, Vision and Values of the RCMP in providing service to our communities .

Recognizing the dedication of all employees, we will create and maintain an environment of individual safety and development. We are guided by:

- ☐ ***integrity***
- ☐ ***honesty***
- ☐ ***professionalism***
- ☐ ***compassion***
- ☐ ***respect***
- ☐ ***accountability***

Commitment To Our Communities

The employees of the Boundary Regional are committed to our communities through:

- ☐ ***unbiased and respectful treatment of all people***
- ☐ ***accountability***
- ☐ ***mutual problem solving***
- ☐ ***enhancement of public safety***
- ☐ ***partnerships and consultation***
- ☐ ***open and honest communication***
- ☐ ***effective and efficient use of resources***
- ☐ ***quality and timely service***

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CRIMES AGAINST THE PERSON								
OFFENCE DESCRIPTION	UCR	2008	2009	2010	2011	% CHG	% CHG	AVG
		ACTL	ACTL	ACTL	ACTL	BTWN 2010 & 2011	BTWN 2008 & 2011	2008 TO 2011
MURDER-2ND DEGREE	1120-0	0	1	0	0	0%	0%	0
SEXUAL ASSAULT	1330-0	5	12	14	7	-50%	40%	0
SEXUAL INTERFERENCE	1345-0	0	2	0	1	N/A	N/A	1
INVITATION TO SEXUAL TOUCHING	1350-0	1	0	0	1	N/A	0%	1
ASSAULT-AGGRAVATED	1410-0	0	2	0	1	N/A	N/A	1
ASSAULT-W/WEAPON OR CBH	1420-0	16	14	22	6	-72%	-63%	15
ASSAULT-COMMON OR TRESPASS	1430-0	68	83	77	71	-8%	4%	75
FIREARMS OR IMITATION-USING	1455-0	0	0	1	0	-100%	0%	0
FIREARM-POINTING	1457-0	0	0	1	0	-100%	0%	0
ASSAULT POLICE-COMMON	1460-1	0	2	0	3	N/A	N/A	1
ASSAULT OTHER P/O-COMMON	1460-2	0	0	0	1	N/A	N/A	0
ASSAULT POLICE-W/WEAPON OR CBH	1461-0	0	0	0	1	N/A	N/A	0
CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE CBH	1470-0	0	0	1	0	-100%	0%	0
ASSAULTS-OTHER	1480-0	15	3	1	0	-100%	-100%	5
KIDNAP/FORCIBLE CONFINEMENT	1510-0	0	1	0	0	-100%	0%	0
KIDNAPPING	1515-0	0	0	0	1	N/A	N/A	0
FORCIBLE CONFINEMENT	1516-0	0	0	0	1	N/A	N/A	0
ROBBERY W/OTHER OFFENSIVE WPN	1610-2	0	1	0	0	0%	0%	0
ROBBERY-OTHER	1610-3	0	0	1	1	0%	N/A	1
EXTORTION	1620-0	0	0	0	1	N/A	N/A	0
CRIMINAL HARASSMENT	1625-0	7	5	8	7	-13%	0%	7
HARASS/OBSCENE PHONE CALL	1626-0	10	8	27	27	0%	170%	18
UTTER THREATS AGAINST PERSON	1627-0	25	51	52	35	-33%	40%	41
ARSON-DISREGARD FOR HUMAN LIFE	1629-0	0	0	0	1	N/A	N/A	0
CRIMES AGAINST THE PERSON	1000's	147	185	205	166	-19%	13%	176

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CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY								
OFFENCE DESCRIPTION	UCR	2008	2009	2010	2011	% CHG	% CHG	AVG
		ACTL	ACTL	ACTL	ACTL	BTWN 2010 & 2011	BTWN 2008 & 2011	2008 TO 2011
ARSON-PROPERTY	2110-0	4	4	3	0	-100%	-100%	3
BREAK & ENTER-BUSINESS	2120-1	61	60	47	22	-53%	-64%	48
BREAK & ENTER-RESIDENCE	2120-2	46	43	59	22	-63%	-56%	43
BREAK & ENTER-OTHER	2120-3	35	21	26	37	42%	6%	114
BREAK & ENTER-SEASONAL RES	2120-4	18	11	10	14	40%	-22%	13
THEFT-OTHER OVER \$5000	2130-13	10	3	8	7	-13%	-30%	7
THEFT OF AUTO OVER \$5000 2131-1 & 2135-1 *	2131-1	10	7	2	1	-50%	-90%	5
THEFT OF TRUCK OVER \$5000 2131-2 & 2135-2 *	2131-2	11	7	4	2	-50%	-82%	6
THEFT MOTORCYCLE OVER \$5000 2131-3 & 2135-3 *	2131-3	0	1	0	0	0%	0%	0
THEFT OTHER VEHICLE OVER \$5000 2131-4 & 2135-4 *	2131-4	1	6	7	1	-100%	0%	4
TAKE AUTO W/O CONSENT O/\$5000 2131-5 & 2135-5 *	2131-5	2	1	1	0	-100%	-100%	1
THEFT FROM MV OVER \$5000	2132-0	2	0	3	1	-67%	-50%	2
TAKE AUTO W/O CONSENT U/\$5000 2141-5 & 2135-10 *	2135-10	4	2	1	0	-100%	-100%	2
THEFT OF AUTO UNDER \$5000 2141-1 & 2135-6 *	2135-6	4	10	5	6	20%	50%	6
THEFT OF TRUCK UNDER \$5000 2141-2 & 2135-7 *	2135-7	3	4	3	1	-67%	-67%	3
THEFT MOTORCYCLE UNDER \$5000 2141-3 & 2135-8 *	2135-8	3	6	6	7	17%	133%	6
THEFT OTHER VEHICLE U/\$5000 2141-4 & 2135-9 *	2135-9	4	13	8	3	-63%	-25%	7
THEFT BICYCLE UNDER \$5000	2140-10	33	25	25	21	-16%	-36%	26
THEFT-OTHER UNDER \$5000	2140-13	143	106	119	91	-24%	-36%	115
THEFT-ELEC/GAS/TEL UNDER \$5000	2140-14	1	0	1	0	-100%	-100%	1
THEFT FROM MV UNDER \$5000	2142-0	82	57	58	57	-2%	-31%	64
THEFT-SHOPLIFTING UNDER \$5000	2143-0	7	27	8	10	25%	43%	26
POSSESS STLN PROPERTY O/\$5000 2150-10 & 2153-0	2150-10	3	4	7	1	-86%	-67%	4
POSSESS STLN PROPERTY U/\$5000 2150-20 & 2156-0	2150-20	8	17	20	13	-35%	63%	15
FRAUD-CHEQUE	2160-10	4	3	3	3	0%	-25%	3
FRAUD-CREDIT/DEBIT CARD	2160-20	8	5	5	6	20%	-25%	6
FRAUD-TELEMARKETING	2160-30	1	0	0	0	0%	-100%	0
FRAUD-REAL ESTATE	2160-31	0	0	1	0	-100%	0%	0
FRAUD-PERSONATION 403/404 CC	2160-33	1	2	1	1	0%	0%	1

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CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY (Cont'd)									
OFFENCE DESCRIPTION	UCR	2008	2009	2010	2011	% CHG	% CHG	AVG	
		ACTL	ACTL	ACTL	ACTL	BTWN 2010 & 2011	BTWN 2008 & 2011	2008 TO 2011	
FRAUD-UTTER FORGED DOCUMENTS	2160-35	1	0	0	0	0%	-100%	0	
FRAUD-FALSE CLAIMS	2160-50	1	0	2	0	-100%	-100%	1	
FRAUD-COMPUTER OR DEVICE	2160-60	0	0	1	1	0%	N/A	1	
FRAUD-MONEY/PROP/SEC>\$5000	2160-61	1	0	0	1	N/A	0%	1	
FRAUD-FRAUDULENT CONCEALMENT	2160-62	0	1	0	0	0%	0%	0	
FRAUD-MONEY/PROP/SEC<\$5000	2160-63	0	0	0	2	N/A	N/A	1	
FRAUD-OTHER	2160-80	4	9	4	1	-75%	-75%	5	
FRAUD-IDENTITY	2166-0	0	0	1	2	100%	N/A	1	
MISCHIEF-CAUSE BY ACT/OMMISS'N	2170-10	2	3	6	5	-17%	150%	4	
MISCHIEF OVER \$5000	2170-3	4	3	4	1	-75%	-75%	3	
MISCHIEF \$5000 OR UNDER	2170-4	198	227	196	194	-1%	-2%	204	
CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY	2000's	720	688	655	534	-18%	-26%	650	

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OTHER CRIMINAL CODE								
OFFENCE DESCRIPTION	UCR	2008	2009	2010	2011	% CHG	% CHG	AVG
		ACTL	ACTL	ACTL	ACTL	BTWN 2010 & 2011	BTWN 2008 & 2011	2008 TO 2011
EXPLOSIVES-POSSESSION	3310-0	1	1	2	1	-50%	0%	1
WEAPONS POSS-CONTRARY TO ORDER	3370-0	0	0	0	1	N/A	N/A	0
WEAPONS-POSSESSION	3375-0	1	0	3	8	167%	700%	3
WEAPONS-UNAUTHORIZED IMP/EXP	3380-0	0	1	0	0	0%	0%	0
FIREARMS-UNSAFE STORAGE	3395-0	0	3	4	1	-75%	N/A	2
BREACH/BAIL VIOLATIONS	3410-0	26	27	38	42	11%	62%	33
COUNTERFEITING CURRENCY	3420-0	51	7	19	2	-89%	-96%	20
CAUSE A DISTURBANCE	3430-0	72	53	100	71	-29%	-1%	74
ESCAPE CUSTODY	3440-0	0	0	0	1	N/A	N/A	0
INDECENT ACTS/EXPOSING	3450-0	1	2	4	3	-25%	200%	3
CHILD PORN PROD/DIST/POSS	3455-0	1	0	1	1	0%	0%	1
OBSTRUCT PEACE/PUBLIC OFFICER	3470-0	5	3	4	2	-50%	-60%	4
PRISONER UNLAWFULLY AT LARGE	3480-0	0	0	0	1	N/A	N/A	0
TRESPASS AT NIGHT	3490-0	1	3	3	2	-33%	100%	2
FAIL TO APPEAR	3510-0	8	6	7	10	43%	25%	8
BREACH OF PROBATION-ADULT	3520-0	11	7	11	9	-18%	-18%	10
UTTER THREAT PROPERTY/ANIMAL	3540-0	3	4	3	6	100%	100%	4
FIREARM-CARELESS USE OF	3720-0	2	0	1	0	-100%	-100%	1
OBSTRUCT JUSTICE	3730-4	0	1	0	0	0%	0%	0
PUBLIC MISCHIEF	3730-5	2	1	4	0	-100%	-100%	2
IMPERSONATE POLICE/PEACE OFFIC	3730-6	0	1	0	0	0%	0%	0
VAGRANCY	3740-30	1	0	2	0	-100%	-100%	1
LIBEL	3770-3	0	0	0	1	N/A	N/A	0
POSSESS BREAK-IN INST & OTHER	3780-0	0	1	1	3	200%	N/A	1
CAUSE ANIMAL TO SUFFER	3810-1	0	0	2	3	50%	N/A	1
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	3890-0	2	1	2	1	-50%	-50%	2
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE	3000's	188	122	211	169	-20%	-10%	173

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ALL CRIMINAL CODE								
OFFENCE DESCRIPTION	UCR	2008	2009	2010	2011	% CHG	% CHG	AVG
		ACTL	ACTL	ACTL	ACTL	BTWN 2010 & 2011	BTWN 2008 & 2011	2008 TO 2011
CRIMES AGAINST THE PERSON	1000's	147	185	205	166	-19%	13%	176
CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY	2000's	720	688	655	534	-18%	-26%	650
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE	3000's	188	122	211	169	-20%	-10%	173
CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES - 1000's, 2000's and 3000's	All CC	1055	995	1071	869	-19%	-18%	998

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CDSA OFFENCES								
OFFENCE DESCRIPTION	UCR	2008	2009	2010	2011	% CHG	% CHG	% CHG
		ACTL	ACTL	ACTL	ACTL	BTWN 2010 & 2011	BTWN 2008 & 2011	BTWN 2008 & 2011
POSSESSION-HEROIN	4110-0	1	0	0	0	0%	-100%	0
POSSESSION-COCAINE	4120-0	1	2	1	3	200%	200%	2
POSSESSION-PSILOCYBIN	4130-10	0	0	1	0	-100%	0%	0
POSSESS-OTH SCHED I DRUGS/SUBS	4130-6	2	3	3	1	-67%	-50%	2
POSSESS-OTH SCHED III DRUG/SUB	4130-7	3	0	2	0	-100%	-100%	1
POSSESSION-CANNABIS OVER 30G	4140-1	1	5	4	2	-50%	100%	3
POSSESSION-CANNABIS 30G & UNDR	4140-2	10	15	16	42	320%	163%	21
POSSESS-CANNABIS RESIN OVER 1G	4140-3	0	1	2	3	50%	N/A	2
POSSESS-CANNABIS RESIN 1G&UNDR	4140-4	2	2	3	6	100%	200%	3
POSSESSION-METHAMPHETAMINE	4150-0	2	2	4	2	-50%	0%	3
TRAFFICKING-COCAINE	4220-0	2	2	1	4	400%	100%	2
TRAFFICKING-OTHER CDSA	4230-1	0	3	4	1	-75%	N/A	2
TRAFFICKING-AMPHETAMINE	4230-11	0	2	0	0	0%	0%	1
TRAFFICKING-OPIUM	4230-2	0	0	0	2	N/A	N/A	1
TRAFFICKING-OTHER SCHED I	4230-6	0	0	1	0	-100%	0%	0
TRAFFICK-CANNABIS OVER 3000G	4240-1	2	2	6	6	0%	200%	4
TRAFFICK-CANNABIS 3000G & UNDR	4240-2	3	1	4	0	-100%	-100%	2
TRAFFICK-CANNABIS RESN 3000G&U	4240-4	0	0	0	1	N/A	N/A	0
TRAFFICKING-METHAMPHETAMINE	4250-0	0	2	6	3	-50%	N/A	3
IMPORT/EXPORT-METHAMPHETAMINE	4350-0	0	0	0	1	N/A	N/A	0
PRODUCTION-CANNABIS	4440-1	15	9	19	17	-11%	13%	15
CDSA OFFENCES	4000 's	44	51	77	94	22%	114%	67

* All UCR's with an * have been changed between 2008 and 2011. Both UCR codes are in offence descriptions and the total of the two codes has been entered into that one line.

NOTE: All UCR Codes that did not have any entries between 2008 and 2011 were deleted from the report for presentation purposes.

**THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL DECISION
DELEGATION**

DATE : April 2nd, 2012

TOPIC : Whispers of Hope Presentation

PROPOSAL : Requesting that Council add their organization as a line item in the yearly budget

PROPOSED BY: Lisa Fichtenbers-Representative for Whispers of Hope

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SUMMARY:

Lisa Fichtenbers, representative for the Whispers of Hope will make a presentation to Council requesting that Council add their organization as a line item in the yearly budget. At a Special Meeting of Council on Thursday, March 29th, 2012 at 2:00 PM, Council will have a discussion with regard to their request as a consideration in the 2012-2016 Five Year Financial Plan.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Council receives the presentation.

OPTIONS AND ALTERNATIVES:

1. Receive the presentation: Under this option, Council is provided with the information with regard to the Whispers of Hope organization.
2. Receive the presentation and refer any issues for further discussion.

BENEFITS DISADVANTAGES AND NEGATIVE IMPACTS:

Option 1: The main advantage of this option is that information is provided to the City and the Community.


Option 2: The main advantage is same as Option 1.

COSTS AND BUDGET IMPACT - REVENUE GENERATION:


There is no cost of making the presentation.

LEGISLATIVE IMPACTS, PRECEDENTS, POLICIES:

Council procedures bylaw makes provisions for making presentations to Council.



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Council Delegations

Background

Council for the City of Grand Forks welcomes public input and encourages individuals and groups to make their views known to Council at an open public meeting.

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Presentation Outline

Presentations may be a maximum of 10 minutes.

Your Worship, Mayor Taylor, and Members of Council, I/We are here this evening on

behalf of Whispers of Hope

to request that you consider adding services of food

as a program on your yearly budget

The reason(s) that I/We are requesting this action are:

* Increased number of clients using our
facilities to obtain a meal and basic items such
as toiletries and clothing

* Rising costs associated with running operations

I/We believe that in approving our request the community will benefit by:

Decrease in thefts within our community

* vital nutrition

* feeling of well-being and a safe place
to go

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D2-Whispers of Hope

Council Delegations (cont.)

I/We believe that by not approving our request the result will be:

Continual closing of windows of hope.
A decrease of thefts within our community.
A lack of vital protection needed being.

In conclusion, I/we request that Council for the City of Grand Forks adopt a resolution

stating: That the City of Grand Forks will
assist in supporting a vital local security to
feel, health, and safety to our community.
That the City of Grand Forks will do so
by allocating \$10,000 per annum to do so.

Name: Lisa Fichtensoren

Organization: Whispers of Hope

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1561 Grand Forks, BC
(Including Postal Code) V6A 1H0

Telephone Number: 250-442-0822

Email Address: Lisa@LAMMUS.ca

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**THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL DECISION
DELEGATION**

DATE : April 2nd, 2012

TOPIC : A Stewardship Agreement working towards the conservation of the Lewis's Woodpecker

PROPOSAL : Requesting that Council Consider Adopting a Stewardship Agreement with the City of Grand Forks to help conserve The Lewis's Woodpecker

PROPOSED BY : Representation from Jenny Coleshill of the Granby Ecological/ Boundary Habitat Stewards/Granby Wilderness Society

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SUMMARY:

Jenny Coleshill will make a presentation to Council, on behalf of the Granby Wilderness Society, asking Council to adopt a stewardship agreement with the City of Grand Forks to help conserve the Lewis's Woodpecker in the City of Grand Forks and the Boundary.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommend to Council to receive the presentation.

OPTIONS AND ALTERNATIVES:

1. Receive the presentation: Under this option, Council is provided with the information from the Jenny Coleshill of the Granby Wilderness Society.
2. Receive the presentation and refer any issues for further discussion: The advantage to this option is the same as Option 1.

BENEFITS DISADVANTAGES AND NEGATIVE IMPACTS:

Option 1: The main advantage of this option is that information is provided to the City and the Community.


Option 2: The main advantage is same as Option 1.

COSTS AND BUDGET IMPACT - REVENUE GENERATION:

There is no cost of making the presentation.

LEGISLATIVE IMPACTS, PRECEDENTS, POLICIES:

Council procedures bylaw makes provisions for making presentations to Council.



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Council Delegations

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Presentation Outline

Presentations may be a maximum of 10 minutes.

Your Worship, Mayor Taylor, and Members of Council, I/We are here this evening on behalf of Environment Canada/Boundary Habitat Stewards

to request that you consider _____

A Stewardship Agreement for the conservation of the Lewis's Woodpecker

The reason(s) that I/We are requesting this action are:

Lewis's Woodpecker is a priority landbird species for Environment Canada

High Density of Lewis's Woodpecker nesting within the City of Grand Forks

Loss of habitat for LEWO throughout the southern interior of BC

The City of Grand Forks can show leadership in stewardship

I/We believe that in approving our request the community will benefit by:

Residents of the City of Grand Forks value wildlife

Continued presence of Lewis's Woodpecker and wildlife will

exist for future generations

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Environment Canada
DE - Boundary Habitat Stewards

Council Delegations (cont.)

I We believe that by not approving our request the result will be:

Private property owners/other jurisdictions will follow lead and also become good stewards

Best practices for LEWO will be used in management of danger trees

Many bird species will benefit from the continued presence of wildlife trees

In conclusion, I/we request that Council for the City of Grand Forks adopt a resolution stating: The City of Grand Forks will enter a stewardship agreement

with the Boundary Habitat Stewards to assist in the conservation of the Lewis's Woodpecker in the City of Grand Forks and the Boundary

Name: Jenny Coleshill

Organization: Granby Ecological/Boundary Habitat Stewards/Granby Wilderness Society

Mailing Address: 13825 North Fork Road GF V0H 1H1
(Including Postal Code)

Telephone Number: 250 442 7969

Email Address: jenny.coleshill@granbywilderness.ca

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THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL DECISION

DATE : March 28th, 2012
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 Chief Administrative Officer 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:

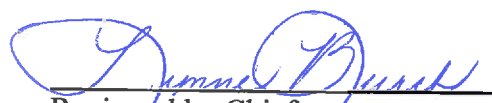
Both options could result in expenditures being incurred as a result of a motion on an issue without supporting documentation and report on its implications.

LEGISLATIVE IMPACTS, PRECEDENTS, POLICIES:

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



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Or Chief Administrative Officer



Reviewed by Chief
Administrative Officer

THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL DECISION

DATE : March 28th, 2012
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.

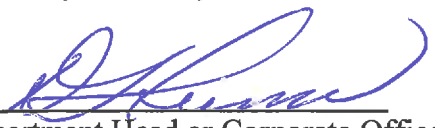
Option 2: The main advantage to this option is the same as Option 1.

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.



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Administrative Officer

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary held in the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Board Room, Trail, B.C., Thursday, February 23, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Director L. Gray, Chair
Director N. Kettle
Director K. Wallace
Director B. Taylor
Director I. Perepolkin
Director M. Rotvold
Director B. Baird
Director G. McGregor
Director B. Crockett
Director D. Duclos
Director L. Worley
Director R. Cacchioni

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Agenda

Chair Gray advised that there were three late items and it was;

60-12 Moved: Director Grieve/Sec'd: Director Perepolkin

That the grant-in-aid request from Director Grieve be added to the agenda.

Carried.

61-12 Moved: Director McGregor/Sec'd: Director Baird

That the staff report from John MacLean, C.A.O., regarding additional funds for the Governance Study to complete the B.V. Amalgamation Study be added to the agenda.

Carried.

62-12 Moved: Director Baird/Sec'd: Director Grieve

That the staff report from Elaine Kumar, Director of Corporate Administration, regarding A.K.B.L.G. conference sponsorship be added to the agenda.

Carried.

63-12 Moved: Director Baird/Sec'd: Director McGregor

That the agenda be adopted as amended.

Carried.

Minutes

64-12 Moved: Director McGregor/Sec'd: Director Rotvold

That the minutes of the regular Board meeting held January 26, 2012 be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

Delegations

C.B.T. Applicants

Director Baird advised that he felt the presentations from the C.B.T. candidates should be in camera and it was;

Moved: Director Baird/Sec'd: Director Worley

That the presentations from the C.B.T. candidates be received in camera.

Defeated.

The Chair advised that names had been drawn earlier to decide the order in which the presentations would be made.

Fred Romano

The Chair invited Mr. Fred Romano to make his presentation.

Mr. Romano reviewed his expertise and experience with the Board members.

The Chair thanked Mr. Romano for his presentation and congratulated him on being short listed.

The Chair advised that the Board would proceed to an in camera meeting after all the presentations were made to make a decision on the person they would be recommending to the Province to represent the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary on the Columbia Basin Trust.

Ray Masleck

The Chair invited Mr. Ray Masleck to make his presentation.

Mr. Masleck reviewed his expertise and experience with the Board members.

The Chair thanked Mr. Masleck for his presentation and congratulated him on being short listed.

The Chair advised that the Board would proceed to an in camera meeting after all the presentations were made to make a decision on the person they would be recommending to the Province to represent the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary on the Columbia Basin Trust.

Gord DeRosa

The Chair invited Mr. God DeRosa to make his presentation.

Mr. DeRosa reviewed his expertise and experience with the Board members.

The Chair thanked Mr. DeRosa for his presentation and congratulated him on being short listed.

The Chair advised that the Board would proceed to an in camera meeting after all the presentations were made to make a decision on the person they would be recommending to the Province to represent the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary on the Columbia Basin Trust.

Vic Kumar

The Chair invited Mr. Vic Kumar to make his presentation.

Mr. Kumar reviewed his expertise and experience with the Board members.

The Chair thanked Mr. Kumar for his presentation and congratulated him on being short listed.

The Chair advised that the Board would proceed to an in camera meeting after all the

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presentations were made to make a decision on the person they would be recommending to the Province to represent the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary on the Columbia Basin Trust.

In Camera Meeting

Director Duclos and Elaine Kumar, Director of Corporate Administration, excused themselves from the meeting due to a potential conflict of interest.

65-12 Moved: Director McGregor/Sec'd: Director Crockett

That the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Board of Directors proceed to an in camera meeting (time: 6:36 p.m.).

Carried.

66-12 Moved: Director McGregor/Sec'd: Director Baird

That the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary reconvene to the regular meeting (time: 6:55 p.m.).

Carried.

The Chair congratulated Mr. Gord DeRosa as the District's recommended appointee to the Columbia Basin Trust.

Unfinished Business

T. Lenardon – Jan. 16/12
re: Mail Ballot Voting

A report from Theresa Lenardon, Executive Assistant, dated Jan. 16/12 regarding mail ballot voting was read to the meeting.

67-12 Moved: Director Grieve/Sec'd: Director Crockett

That the staff report be received.

Carried.

The Board members reviewed the report from Ms. Lenardon and it was;

68-12 Moved: Director Cacchioni/Sec'd: Director Worley

That the report be referred to the Personnel, Executive & Policy Committee for further consideration.

Carried.

Staff were requested to provide further detail on costs, administrative changes, etc. in implementing mail balloting to the electorate.

Communications (Information Only)

69-12 Moved: Director Rotvold/Sec'd: Director Duclos

That Items:

- a) Minutes – Area 'B' A.P.C. – Jan. 3/12
- b) A.L.C. – Jan. 16/12
re: Application to Subdivide in the A.L.R.

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- c) Joyce Bianowski – Jan. 19/12
re: Concerns over Property
- d) C.U.P.E. – Jan. 24/12
re: Public Private Partnerships
- e) Minutes – Area 'C' Parks & Recreation Commission – Jan. 25/12
- f) Minutes – Grand Forks & District Rec. Commission – Jan. 26/12
- g) Update on Waneta Expansion Project – Jan. 26/12
- h) Minutes – Area 'A' A.P.C. – Feb. 7/12
- i) Minutes – Area 'B' A.P.C. – Feb. 6/12
- j) Minutes – Area 'C' A.P.C. – Feb. 7/12
- k) Update on Waneta Expansion Project – Feb. 16/12

be received.

Carried.

Reports

Payroll

Int. Schedule of Accounts

February, 2011

70-12 Moved: Director Rotvold/Sec'd: Director Duclos

That the following items be approved for payment:

i)	Int. Sch. of Accounts – Feb. 15/12	
	Cheque Nos. 28933 – 29394	\$1,919,827.39
ii)	Payroll Account	498,826.34
		<u>\$2,418,653.73</u>

Carried.

Personnel, Executive & Policy Committee

February 15, 2012

71-12 Moved: Director McGregor/Sec'd: Director Wallace

That the draft minutes of the Personnel & Policy Committee meeting held February 15, 2012 be received.

Carried.

Finance Committee

February 14, 2012

72-12 Moved: Director Rotvold/Sec'd: Director Crockett

That the draft minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held February 14, 2012 be received.

Carried.

Terms of Reference

73-12 Moved: Director Rotvold/Sec'd: Director Taylor

That the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Board of Directors adopt the Finance Committee Terms of Reference as follows:

Effective Date: February 23, 2012

Review: Annually

February 23, 2012

Revised:

The Finance Committee shall provide a forum for the discussion of issues, and where necessary, development of recommendations related to finance, and the financial management of the Regional District.

Members: The committee shall be a Committee of the Whole. The Chair of the Finance Committee shall be named by the Board Chair. The Vice-Chair shall be elected by the Committee.

Staff: The Chief Administrative Officer, Director of Corporate Administration and Director of Finance shall be responsible for providing policy advice and recommendations, together with necessary background information for the Committee's consideration.

Duties: Review, comment on and make recommendations, with or without amendment, of the following Five Year Financial Plans:

- ❖ *General Government Services (001)*
- ❖ *MFA Debenture Debt (001 MFA)*
- ❖ *Building and Plumbing Inspection (004)*
- ❖ *Reserve for Feasibility Studies (008)*

Review and comment on the findings of the annual audit, including the management letter, and provide recommendations to the Board.

Review and establish annual goals for the requisition increases to be accommodated within the financial plan.

Review, comment on and develop financial policies that govern the overall financial management of the Regional District.

Review and recommend approval of the overall financial plan, while respecting the jurisdiction and authority of the service stakeholders.

Meet at least four times per year.

Quorum shall be the majority of the Committee.

Minutes of meetings shall be kept by RDKB staff and approved by the Committee.

The Chair is at the pleasure of the Board Chair.

Carried.

Environmental Services Committee

February 1, 2012

74-12 Moved: Director Worley/Sec'd: Director Rotvold

That the draft minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held February 1, 2012 be received.

Carried.

Boundary Economic Development Committee

February 7, 2012

75-12 Moved: Director Taylor/Sec'd: Director Rotvold

That the draft minutes of the Boundary Economic Development Committee meeting held February 7, 2012 be received.

Carried.

Sewerage Committee

February 7, 2012

76-12 Moved: Director Crockett/Sec'd: Director Wallace

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That the draft minutes of the Sewerage Committee meeting held February 7, 2012 be received.

Carried.

Board Appointment Updates

S.I.D.I.T.

Director McGregor advised that a meeting is scheduled for Mar. 7/12 and noted that S.I.D.I.T. did not have representation from First Nations as yet.

S.I.B.A.C.

Director McGregor advised that S.I.B.A.C. has developed a strategy for the Province.

Okanagan Film Commission

Director Baird advised that the Commission has been very active scouting for film locations in the Boundary.

Columbia River Treaty Committee

Director Worley updated the Board members on the Columbia River Treaty Committee and noted that she and Director Rotvold have attended a number of tele-conference meetings.

L.C.I.C.

Chair Gray updated the Board members on the L.C.I.C. and noted the cooperation regarding the Trail Regional Airport.

Boundary Weed/Stakeholder

Director Baird advised that the Boundary Weed/Stakeholder Committee is developing their 2012 Annual Budget.

Staff Reports

T. Lenardon

re: Memorandum of Resolutions

77-12 Moved: Director Grieve/Sec'd: Director Wallace

That the Memorandum be received.

Carried.

S. Dreher – Feb. 13/12

re: Building Bylaw Contravention (R. Moat - Area 'E')

A report from Sig Dreher, Chief Building Officer, dated Feb. 13/12 regarding a building bylaw contravention in Electoral Area 'E' was read to the meeting.

78-12 Moved: Director Baird/Sec'd: Director Perepolkin

That the staff report be received.

Carried.

79-12 Moved: Director Baird/Sec'd: Director Rotvold

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That the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Board of Directors cancel the Notice registered in the Land Title Office pursuant to Section 695 of the Local Government Act and Section 58 of the Community Charter against the property legally described as DL 1255S, SDYD except: (1) Parcel A (Plan A166) (2) Plans H8870 and KAP60335.

Carried.

J. Mackey – Jan. 21/12

re: Upgrade of Tube Chiller & Evaporative Condenser

A report from John Mackey, Director of Recreation & Facilities, dated Jan. 21/12 regarding the upgrade of the existing tube chiller and evaporative condenser was read to the meeting.

80-12 Moved: Director Perepolkin/Sec'd: Director Taylor

That the staff report be received.

Carried.

81-12 Moved: Director Taylor/Sec'd: Director Perepolkin

That the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Board of Directors award the contract to Complete Climate Control for the replacement of the tube chiller and evaporative condenser at the Grand Forks & District Arena at a quoted price of \$93,694 plus applicable taxes.

Carried.

J. Ginalias – Feb. 23/12

re: Recreation Site of Crown Land

A report from Jeff Ginalias, Assistant Planner, dated Feb. 23/12, 2012 regarding a referral from the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations regarding the establishment of a recreational site on Crown land near Rock Creek read to the meeting.

82-12 Moved: Director Baird/Sec'd: Director Wallace

That the staff report be received.

Carried.

83-12 Moved: Director Baird/Sec'd: Director McGregor

That the application from the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, Recreation Sites and Trails Branch regarding the establishment of a recreational site on Crown land near Rock Creek, to be established by the Kettle River Trails Association, for the property legally described as That part of DL 862, SDYD, be forwarded to the Ministry without a recommendation.

84-12 Moved: Director Baird/Sec'd: Director McGregor

That the resolution be amended as follows: ...be forwarded to the Ministry *advising that the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary has no objection.*

Carried.

Voting on the resolution as amended – **Carried.**

E. Kumar – Feb. 21/12

re: Withdrawal of Area 'C' from BEDC

A report from Elaine Kumar, Director of Corporate Administration, dated Feb. 21/12 regarding

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withdrawal of Electoral Area 'C' from the Boundary Economic Development Service was read to the meeting.

85-12 Moved: Director McGregor/Sec'd: Director Kettle

That the staff report be received.

Carried.

86-12 Moved: Director McGregor/Sec'd: Director Baird

That the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Board of Directors provide 90 day's notice to Community Futures Boundary to cancel the current contract for economic development services in the Boundary.

Carried.

87-12 Moved: Director Rotvold/Sec'd: Director Taylor

That the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Board of Directors direct staff to explore a contract with Community Futures Boundary for providing economic development services to the Boundary excluding Electoral Area 'C'.

Carried.

E. Kumar – Feb. 21/12

re: Visitor's Choice Magazine

A report from Elaine Kumar, Director of Corporate Administration, dated Feb. 21/12 regarding the Boundary Economic Development Service advertising in the Visitor's Choice Magazine in 2012 was read to the meeting.

88-12 Moved: Director Baird/Sec'd: Director Rotvold

That the staff report be received.

Carried.

89-12 Moved: Director Baird/Sec'd: Director McGregor

That the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Board of Directors approves the expenditure of up to \$4,700 prior to the adoption of the Financial Plan to place a two page ad promoting the Boundary in Visitor's Choice Magazine in 2012.

Carried.

J. MacLean – Feb. 20/12

re: Smart Meters

A report from John MacLean, C.A.O., dated Feb. 20/12 regarding the installation of smart meters by utility companies was read to the meeting.

90-12 Moved: Director Grieve/Sec'd: Director Wallace

That the staff report be received.

Carried.

91-12 Moved: Director Cacchioni/Sec'd: Director Grieve

WHEREAS significant and serious health, privacy and other concerns have been identified regarding the installation of wireless smart meters in British Columbia;

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AND WHEREAS B.C. Hydro is to proceed with its program to install wireless smart meters in British Columbia although it recognizes there is active discussion and ongoing research into the possible health and environmental effects related to radio frequency signals and it is aware the World Health Organization has called for further investigation on this matter in its press release issued on May 21, 2011;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a moratorium be placed on the mandatory installation of wireless smart meters until the major issues and problems identified regarding wireless smart meters are independently assessed and acceptable alternatives can be made available at no added cost to the consumer.

Carried.

(Chair Gray & Directors Taylor, Kettle & Baird opposed)

J. MacLean – Feb. 21/12

re: Heritage Services

A report from John MacLean, C.A.O., dated Feb. 21/12 regarding the proposed Heritage Service was read to the meeting.

92-12 Moved: Director Baird/Sec'd: Director Wallace

That the staff report be received.

Carried.

Chair Gray noted that this report had been re-submitted to the municipalities and Area A.P.C.'s and encouraged everyone to respond in order for the Board to establish whether or not there is a desire to establish a Heritage Service.

Director Rotvold advised that the Village of Midway does not support a new Heritage Service.

Director Wallace reviewed what the City of Rossland is doing in regards to heritage and invited members of the Board to discuss this further with Rossland representatives of their Heritage Conservation Commission.

Electoral Area Services

February 16, 2012

93-12 Moved: Director Grieve/Sec'd: Director Kettle

That the draft minutes of the Electoral Area Services Committee meeting held February 16, 2012 be received.

Carried.

94-12 Moved: Director Grieve/Sec'd: Director Baird

That the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Board of Directors adopts the Terms of Reference for the Electoral Area Services Committee meeting as follows:

Effective Date February 23, 2012

Review Every Three Years

Revised

The Electoral Area Services Committee shall provide a forum for the discussion of issues, and where necessary, development of recommendations related to issues and matters that relate to the Electoral Areas alone.

Members: The Electoral Area Services Committee shall consist of the Electoral Area Directors.

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The Chair of the Electoral Area Services Committee shall be named by the Board Chair. The Vice Chair shall be elected by the Committee.

Staff: The Director of Planning and Development, Director of Corporate Administration and Director of Finance shall be responsible for providing policy advice and recommendations, together with necessary background information for the Committee's consideration.

Duties: The Committee shall:

- ❖ *Review, comment on and recommend approval, with or without amendment, of the following Five Year Financial Plans:*
 - *Electoral Area Administration*
 - *Planning and Development*
 - *Grant-in-Aid*
 - *Christina Lake Recreation Commission*
 - *Christina Lake Recreation Facilities*
 - *Grand Forks Community Centre*
 - *Grand Forks Museum Service*
 - *Area C Regional Parks & Trails*
 - *Christina Lake Fire Protection*
 - *Anaconda Fire Protection*
 - *Beaverdell Fire Protection*
 - *Big White Fire Protection*
 - *Big White Refuse*
 - *Big White Security Service*
 - *Christina Lake Mosquito*
 - *Area A, Columbia Gardens Noxious Weed*
 - *Christina Lake Milfoil*
 - *Areas D & E Weed Control*
 - *Big White Street Lighting*
 - *Areas A & C House Numbering*
 - *Area D House Numbering*
 - *Area B House Numbering*
 - *Area E House Numbering*
 - *Area E Library*
 - *Columbia Gardens Water Supply*
- ❖ *Review, comment on and recommend approval of applications to use the Gas Tax money.*
- ❖ *Review, comment on and recommend approval of applications related to programs that apply to the Electoral Areas only (i.e. UBCM Tourism funds).*
- ❖ *Review, comment on and recommend action to the Board of Directors on matters of rural interest.*
- ❖ *Review, comment on and recommend approval, with or without an amendment, of annual departmental work programs.*
- ❖ *Receive, review and consider technical reports from staff and consultants related to planning and development. Provide the Board with necessary recommendations as policy may require.*

Carried.

B.V. Recreation, Parks & Trails

February 14, 2012

95-12 Moved: Director Grieve/Sec'd: Director Worley

That the draft minutes of the B.V. Recreation, Parks & Trails Committee meeting held February 14, 2012 be received.

Carried.

February 23, 2012

German Delegation Committee
February 14, 2012

96-12 Moved: Director Perepolkin/Sec'd: Director Kettle

That the draft minutes of the German Delegation Committee meeting held February 14, 2012 be received.

Carried.

97-12 Moved: Director Perepolkin/Sec'd: Director Wallace

That the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Board of Directors request staff resources (Director of Environmental Services) to research what projects in Spree-Neisse might be most constructive for the Regional District to visit, inspect and learn from **AND FURTHER** that should this research prove to be valuable in sending a delegation, that up to \$6,000 be approved to send two delegates.

Carried.

Bylaws

B.V. Water Establishment

98-12 Moved: Director Grieve/Sec'd: Chair Gray

That Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Bylaw No. 1491 be now reconsidered and finally adopted.

Carried.

B.V. Water Development Cost Charges

99-12 Moved: Director Grieve/Sec'd: Chair Gray

That Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Bylaw No. 1492 be given first, second and third readings.

Carried.

B.V. Water Service Rates

100-12 Moved: Director Grieve/Sec'd: Chair Gray

That Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Bylaw No. 1493 be given first, second and third readings.

Carried.

101-12 Moved: Director Grieve/Sec'd: Chair Gray

That Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Bylaw No. 1493 be now reconsidered and finally adopted.

Carried.

B.V. Water Service Cross Connection Program

102-12 Moved: Director Grieve/Sec'd: Chair Gray

February 23, 2012

That Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Bylaw No. 1494 be given first and second readings.

Carried.

103-12 Moved: Director Grieve/Sec'd: Chair Gray

That Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Bylaw No. 1494 be now reconsidered and finally adopted.

Carried.

Mt. Baldy O.C.P.

104-12 Moved: Director Baird/Sec'd: Director Worley

That Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Bylaw No. 1501 be given first reading.

Carried.

Mt. Baldy Zoning

105-12 Moved: Director Baird/Sec'd: Director Perepolkin

That Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Bylaw No. 1502 be given first reading.

Carried.

New Business

Grants-in-Aid

106-12 Moved: Director Baird/Sec'd: Director Perepolkin

That the following grants in aid be approved:

- Trail Special Olympics – Area 'A' - \$500
- Rossland Trail Tier 2 Bantam Provincials – Areas 'A' & 'B' - \$200 each
- B.V. Nitehawks – Area 'A' - \$1,500
- B.V. Recreation (Sr. Dinner) – Area 'A' - \$500
- Boundary Youth Soccer Assoc. – Area 'C' - \$2,000
- Boundary 4-H Multi Club – Area 'C' - \$700
- Community Action Program for Children – Area 'D' - \$500
- Boundary Regional Chamber of Commerce – Area 'D' - \$2,000
- Boundary Restorative Justice Program – Area 'D' - \$641
- West Boundary Rescue – Area 'E' - \$1,500
- Beaverdell Ladies Softball – Area 'E' - \$1,000
- Greenwood Winterfest – Area 'E' - \$800
- Big White Community Policing Society – Area 'E' - \$5,000
- Mt. Baldy Alpine Club – Area 'E' - \$2,000
- West Boundary Elementary School – Area 'E' - \$1,500
- Community Action Program – Area 'E' - \$1,000
- Boundary Youth Soccer Assoc. – Area 'E' - \$2,000
- JL Crowe Scholarships – Area 'A' - \$500
- Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy – Area 'E' - \$1,500
- B.C. Children's Hospital – Area 'A' - \$1,000 (Donation in Honour of Libby Nelson's contribution to the community)

Carried.

J. MacLean – Feb. 22/12
re: B.V. Amalgamation

A report from John MacLean, C.A.O., dated Feb. 22/12 regarding additional funds from the Governance Study reserve in order to complete the B.V. Amalgamation Study was read to the meeting.

107-12 Moved: Director McGregor/Sec'd: Director Grieve

That the staff report be received.

Carried.

108-12 Moved: Director Grieve/Sec'd: Director Duclos

That the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Board of Directors approves an additional \$1,300 from the Governance Study Funds to complete the B.V. Amalgamation work.

Carried.

E. Kumar – Feb. 22/12
re: A.K.B.L.G. Conference Sponsorship

A report from Elaine Kumar, Director of Corporate Administration, dated Feb. 22/12 regarding A.K.B.L.G. sponsorship was read to the meeting.

109-12 Moved: Director McGregor/Sec'd: Director Kettle

That the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Board of Directors approves sponsoring the A.K.B.L.G. conference at the Silver category (\$2,000+).

Carried.

In Camera Meeting

110-12 Moved: Director Perepolkin/Sec'd: Director Taylor

That the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Board of Directors proceed to an in camera meeting pursuant to Section 90 (i) of the Community Charter (time: 8:05 p.m.).

Carried.

111-12 Moved: Director Kettle/Sec'd: Director Worley

That the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary reconvenes to the regular meeting (time: 8:32 p.m.).

Carried.

Adjournment

112-12 Moved: Director Baird

That the meeting be adjourned.

Time: 8:33 p.m.

Chair

Director of Corporate Administration

February 23, 2012

Regional District of Kootenay Boundary

Minutes of a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary held in the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Board Room, Trail, B.C., Thursday, March 15, 2012 at 2:30 p.m.

Present: Director L. Gray, Chair
 Director M. Rotvold
 Director N. Kettle
 Director D. Duclos
 Director B. Baird
 Director K. Wallace
 Director T. Ross (Alternate)
 Director R. Cacchioni
 Director B. Taylor
 Director T. Milne (Alternate)
 Director G. McGregor
 Director I. Perepolkin
 Director A. Grieve

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

Business

G. Gardner – Feb. 27/12

Re: Strategic Community Investment Funds

A report from Gerry Gardner, Director of Finance dated February 27, 2012 regarding the Strategic Community Investment Funds (SCIF) was read to the meeting.

The Director of Finance explained the staff report noting that the current SCIF Agreement expired July 31, 2011, and that the grants were provided through to the end of December, 2011.

The Director of Finance explained further that the Board must authorize its signatories to enter into the new SCIF Agreement by March 23, 2012 in order to ensure that the grants continue to be received.

A discussion ensued regarding the three-year amortization period, the manner in which the funds are allocated and the rationale for this and the benefits that the overall Regional District receives, and it was;

113-12 Moved: Director Rotvold/Sec'd: Director Kettle

That the report from Gerry Gardner, Director of Finance, dated February 27, 2012 regarding the Strategic Community Investment Funds be received. **FURTHER** that the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Board of Directors authorizes the Regional District's signing authorities to enter into the Strategic Community Investment Funds Agreement with the Province of British Columbia, Ministry of Community Sport and Cultural Development.

Carried.

Adjournment

114-12 Moved: Director Perepolkin

That there being no further business, that the March 15, 2012 RDKB Special Board meeting be adjourned (Time: 2:45 p.m.).

Chair

Executive Assistant

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Thursday March 15, 2012

Regional District of Kootenay Boundary
Board Room, Trail, B.C.

Prior to the
Finance Committee Meeting

AGENDA

1) Call to Order

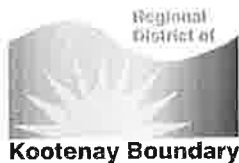
2) Business

- a) A report from Gerry Gardner, Director of Finance, regarding the Strategic Community Investment Funds.

Recommendation: That the staff report be received.

Recommendation: That the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Board of Directors authorizes the Regional District's signing authorities to enter into the Strategic Community Investment Funds Agreement with the Province of British Columbia, Ministry of Community Sport and Cultural Development.

3) Adjournment



STAFF REPORT

Date: February 27, 2012 File:
To: Chair Gray and RDKB Board of Directors
From: Gerry Gardner, Director of Finance
Re: Strategic Community Investment Funds

Issue Introduction

The Province of BC requires that Local Governments enter into a Strategic Community Investment Funds Agreement as a condition for receipt of available provincial grants. The Agreement specifies that the grant monies (1) must benefit the entire region, and that (2) intended uses and performance targets for the funds be communicated publicly.

History/Background Factors

The province of BC restructured local government transfers in 2009 by creating the "Strategic Community Investment Funds" (SCIF) program. A requirement for each local government is to enter into an Agreement with the Province and to fulfill the conditions contained therein. The current Agreement expired July 31, 2011 which provided grants through to the end of December, 2011.

Implications (Financial, Policy/Practice, Interdepartmental or Intergovernmental)

A signed agreement will ensure that the SCIF grants continue to be received. The current agreement contains a schedule of payments from March 31, 2012 to June 30, 2014. The SCIF program is intended to communicate in advance the amount of the grant and to accelerate payments to the local government in order to achieve the intended goals.

Advancement of Strategic Planning Goals

- #4 Internal/External Partnerships
- #5 Communications

Background Information Provided

- 2012-2014 Program Announcement by the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development (February 27, 2012) with a copy of the Agreement.
- June 30, 2010 Progress Report (2009-2011 Agreement)
- RDKB SCIF Agreements REVENUE SUMMARY 2009 - 2014

Alternatives

- None

Recommendation(s)

1. That the report for Strategic Community Investment Funds be received.
2. That the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Board of Directors authorizes the Regional District's signing authorities to enter into the Strategic Community Investment Funds Agreement with the Province of British Columbia, Ministry of Community Sport and Cultural Development.

Respectfully Submitted:



Gerry Gardner
Director of Finance

Concurrence:



John MacLean
Chief Administrative Officer



February 27, 2012

To: All Municipal and Regional District Financial Administrators

Re: Strategic Community Investment Funds

In this difficult economic time, certainty is critical for the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development and for local governments. Restructuring the small community and regional district and traffic fine revenue sharing grants provides this certainty.

Many local governments rely on a steady stream of grant funding to meet operational requirements and there are frequently concerns with respect to the level of grant funding for the future. Undertaking the Strategic Community Investment Fund 2012-2014 program allows the Province of British Columbia (Province) to strengthen its commitment to local governments.

The Strategic Community Investment Fund 2012-2014 program will achieve the objectives of supporting local government efforts to stimulate local economies and will provide local governments with increased financial certainty while continuing to support investments in community safety for which traffic fine revenue sharing grants are intended. Providing more funding sooner allows local governments to make strategic spending decisions, stimulating local economies and creating local jobs. By detailing the level of funding in the Funds Agreement for each of the next three years, both the Province and local governments are provided with budget certainty for the future. As in past years, the grant amounts will be recalculated as new data is received.

Funding will be provided in a flexible, objective-based approach, enabling the money to flow quickly to communities while ensuring a strong accountability framework. In order to be eligible to receive funds each year, local governments must continue to develop a plan that sets out the intended uses and performance targets for those funds and must report publicly on their plan and progress towards achieving performance targets by June 30 in each following year.

Under the SCIF Agreement, the Province intends to maintain the same level of funding as under the formulas in the *Local Government Grants Act*. For certainty, transfer amounts will be authorized in each fiscal year, subject to receipt of a report that funds received to date have or are being used for the intended purposes and that public disclosure has or is being complied with in accordance with the Funds Agreement.

Please sign the attached Funds Agreement to indicate your acceptance of the terms and conditions within and return to the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development as soon as possible, and **no later than March 23, 2012.**

The Province cannot ensure payment of Funds to local governments submitting signed Funds Agreements after March 23, 2012.

In recognition of the short timeframe to sign and deliver the Funds Agreements, local governments are encouraged to email an electronic version of their signed Agreement.

Electronic copies of a signed Funds Agreement may be emailed to:

Jennifer.Richardson@gov.bc.ca.

Hard copy original signed Funds Agreements, along with the Council/Board resolution authorizing entering into the Agreement, may be sent to:

Mailing Address

Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development
Local Government Infrastructure and Finance Branch
PO Box 9838 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9T1

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Richardson at 250-356-9609 or by email at: Jennifer.Richardson@gov.bc.ca.

Sincerely,

"Original signed by"

Don Fast
Deputy Minister
Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development

STRATEGIC COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUNDS AGREEMENT

This Agreement made as of _____, 2012,

BETWEEN:

Regional District of Kootenay Boundary (Local Government)

AND:

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA represented by the Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development (Province).

WHEREAS:

- A. The Province acknowledges that in this difficult economic time, financial certainty is critical for the Province and for local governments.
- B. The Province intends to strengthen its commitment to local governments by providing Strategic Community Investment Funds (Funds) over the next three years (2012 – 2014). This is also intended to provide bridge financing until local and provincial economies improve.
- C. By clarifying funding levels for the next three years, local governments are provided with the fiscal certainty required to make spending decisions, stimulate local economies and create jobs.
- D. The Province and the Local Government acknowledge the importance of reporting to residents on how the Funds are used. Transfers will be authorized using a flexible, purpose and objective-based approach to enable the Funds to flow quickly to communities, while ensuring a strong accountability and reporting framework.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises herein, the Local Government and the Province agree as follows:

Provided the Local Government complies with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, transfers will be authorized in the following amounts, for the purposes identified, on or before the date indicated.

Assured Funds	Use	Date	Amount
Regional District Basic Grants	local government services	March 31, 2012	\$107,470
		June 30, 2012	\$161,564
		March 31, 2013	\$35,823
		June 30, 2013	\$89,917
		June 30, 2014	\$125,740

1. CONDITIONS RELATING TO PAYMENTS BY THE PROVINCE

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the payment of money, or incurrence of an obligation or commitment, by the Province pursuant to this Agreement, is subject to:

- (a) there being sufficient monies available in an appropriation, as defined in the *Financial Administration Act* (R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 138) (the "FAA"), to enable British Columbia in any fiscal year or part thereof when any such payment may be required, to make that payment;
- (b) Treasury Board, as defined in the FAA, not having controlled or limited, pursuant to the FAA, expenditure under any appropriation referred to in section 1(a); and
- (c) a report received from the local government that funds received to date have or are being used for the intended purposes and that public disclosure has or is being complied with in accordance with section 2 of this Agreement prior to funds being transferred.

2. ACCOUNTABILITY AND REPORTING TO RESIDENTS

- (a) Local governments receiving Funds will develop a plan that sets out the intended uses and performance targets for the Funds received from the Province.
- (b) By June 30th and in each following year, the Local Government will report publicly on the plan under section 2(a), and progress made toward achieving performance targets for the Funds in accordance with those plans.

3. TERM

This Agreement shall commence on the date that it is fully executed by both of the Parties and shall expire on June 30, 2015.

4. USES OF FUNDS

If any of these funds are not required for their intend use, the Province reserves the right to redirect the funds for other purposes.

SIGNATURES

This Agreement has been executed on behalf of the Local Government by the duly authorized Corporate Officer pursuant to a resolution of the Council or Board, and on behalf of the Province, by the Deputy Minister, Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development.

Regional District of Kootenay
Boundary

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN
IN RIGHT OF THE PROVINCE OF
BRITISH COLUMBIA as represented by
the Deputy Minister of the Ministry of
Community, Sport and Cultural
Development



Corporate Officer

Deputy Minister
Ministry of Community, Sport
and Cultural Development

Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Strategic Community Investment Funds Plan and Progress Report

- (1) **SCI Funds received or anticipated:** *Payments under the small community, regional district and traffic fine revenue sharing portions of the Strategic Community Investment Funds (SCI Funds) will be set out separately in the local government's SCI Funds Agreement.*

Strategic Community Investment Funds	Use	Date	Amount
SC Grants	local government services	March 2009	
		July 2009	
		July 2010	
RD Grants	local government services	March 2009 Received	\$ 247,330.00
		July 2009 Received	\$ 88,685.00
		July 2010 Anticipated	\$ 53,353.00
TFRS Grants	Defray the cost of local police enforcement	March 2009	
		July 2009	
		July 2010	

- (2) **SCI Funds intended use, performance targets and progress made:**

Small Community or Regional District Portion of the SCI Funds

Intended Use	Performance Targets	Progress made in first reporting period (by June 30, 2010)
Use funding to support regional district administration building renovation and improvements project.	Minimize Tax Rate Increases for RD Administration Function.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30% of RD SCI Funds were used for construction and communications equipment upgrades made to the Grand Forks Office Board Room in 2009. The remaining RD SCI funds were used for professional fees and associated costs for renovations and improvements for the Trail Administration Building in 2009 and 2010. Contract for Trail Administration Office Building Improvements awarded in March, 2010. Total project estimated cost is \$3,481,780 Requisition level from 2008 to 2009 for rd administration did not increase. Requisition level from 2009 to 2010 for rd administration increased slightly for Board initiated projects.

- (3) **Report Date:** July 6, 2010

First report must be by June 30, 2010, and second report must be by June 30, 2011.

Regional District of Kootenay Boundary
Strategic Community Investment Funds REVENUE SUMMARY

FIRST SCIF AGREEMENT (2009-2011)

CASH FLOW:

Date	Amount
March, 2009	\$ 247,330.00
July, 2009	88,685.00
July, 2010	53,353.00
April, 2011	107,208.00
July, 2011	154,264.00
	<u>\$ 650,840.00</u>

REVENUE	General Government	Electoral Areas	Total
2009	\$ 154,684.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 194,684.00
2010	154,684.00	40,000.00	194,684.00
2011	154,684.00	40,000.00	194,684.00
Deferred	66,788.00		66,788.00
			<u>\$ 650,840.00</u>

SECOND SCIF AGREEMENT (2012-2014)

CASH FLOW:

Date	Amount
March 31, 2012	\$ 107,470.00
June 20, 2012	161,564.00
March 31, 2013	35,823.00
June 30, 2013	89,917.00
June 30, 2014	125,740.00
	<u>\$ 520,514.00</u>

66,788.00 \$ 587,302.00

REVENUE	General Government	Electoral Areas	Total
2012	\$ 155,768.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 195,768.00
2013	155,767.00	40,000.00	195,767.00
2014	155,767.00	40,000.00	195,767.00
			<u>\$ 587,302.00</u>

THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL DECISION

DATE : **March 20, 2012**

TOPIC : **Cancellation of an Expired Development Variance Permit Registered on Title**

PROPOSAL : **Removal of a Notice on Title of a Development Variance permit on Property Legally Described as Lot 1, D.L. 534, SDYD, Plan 27119**

PROPOSED BY : **City Staff**

SUMMARY:

City Staff have advised there is an expired development variance permit attached to the title of city-owned property adjacent to the Grand Forks Airport. The variance permit was approved in 2004, when the former property owner, Kootenay Shavings Corporation was going to build a shavings plant on the property. The variance was intended to allow for the construction of a "structure" which was in excess of the maximum permitted height. While the intended structure was never built and the Development Variance Permit issued in 2004 has long since expired, (in accordance with the Local Government Act they are only good for two years), notice of the permit is still registered on title. Going forward the City may have other intended uses for the property, and as such clearing the title of the property at this time makes a lot of sense.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Option 1: Council resolves to direct Staff to notify the Kamloops Land Titles Office to remove the Notice of Permit from Title of property legally described as Lot 1, D.L. 534, SDYD, Plan 27119, owned by the Corporation of the City of Grand Forks, in accordance with the provisions of the legislation.

OPTIONS AND ALTERNATIVES:

Option 1: Council adopts a resolution directing Staff to take steps necessary to remove the notice of permit from title: This option will allow City Staff to take the necessary steps to remove the notice from title.

Option 2: Council declines to approve the removal of the notice from the title. This option precludes the city from removing the notice. The status quo will see the notice continue on the title of the property.

BENEFITS, DISADVANTAGES AND NEGATIVE IMPACTS:

Option 1: The advantage to this option is that it will allow for the notice on title to be removed. The purpose of the notice is to signal to any future property owner that construction has taken place which was the basis of a variance to the existing zoning bylaw. This is done to allow for the notification of the existing or any future property owners that the structures were legally constructed, even though they may exceed the maximum requirements in the existing bylaw. Now that the property is now in the city's hands, and we are well aware that no construction ever took place, it is appropriate to remove the notice from title. There is no need for the notice to exist.

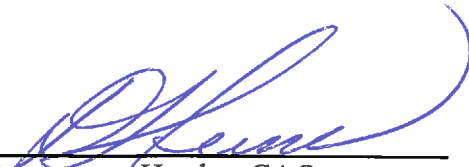
Option 2: This option will see the status quo and that the notice on title remain. The disadvantage to this option is the fact that the city will continue to have the title to city-owned property encumbered with no reason. There may be other uses of the property in the future.

COSTS AND BUDGET IMPACTS – REVENUE GENERATION:

There is a minimal charge to have the Notice on Title Removed.

LEGISLATIVE IMPACTS, PRECEDENTS, POLICIES:

Section 927 of the Local Government Act, gives Council the authority to remove the Notice of Permit on title.



Department Head or CAO

Reviewed by Chief Administrative Officer

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

STAFF MEMORANDUM

To: Diane Heinrich, Corporate Officer
Date: March 21, 2012
From: Kathy LaBossiere, Planning Tech



Kootenay Shavings DVP Release

City owned property located near the airport on Birch Road has a notice on title for a development variance permit applied for by Kootenay Shavings Corporation in 2004 to increase the allowable height of buildings from 30 feet to 56 feet to allow for the construction of 3 equipment structures and an industrial building.

The permit states that if construction is not started within 2 years, the permit expires. Kootenay Shavings did not start construction and the permit lapsed in 2006. However, the notice on title remains until such time as the City makes application to the Land Registry office requesting that the notice be removed.

To remove the notice on title, the registry office requires a request, from the City, on City letterhead, to remove the notice with a fee of \$23.90. Attached is a copy of the letter and the development variance that is currently notated on title.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. LaBossiere'.

Kathy LaBossiere
PLANNING TECH

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 Requestor: (PA71343) CITY OF GRAND FORKS Page 001 of 002
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KAMLOOPS LAND TITLE OFFICE TITLE NO: CA1055565
 FROM TITLE NO: KW154167

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION RECEIVED ON: 09 MARCH, 2009
 ENTERED: 11 MARCH, 2009

REGISTERED OWNER IN FEE SIMPLE:
 THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS
 BOX 220
 GRAND FORKS, BC
 V0H 1H0

TAXATION AUTHORITY:
 CITY OF GRAND FORKS
 GRAND FORKS IRRIGATION DISTRICT

DESCRIPTION OF LAND:
 PARCEL IDENTIFIER: 004-908-805
 LOT 1 DISTRICT LOT 534 SIMILKAMEEN DIVISION YALE DISTRICT PLAN 27119

LEGAL NOTATIONS:

TO PART FORMER LOT 1 PLAN 18181 IS ANNEXED EASEMENT G32702 OVER LOTS
 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13 BLOCK 1 PLAN 1363

TO PART FORMER LOT 1 PLAN 18181 IS ANNEXED RESTRICTIVE COVENANT
 G32703 OVER LOTS 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13 BLOCK 1
 PLAN 1363

TO PART FORMER LOT 1 PLAN 18181 IS ANNEXED EASEMENT H3533 (DD H3532)
 OVER LOT 2 BLOCK 1 PLAN 1363

TO PART FORMER LOT 1 PLAN 18181 IS ANNEXED RESTRICTIVE COVENANT H3533
 (DD H3532) OVER LOT 2 BLOCK 1 PLAN 1363

THIS TITLE MAY BE AFFECTED BY A PERMIT UNDER PART 26 OF THE LOCAL
 GOVERNMENT ACT, SEE KW182693

CHARGES, LIENS AND INTERESTS:

NATURE OF CHARGE

CHARGE NUMBER	DATE	TIME
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STATUTORY RESTRICTIVE COVENANT

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REGISTERED OWNER OF CHARGE:

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF CANADA

E34243

REMARKS: INTER ALIA PART FORMERLY LOT 1 PLAN 18181

STATUTORY RIGHT OF WAY

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REGISTERED OWNER OF CHARGE:

FORTISBC INC.

KX83520

29 DEC 2004 12 08

KW182693

420 Market Avenue
(P. O. Box 220)
Grand Forks, B. C.
V0H 1H0



Telephone No. 442-8288
Facsimile No. 442-8000

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT
R.S.B.C. 1996, Chapter 323
Part 26

NOTICE OF PERMIT

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To: Registrar of Titles
Land Titles Office
#114 - 455 Columbia Street
Kamloops, B. C.
V2C 6K4

TAKE NOTICE that the land described below is subject to a permit issued by the Corporation of the City of Grand Forks.

Particulars of Permit
PERMIT DESCRIPTION

- (a) Type of Permit: Development Variance Permit
- (b) Statutory Authority: Section 922
(Specify Section of Local Government Act authorizing permit)

Legal Description of Land Affected:

Lot 1, D.L. 534, S.D.Y.D., Plan 27119

0049017

Issue Date: October 19, 2004

Expiry Date: (If any): N/A
(for Temporary Commercial or Industrial Permit)

USE OF THIS BOX ONLY FOR AN AMENDMENT TO A LAND USE CONTRACT BY WAY OF PERMIT UNDER SECTION 921 OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT:

THIS NOTICE relates to the amendment of Land Use Contract No. N/A which is registered as a charge (registration number) the above described land. PARTICULARS OF THE AMENDMENT MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE ISSUING AUTHORITY.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that in the case of a Temporary Commercial or Industrial Permit you are hereby authorized to cancel the notation of the filing of this notice against the title to the land affected by it on or after the expiry date specified above without further application from us and we consent to a cancellation of the notation on the basis of the effluxion of time.

Dated the 19th day of October, 2004 at the Corporation of the City of Grand Forks.


CITY CLERK

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

7217 - 4TH STREET, BOX 220 • GRAND FORKS, BC V0H 1H0 • FAX (250) 442-8000 • TELEPHONE (250) 442-8266



April 4, 2012

**Land Titles & Survey Authority of B.C.
#114; 455 Columbia Street
Kamloops, B.C.
V2C 6K4**

Dear Sir/Madame:

Please accept this as our request to release notice #KW182693 being a development variance permit under Section 922 of the Local Government Act.

The legal description of the property is Lot 1, District Lot 534, S.D.Y.D., Plan 27119, title number CA1055565.

Also enclosed is cheque in the amount of \$23.90 to cover removal of the notice.

Thank you,

**Lynne Burch
Chief Administrative Officer
N:planning/dvp/kootenay shavings/fo removal notice**



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

COUNCIL INFORMATION SUMMARY FOR APRIL 2ND, 2012

Date: March 28th, 2012
 Agenda: April 2nd, 2012
 Proposal: To Receive the Items Summarized for Information
 Proposal By: Staff

Staff Recommendation:

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

	ITEM	SUBJECT MATTER	RECOMMENDATION
CORRESPONDENCE TO/FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL			
10(a)	Letters from the Min of Children & Family Development, Carl Zak & Selkirk College	Regarding concerns over the condition of City Parking Lot located between City Hall & City Park	To refer to Staff for a detailed report on the options and costs to rehabilitate the parking lot
10(b)	Inventory of Air Quality Bylaws in BC	Report from the Ministry of Environment	Receive for information-hard copy available on line & in Council room – refer a copy of this report to the Environment Committee for information purposes
10(c)	From BC Children's Hospital Foundation	Annual Jeans Day support from the City. Jean's Day is April 26 th .	Members of Council may purchase a Jean's Day Button for \$5.00 from Front End Staff in support of this event
10(d)	From Canadian Cancer Society	Daffodil Day and Daffodil Month Information in April	Receive for information – Members of Council have been issued Daffodil Pins from the Canadian Cancer Society
CORRESPONDENCE TO/FROM STAFF			
GENERAL INFORMATION			
FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT			
10(e)	Information from MP, Alex Atamanenko	With regards to CETA negotiations (Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement)	Receive for information
INFORMATION FROM UBCM/FCM/AKBLG			
10(f)	From UBCM	Information regarding Families First Agenda for Change	Receive for information
10(g)	From AKBLG	Regarding No Local Govt Representation on Municipal Taxation Review	Receive for discussion purposes
MINUTES FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS			
10(h)	From the GF Public Library Assn	Financial Statements for Year 2011	Receive for information
10(i)	From the GF Public Library Assn	2011 Annual Report	Receive for information
10(j)	March 19 th Task List	Listed of Completed Tasks	File



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MAR 19 2012

THE CORPORATION OF
THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

March 19, 2012

His Worship Mayor Brian Taylor
And Grand Forks City Council
Grand Forks, British Columbia

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*WE3, m8 - Selkirk College
Parking Lot*

Dear Mayor Taylor and Council members:

The purpose of this letter is to draw to your attention the deplorable condition of the City parking lot that adjoins Selkirk College and the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD), and to request appropriate remedy. This is the large lot in between City Hall and City Park.

The parking lot is not safe.

Last week Carl Zak (Selkirk College and MCFD landlord), the City's Wayne Kopan, and MCFD Team Leader Garry Peters examined the lot. Wayne Kopan confirmed what Carl been advising all along. Carl Zak is responsible for approximately 35 feet of the parking lot, immediately east of his building. The City is responsible for the remainder of the lot. Prior to this confirmation, there had been some confusion around who was responsible for what.

Carl Zak and Wayne Kopan agreed that Carl's portion of the parking lot looks appropriate. New lines are required, but no safety concerns have been presented.

Concerns about the City's portion of the lot are as follows:

1. There are 2 storm drains that present a variety of hazards. Over the course of time, these drains (and the asphalt surrounding them) have sunk approximately 10 inches or more. The area of sunken asphalt surrounding each storm drain amounts to about a 12x12 foot square. The drop is steep, not gradual. Because of the unevenness of the terrain, staff have fallen. In the summer time, vehicles have also scraped bottom if travelling at too great a speed (ie travelling through the parking lot west towards the connection with 5th Street).
2. The asphalt surrounding the lamp standard was poor previously, but is now crumbling and turning to mush. Due to the size of the space where the asphalt has failed (it's about a 50 foot circle surrounding the lamp standard), this is not something that is readily "patch-able."

Over the course of this winter, at least four employees (or their family members) have fallen on the parking lot. To our understanding, the falls have taken place around the sunken storm drains, and in the area around the lamp standard. We appreciate that the falls have taken place during a

snowy winter (hopefully now behind us????), and that people need to “be careful.” However, when the falls take place as a result of the unevenness of the parking area, then the problem needs to be addressed. The snow is now gone ... now is the time to solve the problem. People should not have to go through another winter with the parking lot in its’ current condition. It’s simply not safe.

The City’s parking lot gets lots of use. It is consistently used during business hours. It is full during City Park events such as Music in the Park. Given that the City has now given a green light to update the playing field in the Park, the parking lot will certainly get additional usage.

We ask that the City address this safety issue.

If further information is required, please do not hesitate to contact anyone of the undersigned.

Yours truly

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "garry peters", is written over a horizontal line.

Marilyn de Wynter
Anne Hawes
Garry Peters
MCFD Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee

MR. AND MRS. CARL ZAK
PO Box 489
GRAND FORKS, BC
V0H 1H0

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THE CORPORATION OF
THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

March 19, 2012

City of Grand Forks
PO Box 220
7217 4th Street
Grand Forks, BC V0H 1H0

Dear Sirs:

Re: City Parking Lot - 72nd Avenue, Grand Forks, BC

I am writing to request that the City inspect and repair the public parking lot located on the 400 block of 72nd Avenue in Grand Forks.

My company, Zak's Body Shop Ltd., is the registered owner of the commercial premises located at 486 72nd Avenue in Grand Forks. Located on the premises are the Grand Forks Campus of Selkirk College as well as the Grand Forks District Office of the Ministry of Children and Family Development, which is co-located with Boundary Family and Individual Services Society.

Our parking lot is immediately next to the City's parking lot. Together, they form one continuous paved parking area. Because of the location, next to the City Park and surrounding businesses, I expect these parking lots combined, are one of the busiest in town.

The parking lots are not identified nor divided by curbs or fences. The general public frequently parks on our premises to access the City Park or other businesses in the downtown core.

The City's parking lot has fallen into disrepair. It has created a danger to motorists and those pedestrians who are walking across the City's lot. It needs to be repaired and graded to eliminate the accumulation on water, ice and snow.

Wayne Kopan of the City of Grand Forks has inspected and has confirmed the City's ownership of this area.

I would certainly appreciate your immediate attention to this matter.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me directly at 250-442-3303.

Yours truly,

Carl Zak

JAZ/lc

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WEB 21 Zak, Carl re:
59 - Selkirk Parking Lot
72nd Ave.

March 22, 2012

Mayor Brian Taylor and Council
Box 220, 7217 4th Street,
Grand Forks, B.C.
V0H 1H0

Dear Mayor and Council,

This letter is a follow up to the letter sent to you by the Ministry of Family and Children, dated March 19 2012, regarding the condition of the City parking lot which adjoins Selkirk College and the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD). Selkirk College supports the concerns brought forward by MCFD's Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee and would ask that you consider taking immediate action to rectify the situation.

Selkirk College students do use the parking lot and we have been notified, on several occasions, that some of our students have slipped or fallen due to the condition(s) outlined in the aforementioned letter. Approximately 20 students access this campus daily for upgrading purposes and an estimated 500 access this campus annually for Continuing Education programs including extensive First Aid and Safety programming.

The safety of our students both in and outside of our building is a priority. We would ask that the City please give serious consideration to assessing and addressing the issues outlined in the Ministry's letter.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Wetmore

Campus Manager/Continuing Education Coordinator

Selkirk College Grand Forks

From:  "Kellerhals, Markus ENV:EX" <Markus.Kellerhals@gov.bc.ca> 3/20/2012 11:21:4... 

Subject: Inventory of Air Quality Bylaws in BC

To:  "Kellerhals, Markus ENV:EX" <Markus.Kellerhals@gov.bc.ca>

Bcc:  Info City of Grand Forks

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THE CORPORATION OF
THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

Dear Colleagues,

Many of you were contacted in the fall of 2011 to provide input into an inventory of air quality bylaws in municipalities and regional districts across BC.

Here is the resulting report which compiles and describes bylaws from across BC on the issues of open burning, vehicle idling, and wood burning appliances. The report is intended to serve as a resource for communities contemplating adopting or revising air quality bylaws and for citizens concerned about air quality in their communities.

The report can be found at www.bcairquality.ca/reports/eq_bylaws_bc.html <http://www.bcairquality.ca/reports/eq_bylaws_bc.html> or linked from the front page of www.bcairquality.ca <<http://www.bcairquality.ca>>.

We would welcome any feedback on the report, either directly to me or to BCAirQuality@gov.bc.ca <<mailto:BCAirQuality@gov.bc.ca>>

Sincerely

Markus Kellerhals

Markus Kellerhals
Air Quality Science Officer
B.C. Ministry of Environment
3rd Floor - 2975 Jutland Road, Victoria
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 9341 Stn. Prov Govt, V8W 9M1, Victoria, BC
Phone: 250 387-8432 Fax: 250 356-5496
markus.kellerhals@gov.bc.ca <<mailto:markus.kellerhals@gov.bc.ca>>
<http://www.bcairquality.ca/>

BC Air Quality:

All scientific work is incomplete - whether it be observational or experimental. All scientific work is liable to be upset or modified by advancing knowledge. That does not confer upon us a freedom to ignore the knowledge we already have, or to postpone the action that it appears to demand at a given time. (Sir Austin Bradford Hill, 1965)

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Quality Bylaws in BC



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THE CORPORATION OF
THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS



Attn: Jeans Day Champion B:20 P:1
Corporation of the City of Grand Forks
PO Box 220
Grand Forks BC V0H 1H0

Dear Jeans Day Champion,

Thank you for supporting Jeans Day™ 2012. Please find enclosed your order of Jeans Day™ collateral. We have also enclosed a Jeans Day™ newsletter and "Tips to Success" information sheet to help you with your sales!

This year's buttons are printed on 100% post consumer chip board, making them more environmentally friendly than ever! The thin paper printing surface mounted on the front of the chipboard is 10% post-consumer and 90% from sustainably managed forests, and the inks used are UV-curing, vegetable-based inks.

All participants are eligible to enter the Jeans Day™ grand prize of a trip for two on Air Canada. Visit www.jeansday.ca between March 5, 2012 and May 13, 2012 for further details and to enter.

Enclosed: (20) Buttons and (1) Posters. Buttons are sold for \$5.00 each.

In the event you sell out of your order, login to the Champion Headquarters using the information sent to you in the previous Jeans Day™ mailing. Questions can be directed to the Jeans Day™ assistant, Jessica Clark, by phone at 604-875-2444 or by email at jeansday@bcchf.ca.

After April 26, once you have collected all of your funds, please make one cheque payable to "BC Children's Hospital Foundation" and mail it to: Attn: Jeans Day™, 938 W 28th Avenue, Vancouver BC, V5Z 4H4. Be sure to include a note explaining where the money has come from!

We hope you have as much fun celebrating Jeans Day™ as we do. "Like" us on facebook; keep us posted with stories and pictures from your campaign (www.facebook.com/jeansday). Good luck!

Sincerely,

Ainsley Dowle
Philanthropy Coordinator - Jeans Day™
BC Children's Hospital Foundation

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WE3, B1 - BC Children's Hospital
Foundation - Jeans Day
Buttons - April 26

Jeans Day™ 2012 TIPS TO SUCCESS

COMMUNICATE

Use internal communications to promote awareness and participation. Announce the campaign, set goals and share progress through email blasts, company newsletters and staff meeting announcements.

CHALLENGE

Perhaps your company will offer a corporate match? Set a goal to have more participants than in last year's campaign. A little friendly competition never hurt; why not challenge a nearby office to meet or beat your fundraising?

CELEBRATE

Why not celebrate your participation by hosting a group lunch? A denim fashion show will surely produce laughter!

STRATEGY

By incorporating a Lapel Pin strategy, you can really increase your total fundraising goal. Allow staff to wear their jeans for not one, but *four* days to celebrate the program.



www.jeansday.ca

www.facebook.com/jeansday

JEANS DAY™ is
Thursday
April 26, 2012
TELL EVERYONE!

CONTEST ALERT!

Visit www.jeansday.ca to
enter the Air Canada
Contest open to all Jeans
Day™ supporters. You
could win a trip for two
anywhere in
North America!
(some restrictions apply)

NEW & IMPROVED!

What do you think of our new
eco-friendly Jeans Day™ buttons?! They are a cardboard
based material called "chipboard" that is made from 100%
post-consumer fibre. The artwork is printed on super thin
paper made of 10% post-consumer fibre, the other 90%
comes from sustainably managed forests. All that coupled with
UV-curing, vegetable based ink....
And they're made locally!

Send us your pictures! Have fun with
Jeans Day™ this year and show us what
you're up to. Mail photos to
jeansday@bcchf.ca

We like "likes" . Check us out at
www.facebook.com\jeansday



**Canadian
Cancer
Society**

BRITISH COLUMBIA AND YUKON#
#19- 9th Avenue South, Cranbrook, BC V1C 2L9
Telephone 250.426.8916 Fax: 250.426.3947
www.cancer.ca
REGIONAL DIRECTOR: Sally Ginter

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THE CORPORATION OF
THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

March 7, 2012

City of Grand Forks
Box 220
Grand Forks, BC V0H 1H0

Dear Mayor Taylor:

Re: Daffodil Day and Daffodil Month

On behalf of the Canadian Cancer Society, Southern Interior Region, it is my pleasure to inform you of this year's Daffodil campaign and invite you to celebrate with us.

The Canadian Cancer Society's Daffodil Campaign begins in April. This spring, we are asking Canadians across the country to wear our daffodil pin to support people who have been affected by cancer and to remember those lost to the disease. We've all been touched by cancer in some way. The daffodil pin is a bright and hopeful symbol of support that lets people know that no-one faces cancer alone and we won't give up until all forms of the disease are defeated.

Daffodil pins are being distributed around the country, and our goal is to see the daffodil pin on every collar coast to coast during the month of April. This will culminate in Daffodil Day on April 27, 2012 – on this important day we are encouraging Canadians to do something special for those living with cancer or contribute in some way to fight against the disease.

We greatly value our association and we would like to invite you to join us in launching our campaign and to participate in activities on Daffodil Day. If you know of an opportune venue near the end of March or beginning of April to launch the Daffodil Campaign in Grand Forks, we would be grateful for your recommendation. We truly appreciate you finding time in your busy schedule to join us for one, or ideally both, of these events.

I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for considering our request and for your support of the Canadian Cancer Society.

Sincerely,

Patti Moore
Team Leader, Health Promotion
Southern Interior Region
Telephone: 250.426.8916 or 1.800.656.6426
Email: pmoore@bc.cancer.ca

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WE3, C1 - Canadian Cancer
Society - Daffodil
Day & Month

Dear Colleagues,

Attached please find a letter to the Minister of International Trade from the Village of New Denver regarding local government and the Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement (CETA) under negotiation between Canada and the European Union.

I am also including some information on this agreement which I trust you will find to be of interest.

To view the entire report of a recent study conducted by the Standing Committee on International Trade please visit the link below. I have taken the liberty of attaching the NDP's dissenting opinion and recommendations which were tabled in the House of Commons as part of this report.

<http://www.parl.gc.ca/content/hoc/Committee/411/CIIT/Reports/RP5431905/CIITrp01/ciitrp01-e.pdf>

Sincerely,

Alex Atamanenko, MP
BC Southern Interior

Gina Petrakos

Legislative Assistant

To Alex Atamanenko, MP
BC Southern Interior

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I always wondered why somebody didn't DO something, then I realized I was somebody....

MEDIA RELEASE
For Immediate Release
March 14, 2012

Trade Committee report on CETA insufficient: Opposition to Canada-EU trade deal sidelined in preliminary study

Ottawa and Montreal – The Trade Justice Network and Quebec Network on Continental Integration (RQIC) make the following comments on the report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on International Trade (CIIT) on the ongoing Canada-EU Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement negotiations, which was tabled in the House of Commons this week:

- The committee is split on the value of the CETA to the Canadian economy. This is clear from the concerns and recommendations of the NDP and Liberal members of the trade committee in dissenting opinions attached to the CETA report. The two networks agree with many of these recommendations, in particular those calling for full transparency and public input into the CETA text before it can be signed. The committee had insufficient information on the agreement to conclude it was in Canada's best interest since its contours are still being determined through negotiation.
- The committee needs to hear from more witnesses in Canada and the EU. It is disingenuous to declare, as the CETA report does, "The majority of Canadian witnesses were in favour of negotiations toward a CETA between Canada and the EU, and held the opinion that the impact of an agreement would be positive," since only three critics of the agreement were asked to present before committee. Important voices from within the Trade Justice Network and RQIC network representing farmers, students, cultural, Indigenous groups and labour were left out of the trade committee's inquiry. Not one Quebec group was asked to present, which is unacceptable.
- While the federal government is seriously considering the views of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities with respect to the impact CETA will have on local governance, MPs have a responsibility to also consider the preferences of cities such as Toronto, Montreal, Hamilton, Burnaby and others, many of which are asking to be exempted from the agreement altogether.
- The committee report does not consider economic studies that question the federal government's economic predictions of the CETA on GDP, job creation and trade flows. These predictions are used over and over again to silence discussion about the CETA when the numbers themselves might be faulty. The suggestion in the report that the CETA will create 80,000 new jobs seems to have no basis whatsoever and is contradicted by a Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives study showing likely job losses of between 28,000 and 150,000. The committee report also does not once mention the Sustainability Impact Assessment, produced for the European Commission by a private firm, which suggests economic benefits in Canada would be half the \$12 billion proposed by the federal government.

The two networks stand by the principles agreed to in an October 2011 joint statement endorsed by over 80 Canadian and European civil society groups, including "that trade agreements must promote cooperation and recognize common well-being, public interest, and human and environmental rights as more important than short-term private interests which benefit only transnational corporations."

The CETA provides an opportunity for the federal, provincial and territorial governments to hold a long-overdue debate on Canada's trade and investment liberalization agenda. There must be a means by which all socio-economic actors can provide input into the CETA and other free trade agreements before they are presented to parliament as a fait accompli, as is now the case. The two networks

therefore urge the parliamentary international trade committee to hold another inquiry into the CETA prior to a final deal being signed to allow those many voices who were excluded in the preparation of this report to present their points of view.

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The **Trade Justice Network (TJN)** was formed in February 2010 and collects environmental, labour, cultural, farmers, Indigenous, student, social justice and other civil society organizations challenging Canada's free trade negotiations with the European Union. The **Quebec Network on Continental Integration (RQIC)** is a multi-sectoral coalition bringing together more than 20 civil society organizations in Quebec representing over a million people. Its mission is to promote an alternative vision for development in the Americas and internationally. The two networks have criticized many parts of the CETA, in particular the lack of transparency but also for the impact the agreement could have on public services, local democracy, environmental policy, Indigenous rights, cultural protections and food sovereignty. Together, the two networks represent over four million people.

More information:

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Pierre-Yves Serinet, for the Quebec Network on Continental Integration (RQIC): rqic@ciso.qc.ca,
514-276-1075

Twitter: [@CouncilofCDNS](https://twitter.com/CouncilofCDNS)
www.canadians.org/CETA

The Council of Canadians; 700-170 Laurier Avenue West, Ottawa, ON, K1P 5V5 CA
Tel: (613) 233-2773; 1-800-387-7177; Fax: (613) 233-6776; inquiries@canadians.org

CETA getting tougher on Citizens with each SECRET Draft

- by Terry Boehm, NFU President

The striking thing about reading the various leaked drafts of the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) is that after nine major rounds of negotiations, the agreement is essentially getting worse for Canada and her citizens. This is not to say that it is particularly good for the ordinary European citizen, but it does give European corporate interests unprecedented access and ultimately control over the Canadian economy, down to the sub national level (provinces, territories, and municipalities).

Now the question is what is a European corporation? The answer is much broader than one would expect, even in an era dominated by transnational corporations. The Europeans define as European any corporation with an "effective and continuous link" with the economy of a member state. This definition essentially defines any business, no matter where it is headquartered, as an appropriate beneficiary of what CETA brings to large corporations. This means that when towns and villages, cities and provinces, hospitals and schools, universities and crown corporations, post their tenders for goods and services, they may have to accept bids and hire or buy not just from Europe, but from whatever business that has an "effective and continuous link."

One of the worrisome things that has stood out throughout this process, has been the disallowance of offering any more favourable treatment to a local or national supplier of a good or service, than to a foreign supplier. This quite simply means that one could not implement "buy local" programs, or favour local businesses in any tender (subject to certain thresholds: \$130,000 for goods and services at the federal level,

\$355,000 for provinces and municipalities, and \$5,000,000 for construction at all levels). Exclusive local food purchasing programs would fall under this prohibition, and they would be subject to standardized certification programs as well. Local businesses and farmers who pay the taxes that make things function locally and nationally, cannot expect to be patronized by their own governments and institutions. Schools, hospitals, villages, universities, and governments would also have to post their tenders, and their intended tenders, in an elaborate electronic and paper process that makes them completely available internationally. The process demanded is described in 32 pages of text in the agreement. No small task for the local village council that wants to renovate the local water system or town hall!

What this agreement has always been about, is limiting the role of citizens and governments to conduct their affairs as they see fit. It is also fundamentally about making sure that large business interests (finance capital), has both unrestricted access to resources and minimal regulation. An example is in a clause similar to the resource controls in NAFTA. Under CETA (Article 50.1c) you can only restrict the consumption or extraction of exhaustible natural resources, if you restrict you own population and businesses as well. In another telling section (Article X.3) "Neither Party may impose limitations on: (iv) the participation of foreign capital in terms of maximum percentage limit on foreign shareholding or the total value of individual or aggregate foreign investment." In the past we used to worry about foreign ownership and limit it, now we endorse it, and with CETA we will actually enforce it.

(continued on page 14...)



(CETA getting tougher on citizens, from page 13)

If one looks a little further at the draft text it goes on to say (Article X.9.3): "Neither Party may condition the receipt of an advantage.....in connection with an investment in its territory....on compliance with any of the following requirements." Meaning the contract given to an investor cannot stipulate the following conditions:

- a) to achieve a given level or percentage of domestic content;
- b) to purchase, use or accord a preference to goods produced in its territory, or to purchase goods from producers in its territory;
- c) to relate in any way the volume or value of imports to the volume or value of exports or to the amount of foreign exchange inflows associated with such investment; or,
- d) to restrict the sales of goods or services in its territory that such investment produces or provides by relating such sales in any way to the volume or value of its exports or foreign exchange earnings.

Essentially we can no longer look at our balance of payments and take measures to alter them, and as such we are losing control of one of the fundamental tools of monetary policy. This is particularly dangerous, as exemplified at this very moment by capital outflows and national debt levels that many European nations are experiencing. Again, with CETA the nation-state is to disappear in the regulation of capital, its movement, and its action. The nation-state should, however, enforce the extraction tools that these economic players want.

One of the more powerful of these tools, are intellectual property rights. These instruments cannot exist without the state legislating and enforcing them. Some examples are copyrights, trademarks, patents, plant variety rights, designs, and geographical indications. In CETA we see a draconian set of enforcement measures to make

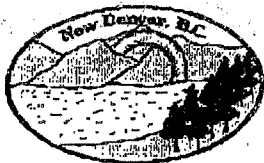
people comply with intellectual property rights. Even if infringement is only alleged, assets can be seized. Citizens could now go to prison if they violate some of these instruments. The idea of prison terms is new, and was not seen in earlier drafts. The language in the draft text now suggests that any violation of these intellectual property instruments could have criminal (prison terms) consequences.

Let us look at the farmer once again in reference to plant variety protection and patents. Under CETA, a farmer accused of having a protected plant variety or a gene patented variety of seed, could see his/her property seized and his/her bank accounts frozen. If convicted, his/her crop or seed and the implements for growing and harvesting the crop or cleaning the seed will be destroyed, at his/her expense. In addition, injunctions are to be issued to prevent an infringement from occurring. This could mean if farmers hired the services of a seed cleaner or cleaned seed themselves, they could be hit with an injunction and they could be accused of potentially infringing. At the end of the day, if that happens to a few farmers, fear of legal and even criminal consequences will lead people into a corner where they shut up, and pay up, for the corporate seeds they could just as well and cheaply produce themselves.

Extending the term of patents by the length of time a regulator takes to make a decision is still part of the agreement. Data supplied to the regulator is to be confidential and protected. The applicant is not to be responsible for consequences even if the applicant's data was in error. This protection is to apply to pharmaceutical and agricultural chemical manufacturers.

There are many more aspects of this agreement one could reference. But, when it is held up to the light of day, it is nothing more than a corporate bill of rights and a giant bill to be paid by the citizens of Canada and Europe. —nlu—





Corporation of the Village of New Denver

P.O. Box 40, New Denver, BC V0G 1S0 (250) 358-2316 FAX (250) 358-7251

C. Gordon, CMC, Administrator

A. Bunka, Mayor

February 21, 2012

Honourable Edward Fast, Minister
of International Trade
Office of the Minister of International Trade
125 Sussex Drive
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0G2

REC'D 0 REQU

FEB 23 2012

Dear Minister Fast:

Re: Canada European Union Trade Agreement (CETA)

The Council of the Village of New Denver received correspondence regarding the above at its February 14, 2012 Regular Meeting. As a newly elected local government body, our Council has grave concerns and reservations regarding the Canada European Union Trade Agreement and would like to reiterate and endorse the position of the previous Council in calling for the Provinces and Federal Government "to negotiate a clear, permanent exemption" for local governments from the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA).

Council has grave concerns that the CETA Agreement will impact its ability to procure goods and services locally, and that it would lose its ability to control its own local government facilities such as water, etc.

Yours truly,

Carol Gordon, CMC
Administrator

cc: The Honourable Christy Clark, Premier of British Columbia
Union of BC Municipalities
The Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Alex Atamanenko, M.P. for BC Southern Interior



HOUSE OF COMMONS
CANADA

**NEGOTIATIONS TOWARD A COMPREHENSIVE
ECONOMIC AND TRADE AGREEMENT (CETA)
BETWEEN CANADA AND THE EUROPEAN UNION**

**Report of the Standing Committee on
International Trade**

**Hon. Rob Merrifield, P.C., M.P.
Chair**

MARCH 2012

41st PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

NDP Dissenting Report for CIIT - CETA Study

The NDP thanks the Committee and witnesses for the time put into this important subject. International trade is crucial to sustaining Canada's economic growth and prosperity, and increasing trade with the European Community is an important goal. While the NDP is supportive of efforts to lift tariffs, and diversify our export markets, boosting Canada's trade performance will require more than just free trade agreements. Our success will require a strategic plan for public investment and support of key value-added industrial sectors to help back Canadian global winners, which we are pleased to see as a recommendation from the committee.

At the same time, it is clear that trade and investment agreements, such as the Canada-EU Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA), are about far more than just international trade. Such treaties affect public regulation of investment, services, intellectual property, public purchasing and other matters only peripherally related to trade. The details and terms of the agreement matter and must be scrutinized to weigh costs and benefits. We do not support concluding the deal as currently framed in the time period recommended by the majority on the Committee.

Transparency is essential. The NDP objects to the lack of transparency in the current negotiation process. Closed-door meetings have created a climate of secrecy in the CETA process. Too little public information exists for Canadians and their elected representatives, at all levels of government, to reach informed conclusions on the merits and risks of CETA. It is only through a meaningful consultation process, which engages all stakeholders, that we will craft trade agreements that benefit all Canadians. Even this Parliamentary Committee study did not allow full participation for interested stakeholders, including many submitted by the NDP.

The treatment of **public services** in free trade agreements is controversial. Too often, treaty protections for sensitive sectors such as health care, education, social services and municipally provided services including water treatment and delivery or public transit leave the door open to trade and investment challenges. Public contracts for these and other services are a principal point of interest for the EU in the CETA negotiations. Canada must seek a clear exclusion for public services broadly understood as well as protection for future policy flexibility at all levels of government.

For health care, there is particular concern from experts and citizens groups that the government is stepping back even from the protections it built into the NAFTA. A strong exclusion for healthcare is needed, as well as a commitment to avoid inflating the costs of medicine, which are the fastest-rising component of Canadian health care costs.

CETA would be the first Canadian bilateral FTA since NAFTA to have an **intellectual property rights** (IPR) chapter, going well beyond Canada's existing obligations. EU demands include adding the extra time it takes for a drug to receive regulatory approval (up to 5 years) to the regular 20-year term of patent protection, longer terms for data

protection (from 8 to 10 years), and new rights of appeal that could delay the approval of generic drugs. Such changes would reduce the availability of medicines, and drive up drug costs, which could deal a critical blow to the sustainability of our health care system. A recent study estimates these extra costs at \$2.8 billion annually.

Since IPR provisions are so rare in Canadian bilateral trade agreements and European negotiators have placed such great weight on these provisions, we should scrutinize the implications carefully. Further study is needed to consider the implications of harmonizing our IPR system with the EU in all relevant sectors and to determine the costs or benefits that will be witnessed by Canadian consumers and producers.

The NDP also has significant concerns about the CETA's impact on **government procurement at the sub-federal level**. From available information, the proposed rules would prevent governments from considering, in covered sectors, any 'condition' that encourages local development in procurement contracts or bids, even if the process is non discriminatory to foreign bidders. Restricting government procurement in this way deprives provincial and municipal governments of crucial economic levers, particularly during economic downturns, to use government purchasing to stimulate the economy and encourage local spinoffs.

The NDP supports the need for open and fair government tendering practices, but this does not require sacrificing the ability for governments to use procurement to serve local economic objectives. Municipalities including Toronto, the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (representing 150 municipalities) and over twenty others across the country, have been raising red flags about the back room CETA trade talks. These municipalities have asked their provincial and federal governments to ensure their existing rights are protected under any new trade agreement and that they be excluded from the CETA. Their concerns must be heard and addressed.

As noted in the Committee's report, participation of the provinces in the negotiations makes the process more complex. The objective to bind sub federal levels of government in the CETA on a range of issues from procurement to services raises important questions of constitutional authority, particularly in relation to enforcement of the agreement and financial liability. Further study is warranted.

The NDP welcomes any opportunities for real export growth for Canadian agricultural sectors, while noting continued European resistance at various levels. We also remain concerned about continued pressures to open Canada's **supply managed sectors**, which must be protected.

The CETA also needs to account for the highly integrated nature of North American production and the NDP appreciates the acknowledgement of this issue in the committee's report. Provisions regarding **rules of origin** must be sufficiently broad to ensure the vast majority of Canadian exports are not subject to tariffs. The automotive industry is of particular concern given the high degree of cross-border production and the potential sensitivity of production decisions to various rules of origin thresholds.

Finally, the NDP views **investor-state provisions** as an inequitable element in trade agreements that privilege corporations in a way that conflicts with the public interest. Investor-state arbitration allows foreign investors to bypass domestic court systems. Arbitration tribunals, which lack accountability, can order governments to compensate investors allegedly harmed by public policies or regulations. Both Canada and Europe have highly regarded court systems that protect the rights of all investors regardless of nationality. The NDP opposes including investor-state arbitration in the CETA and recommends that Canada follow the lead of Australia in rejecting investor-state arbitration in future trade and investment agreements.

In conclusion, the NDP urges a re-think of Canada's approach to expanding trade with Europe, and consideration of means for enhancing mutual economic prosperity in a way that contributes to a greener economy, and bolsters high quality jobs and labour rights, while respecting democratic decision making regarding public services, public regulation, local government procurement and the public interest.

Recommendations

1. The Government should publicly disclose the negotiating text and Canada's offers (federal, provincial, territorial) before the text of the treaty is finalized.
2. The Government should ensure full consultation with municipal governments in Canada regarding CETA offers and negotiations, and modify its time frame for the negotiations to enable this participation.
3. The Government should ensure that the final text does not include investor-state arbitration provisions.
4. The Government should ensure that the final text does not include any changes to patent protection that would decrease the availability of generic drugs or increase drug costs.
5. The Government should ensure that the final text exempts provincial, territorial and municipal government procurement.
6. The Government should ensure that municipal drinking water and waste water services are explicitly included in its Annex II reservations.
7. The Government should seek a clear and broad exclusion for public services including protection for future policy flexibility at all levels of government to expand public services or return privatized sectors to the public sector without threat of litigation.

- 8. The Government should negotiate a new exemption for health care stipulating that nothing in the CETA shall be construed to apply to measures of a signing party regarding health care or insurance.**
- 9. The Government should ensure a broad cultural exemption in CETA that would exclude books, magazines, newspapers, publishing, broadcasting, film, video, performing arts and other aspects of cultural industries.**
- 10. The Government should exclude over-access tariffs on supply-managed products from tariff reduction, and re-affirm that producers and their elected representatives will maintain the unfettered ability to collectively manage domestic supply for egg, poultry, and dairy products.**
- 11. The Government should effectively safeguard the capacity to institute or re-institute a single desk for grain marketing, in any geographic region, should a majority of farmers' elected representatives decide to do so.**
- 12. The Government should develop an industrial strategy for Canada that partners with industry to identify competitive high-productivity sectors that can be developed into high-value export champions, as well as current export sectors in Canada that may need support to remain competitive with the European Union (including forestry, auto, etc.). This could include leveraging procurement, providing R&D support through direct grants, and improving both physical and knowledge infrastructure.**
- 13. The Government must retain the ability to implement federal financial incentives and ensure community benefits in the development of clean power, including solar, wind, and water. Canada must develop innovative green energy technologies that will help us meet domestic needs and access a growing global market.**
- 14. The Government should commission an independent study of the CETA whose specific terms of reference would be to determine the true cost of harmonizing Canada's intellectual property system with that of the European Union.**
- 15. The Government of Canada should insist that the CETA agreement establish a framework for ensuring market access, and continued production, for Canadian producers of comparable agricultural and food products that use designations protected under the EU's Geographic Indications regime .**


16. That the Government of Canada undertake a study to review where the CETA addresses areas of provincial jurisdiction as it related to the distribution of powers:

- in particular with respect to section 92 of *The Constitution Act, 1867*; and**
- in all areas where there is shared, overlapping, or concurrent jurisdiction, and report on key implementation and enforcement issues that could arise.**


17. That Government should ensure that CETA's provisions related to rules of origin are broad enough to ensure meaningful market access gains for Canadian exports, particularly auto, fish and agricultural products, recognizing the reality of highly integrated North American supply chains. With Specific reference to the Canadian automotive sector, the CETA must specify low rules of origin thresholds for Canadian manufactured automobiles.

From:  radamson@civicnet.bc.ca
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Cc:  Info City of Grand Forks

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Dear Lynne Burch,

Hello,

Apparently, the provincial government has sent literature to BC municipalities containing information in regards to the attached letter. Please distribute accordingly. Thank you.

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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Agenda for Change



MAR 01 2012

Mr. Heath Slee
President
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Dear Mr. Slee:

As you may be aware from the recent announcement concerning justice reform and commitments outlined in the Premier's *Families First Agenda for Change*, the Province will be working to develop a strategic plan for policing in British Columbia. I recognize that policing is a significant issue not only for the Province but for local governments as well. I am therefore writing to you early in this process to inform you of this initiative and to invite your input and involvement.

While planning is in the early stages, three broad strategies are envisioned:

1. A series of regional roundtables with key stakeholders including police representatives, local governments, community leaders and social services.
2. Citizen engagement processes including an interactive website.
3. A small number of working groups with key stakeholders to develop strategies and solutions.

As outlined in the Premier's *Families First Agenda for Change*, performance standards, police oversight and strategies to combat gangs and guns activity will be key areas of discussion.

Further information about the regional roundtables will be made available once the dates and locations have been determined. As noted above, local governments and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities are among the key stakeholders from whom we will be seeking representation. If you would like to provide input into the planning process, such as recommendations regarding other local community organizations or leaders that could be invited to participate in the roundtables or working groups, please contact SGPSPB@gov.bc.ca. We will attempt to incorporate your feedback wherever possible.

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Mr. Heath Slee
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As an important partner in public safety in British Columbia, local government involvement in this process is valuable to us. We will strive to ensure that the end product, a strategic plan for policing in British Columbia, appropriately reflects the balance between Provincial and local issues and responsibilities while at the same time embracing opportunities to enhance and promote public safety.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY



Shirley Bond
Minister of Justice
and Attorney General

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From:  Cher Wyers
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Cc:  Diane Heinrich

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AKBLG has taken a position on the recent formation of a business taxation review panel with no representation from local government.

Please refer to the letter directed to the Minister of Finance, Honourable Kevin Falcon.

Please include this communication and letter in the weekly information package and the upcoming April 2nd regular meeting of Council for discussion.

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Good afternoon

Please circulate to all AKBLG Members



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March 16, 2012

Minister of Finance
Honorable Kevin Falcon
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Dear Minister Falcon:

Re: Municipal Taxation and Local Government Review

We are writing in regards to your appointment of an *Expert Panel* to provide analysis and recommendations regarding the system of business taxation in British Columbia. We would like to voice our concern that a panel investigating municipal taxation lacks any representation from local government. A local government perspective would ensure the validity of decisions made to all citizens of British Columbia.

We sincerely hope that you will reconsider your decision not to include local government in a decision making process that affects local government.

Respectfully,

Wes Graham, President

Association of Kootenay Boundary Local Governments

Cc: AKBLG Membership
UBCM Executive



MEMBER RELEASE

February 10, 2012

TO: Mayor and Council; Chair and Board; Senior Staff
FROM: Heath Slee, President
RE: **Province To Review Municipal Taxation and Local Government Revenue**

The Province of British Columbia is undertaking two reviews of direct interest to local government: an *Expert Panel Review of Business Taxation* and a *Local Government Revenue Sources Review*. I am writing to provide background on both of these initiatives.

1. Expert Panel Review of Business Taxation

On January 10, Finance Minister Kevin Falcon announced the appointment of an *Expert Panel* to provide analysis and recommendations regarding the system of business taxation in British Columbia. The panel will also make recommendations for administrative improvements that streamline the Provincial Sales Tax. This initiative is under the "*Canada Starts Here: The BC Jobs Plan*", and the panel must report by August 31, 2012.

The guidelines for the *Expert Panel* state that "(t)he review will include an examination of municipal property taxation of business and its impact on business competitiveness and investment. Recommendations must address issues of affordability and sustainability for local governments within the framework of the Community Charter."

Panel members are:

- Sarah Morgan-Silvester, Chancellor, University of British Columbia
- Lindsay Hall, Chief Financial Officer, Goldcorp
- Laura Jones, Senior VP, Canadian Federation of Independent Business
- Elio Luongo, Canadian Managing Partner, KPMG
- Fiona Macfarlane, Managing Partner, Ernst & Young
- Grace Wong, VP Academic, University of British Columbia
- Dale Wall, former Deputy Minister, Province of BC (adjunct member)

The full text of the news release and terms of reference for the panel are available here:
http://www2.news.gov.bc.ca/news_releases_2009-2013/2012FIN0002-000018.htm.

2. Local Government Revenue Sources Review

The Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development has advised UBCM that, in order to supplement the work of the *Expert Panel Review of Business Taxation*, and to fully

meet the Premier's commitment to review the municipal tax formula, the Ministry is embarking on a *Local Government Revenue Sources Review*.

The terms of reference for that review are not yet complete, but UBCM has been provided with some preliminary briefing material.

At this point, it appears that the review will encompass both municipal and regional district revenues from all sources, including property and other taxes, fees, grants and other transfers. The review is expected to determine trends over time and to consider whether grants are meeting the needs of the provincial government. A literature review and some form of inter-jurisdictional analysis are also expected, as is an analysis of the municipal tax policy objectives set out in municipal financial plans in BC.

The review is expected to be completed by July 31, 2012 and may provide context and background to recommendations of the *Expert Panel* and/or further policy change.

3. UBCM Engagement

Both reviews were topics of discussion during the meeting of UBCM's Executive of February 3, 2012. During the portion of the meeting where we were joined by Ida Chong, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development, the Executive noted that local governments would be concerned that a panel investigating municipal taxation lacks local government representation. The Executive also commented that the composition of the *Expert Panel* might lead to questioning of its recommendations.

In terms of next steps, UBCM will contact the *Expert Panel* to express interest in providing a presentation. I have also written to Minister Chong to say that UBCM would be pleased to work collaboratively on the *Revenue Sources Review*. The Executive will also consider options to ensure that the perspective of local government with regard to business taxation and local government revenue is both heard and understood. UBCM will keep watch on both reviews as they get underway, and will provide updates as substantive information becomes available.

GRAND FORKS PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Unaudited - See Review Engagement Report)

DECEMBER 31, 2011

Lia Azhure Inc
Certified General Accountant

GRAND FORKS PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

DECEMBER 31, 2011

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GRAND FORKS PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

REVIEW ENGAGEMENT REPORT

To the Directors of
Grand Forks Public Library Association

I have reviewed the statement of financial position of Grand Forks Public Library Association as at December 31, 2011 and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended. My review was made in accordance with generally accepted standards for review engagements and accordingly consisted primarily of enquiry, analytical procedures and discussion related to information supplied to me by the association.

A review does not constitute an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Based on my review, nothing has come to my attention that causes me to believe that these financial statements are not, in all material respects, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Grand Forks, BC
March 2, 2012

Lia Azhure Inc
CERTIFIED GENERAL ACCOUNTANT

GRAND FORKS PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (Unaudited - See Review Engagement Report)

AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2011

ASSETS

	2011	2010
CURRENT		
Cash	\$ 103,945	\$ 136,758
Accounts receivable	1,250	384
Prepaid expenses	2,608	1,924
Goods and services tax receivable	5,584	4,062
	113,387	143,128
CAPITAL ASSETS (Note 3)	125,192	168,455
	\$ 238,579	\$ 311,583

APPROVED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

_____ Chairperson

_____ Director

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

GRAND FORKS PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (Unaudited - See Review Engagement Report)

AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2011

LIABILITIES

	2011	2010
CURRENT		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 11,354	\$ 10,116
Payroll liabilities	22,240	16,712
	33,594	26,828

NET ASSETS

INVESTMENT IN CAPITAL ASSETS (Note 4)	125,192	168,455
RESTRICTED FUNDS (Note 5)	91,995	104,995
(DEFICIT) UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	(12,202)	11,305
	204,985	284,755
	\$ 238,579	\$ 311,583

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

GRAND FORKS PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS (Unaudited - See Review Engagement Report)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011

	2011	%	2010	%
REVENUES (Schedule 1)	\$ 364,911	100.00	\$ 384,622	100.00
EXPENSES				
Advertising and promotion	1,300	0.36	2,084	0.54
Computer expenses	2,429	0.67	2,009	0.52
Education	5,074	1.39	3,099	0.81
Evergreen project	2,207	-	-	-
Insurance	3,512	0.96	3,442	0.89
Bank charges	365	0.10	288	0.07
Janitorial	10,616	2.91	9,678	2.52
Labour negotiation	3,082	0.84	-	-
Maintenance agreement	15,263	4.18	10,000	2.60
Office & library supplies	10,606	2.91	10,498	2.73
Other project expense	233	0.06	133	0.03
Periodicals and subscriptions	8,781	2.41	7,079	1.84
Professional fees	7,396	2.03	6,084	1.58
Repairs and maintenance	799	0.22	482	0.13
Salaries and benefits	262,620	71.97	246,400	64.06
Special programs	2,568	0.70	2,734	0.71
Telephone and utilities	18,159	4.98	14,011	3.64
Travel	2,307	0.63	2,315	0.60
	357,317	97.92	320,336	83.29
EXCESS REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	7,594		64,286	
DEPRECIATION	84,734		83,707	
(LOSS) GAIN ON DISPOSAL	(2,630)		-	
EXCESS EXPENSES OVER REVENUES AFTER DEPRECIATION AND LOSS	\$ (79,770)		\$ (19,421)	

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GRAND FORKS PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS (Unaudited - See Review Engagement Report)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011

	2011	2010
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS , beginning of year	\$ 11,305	\$ 14,088
EXCESS EXPENSES OVER REVENUES	(79,770)	(19,421)
	(68,465)	(5,333)
INTERFUND TRANSFER	56,263	16,638
(DEFICIT) UNRESTRICTED FUNDS , end of year	(12,202)	11,305
CAPITAL ASSETS (Note 4)	125,192	168,455
RESTRICTED FUNDS (Note 5)	91,995	104,995
NET ASSETS	\$ 204,985	\$ 284,755

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GRAND FORKS PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (Unaudited - See Review Engagement Report)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011

	2011	2010
CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Cash receipts from grants, donations & fundraising	\$ 360,809	\$ 381,463
Cash paid to suppliers and employees	(350,870)	(342,791)
Interest received	1,714	494
Bank charges	(365)	(288)
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATIONS	11,288	38,878
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Additions to capital assets	(44,101)	(55,070)
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING	(44,101)	(55,070)
DECREASE IN CASH	(32,813)	(16,192)
CASH, beginning of year	136,758	152,950
CASH, end of year	\$ 103,945	\$ 136,758
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Cash	\$ 34,781	\$ 34,271
High interest cash savings	69,164	102,487
	\$ 103,945	\$ 136,758

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GRAND FORKS PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Unaudited - See Review Engagement Report)

DECEMBER 31, 2011

1. NATURE OF BUSINESS

The Grand Forks Public Library Association is a local not-for-profit organization whose mission statement is to open doors to a world of information, education and recreation, thereby enhancing the economic, social and cultural vitality of the community.

2. SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- (a) The association reports its activities on the fund accounting basis and follows the deferred method of recognition of externally designated contributions which matches the revenue to the related expenditure.

(b) **Other Accounting Policies**

Contributed capital assets are recorded at fair value and the donated portion shown as a deferred contribution. The latter is taken into revenue at the same rate as the asset is amortized.

Contributed material and services are not recorded in the financial statements.

Pledges receivable are recorded when received.

(c) **Capital Assets**

Capital assets are recorded at cost. Depreciation is provided annually at rates calculated to write-off the assets over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Books and other media	- 10% straight line
Computer equipment	- 14% straight line
Computer software	- 100% straight line
Equipment and furnishings	- 10% straight line
Leasehold improvements	- 20% straight line

Additions during the year are depreciated at one-half their normal rate and no depreciation is taken in the year of disposition.

(d) **Receipt Recognition Policy**

The cut-off date for donations is the same as the cut-off date for receipts issued in a year, and is based on the postage date on the envelope for mail, or the date the donation is received.

Legacies, or bequests are recorded when received.

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GRAND FORKS PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

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DECEMBER 31, 2011

3. CAPITAL ASSETS

	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Net 2011	Net 2010
Computer equipment and software	\$ 99,467	\$ 93,739	\$ 5,728	\$ 12,227
Books and other media	607,184	497,969	109,215	139,616
Equipment and furnishings	179,247	170,554	8,693	16,612
Software	9,743	8,187	1,556	-
Leasehold improvements	22,861	22,861	-	-
	\$ 918,502	\$ 793,310	\$ 125,192	\$ 168,455

4. NET ASSETS INVESTED IN CAPITAL ASSETS

	2011	2010
Net capital assets, beginning of the year	\$ 168,455	\$ 197,092
Transfer depreciation from operating fund	(84,734)	(83,707)
Transfer capital assets purchased from operating fund	44,101	55,070
Transfer capital assets purchased from operating fund	(2,630)	-
	\$ 125,192	\$ 168,455

5. INTERNALLY RESTRICTED FUNDS

	2011	2010
Reserved Funds opening balances	\$ 104,995	\$ 92,995
Interfund transfer (to) from operating fund	(13,000)	12,000
	\$ 91,995	\$ 104,995
Sick Leave Contingency Fund	\$ 22,000	\$ 35,000
Acquisitions & Special Programming	30,000	30,000
Capital Technology Expenditures	15,000	15,000
Labour Relations	10,000	10,000
Building Repairs	12,000	12,000
Balance of Library Improvements Fund	2,995	2,995
	\$ 91,995	\$ 104,995

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GRAND FORKS PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited - See Review Engagement Report)

DECEMBER 31, 2011

6. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Association's financial instruments consist of cash, accounts receivables and accounts payable. Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the Association is not exposed to significant interest, currency, or credit risk arising from these financial instruments. The fair value of the instruments approximates their carrying values, unless otherwise noted.

7. COMMITMENTS

The Board of Directors of the Association is considering for approval at their next meeting in March, 2011 the new 5 year maintenance agreement presented by the City of Grand Forks for the space occupied as the Grand Forks Public Library. The annual commitment under this new agreement to be paid by the Association to the City of Grand Forks is \$15,000 for the years 2011 to 2016.

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GRAND FORKS PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

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(Unaudited - See Review Engagement Report)

DECEMBER 31, 2011

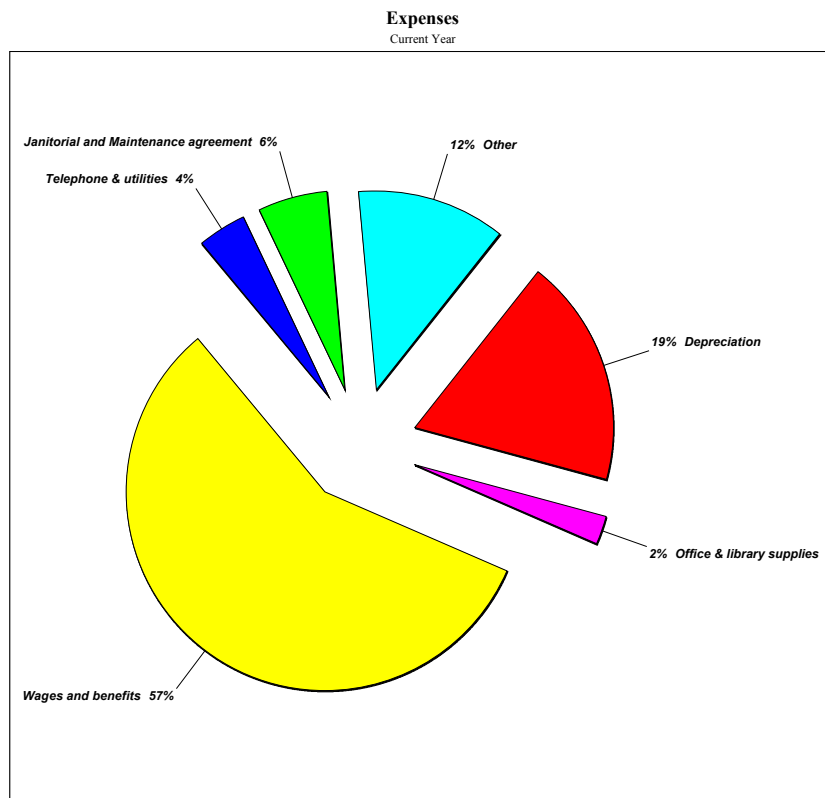
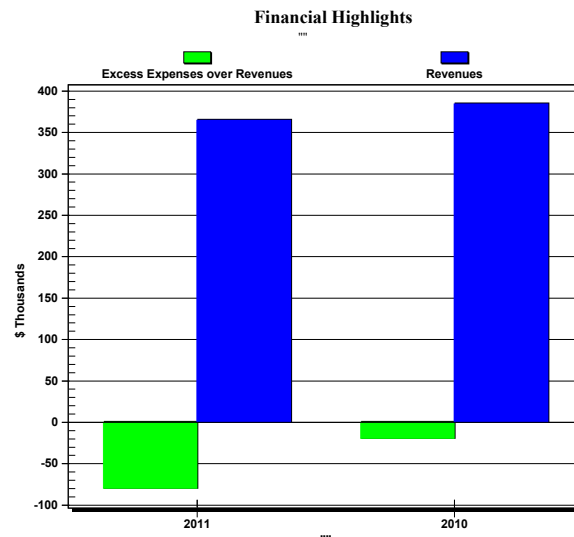
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REVENUES

	2011	2010
Grants - RDKB	\$ 289,756	\$ 289,756
Grants - PLSB equity	6,744	11,244
Grants - Provincial operating	28,464	28,922
Grants - PLSB resource sharing	2,696	5,580
BC One Card Grant	10,250	19,027
Evergreen Grant	-	2,000
Pheonix Foundation	-	300
Cap Grant	3,708	3,708
Friends of the Library	3,000	4,550
Interest income	1,714	494
Computer supplies and photocopies	2,054	1,922
Fines	3,553	3,072
Meeting room rental	932	605
Donations	1,854	1,656
Magazine donations	-	34
Adopt-a-book	-	16
Lost book recovery and book sales	3,282	2,277
Gaming grant	234	1,064
Raise-A-Reader and LawMatters grants	250	250
Non resident memberships	263	223
Summer career placement	1,670	4,316
Cap Youth Initiative	3,687	-
CUPE reimbursement	-	2,534
Reimbursements	800	1,072
	\$ 364,911	\$ 384,622

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

GRAND FORKS PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION



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Grand Forks Public Library Association

2011 Annual Report

Report from the Chair

2011 was a year fraught with frustration, tainted by sadness, blessed by successes and has left us brimming with hope for 2012.

With that as my preface, the frustration arrived with the news the Government of the Province of BC declined the City of Grand Forks' application for a 'Towns for Tomorrow' grant. This grant would have funded a much-needed renovation of the Library building's basement, which would have provided the space the Library requires to operate in an efficient manner. Sad news arrived with the resignation of our Chair of nearly two years Dave Watts and the news of the death of GFPL Trustee and Past Vice-Chair Christine Day-Braithwaite. Dave's grace-filled guidance and Christine's wise counsel and

passionate support for our Library will be sorely missed.

There was much to be grateful for in 2011. The Library opened its first satellite operation delivering weekly library services to Christina Lake; Library Staff continued their long tradition of delivering exemplary service to the community; Ms. Mary Butterfield's appointment to the Board has added a perspicacious insight and a passion for excellence, which will no doubt provide the great leadership the Library Association has come expect; and as we look beyond 2011, our Staff's consent to a three year collective agreement provides the necessary stability our Library requires to effectively manage our budget in the years ahead.

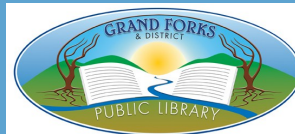
Whether it's an increase in e-reader services to your Library, or the promise of expanding the collection by cataloguing local organizations' book collections which will make those collections visible and searchable to anyone in our community, the Grand Forks & District Public Library strives to serve our community in multi-variant roles. In 2012, we will further our marketing plan to reach non-users of the library, develop outreach and in-house programs focused on the seniors of our area as well as continue the search for funding to maintain and expand upon our past successes.

Ted Invictus
Board Chair

Statistics for 2011

Circulation	89,801
New Titles Added/Total collection	3,848/29,816
New Members	555
Reference Questions	6481
Programs & Attendance	171/2138
Database Use	712
Downloaded e-books & audio books	671/527

The Library received the Community Literacy Award for 2011



The Grand Forks & District Public Library provides dynamic and innovative services, offering a wide variety of library materials and programs that meet the informational, educational, and recreational needs of the community.

The vision of the staff and Board of the Grand Forks & District Public Library is to be an innovative and accessible centre for the social, cultural and information needs of the community.

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Library Director's Report

Santa visited the Library for Storytime!



"The Grand Forks Library is one of the true treasures of our beautiful little city"

From the Library's Facebook page

Author Luanne Armstrong



During 2011 we saw the retirement of two long serving staff members. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Win Black and Jon Sterlind for their years of service with the Grand Forks & District Public Library.

We added 3,848 items to the collection and circulated a total of 89,801 items – approximately 10 items per capita and 354 items per open day, a 7% increase from 2010.

Overall, we saw the greatest increase in the use of e-books (GFPL partners with other provincial libraries to provide this service) with a jump from 68 circulations in 2010 to over 500 in 2011. We have delivered four *All About eBooks* as Learn@Lunch sessions.

GFPL sent 1,187 books to other libraries and received 1,414 from other libraries as part of the InterLibrary Loan program. We also went paperless for our InterLibrary Loans as part of our efforts to reduce waste in the library. Our procedure for this has been adopted by several libraries in the Kootenay and Boundary areas.

The Library welcomed 555 new members, and has an active resident membership of 4,044. In the library we offered 227 programs to all ages, including: StoryTime, Puppets on Parade, Learn@Lunch, Writing Out Loud, Fabulous Fridays, Chess Club, Family Games Night,

Summer Reading Club, and One Book One Kootenay.

We have begun to take advantage of social media to promote our programs and collections by regularly updating the Library's Facebook page and highlighting new additions to the collection on Library Thing.

In May, we reached a successful agreement with CUPE staff for the current collective agreement. I feel that we have developed into a solid team who's first priority is your Library.

In July, we began a pilot service to Christina Lake in partnership with the Christina Lake Village. The Library partners with the Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy to deliver the Community Learning Place. Our other partnerships during 2011 included; the local community in celebration of Canada Day (by offering programs for St. Jean Baptiste Day and Multicultural Day), Strong Start Centres with regular storytime, Gallery 2 by delivering a storytime during Arts Week, and the Women's Resource Centre in presenting the Writing Out Loud program. The Library also collaborates with Sunshine Valley Community Services in offering support to volunteer workers.

Another proud note is that the Library was honoured with the Community Literacy

Award by the Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy. Lizanne Eastwood, William Caley, myself, and all of our volunteers were also named as Champions for Literacy.

We also continued with our provincial partnerships in the BC Libraries Cooperative and the Kootenay Library Federation. Renee Milaney and I were asked to deliver information sessions at the 2011 Kootenay Library Conference on Readers' Advisory and Collection Management.

Sadly, we ended the year with the passing of Christine Day– Braithwaite. Christine's family has generously donated memorial funds to the library for the development of resources within our collection for families with autistic children. It was a pleasure working with Christine. She had a true passion for libraries and an understanding way with people. She will be missed.

Like many publicly funded services, we currently face several challenges in the coming year. Regardless, we are dedicated to providing excellent library service in our community.

Heather L. Buzzell, MLIS
Library Director

A Year Behind the Desk

2011 has been a busy year at the Grand Forks and District Public Library. We have seen some significant changes.

This year I have become the Interlibrary Loan Department at the library and have thoroughly enjoyed revamping our organizational system. We have gone virtually paperless and several other libraries have adopted our methods. The staff has done an excellent job at promoting this program to our patrons and this has led to a significant increase in the volume of material that we bring in from other libraries. Our attitude of "if we don't have it we will try our hardest to get it" has meant that more and more of our patrons are leaving the building with books they are really excited to read.

Of note this year was the successful contract negotiation between the CUPE staff and the Library Board. All the staff felt appreciated by management and we were pleased at the quick resolution. We feel this has further solidified the positive working relationship between all parties.

This year has been full of interesting technological challenges for our staff. With the explosion of interest in ebooks, we have all had to hone our technological problem-solving skills to be better able to assist our patrons with their many different mobile devices and ereaders. We have also seen a number of changes and upgrades to the software used in the library, which has ensured that we never get the chance to be bored!

We are all extremely proud of the programming that has happened over the past year and have felt one of the greatest benefits of working in this service based institution is the unsolicited demonstrations of appreciation we receive from our patrons. We have all enjoyed watching the excitement of the children playing little counting games in our display window at the front desk and been amazed by the regular contributions to our Saturday Morning Coffee program .

Katy Livingston,
InterLibrary Loans

Friends of the Grand Forks Public Library

Fundraising activities included three book sales held in late March, June, and October. A dinner night out was held on May 30, 2011 for the general public at the Total Twisted Pizzeria restaurant and our 4th annual Christmas cookie sale was held on December 6, 2011.

A donation of \$3000 was given to support the Children's summer reading club.

The FOL members also helped with the Library Board elections and provided baking for the two

book readings that were held in the fall.

At our Annual General Meeting, the following members were nominated to the Board:
President: Hazel Thomson
Secretary: Barbara Coulombe
Treasurer: Kathy Rush
Director: Dale Machum.

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, Hazel Thomson had to resign as President so Lee Derhousoff has agreed to step in as acting President until another member steps up to take over.

Current events and upcoming activities of the Friends of the Library are now posted on the Grand Forks & District Public Library's website. Meetings are held every second month. New members are most welcome as are new ideas for fundraising. Check out our new brochure at the Grand Forks & District Public Library. If you are in for a fun change, please consider becoming a member of the Friends of the Library.

Lee Derhousoff, President
Friends of the Library

Library's Float in the Fall Fair Parade.



Top 10 Circulated Books in your Library in 2011

1. *The Girl who Kicked the Hornet's Nest*—Stieg Larsson (AFic)
2. *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*—Stieg Larsson (AFic)
3. *The Help*—Kathryn Stockett (AFic)
4. *The Girl who Played with Fire*—Stieg Larsson (AFic)
5. *The Sentry*—Robert Crais (M)
6. *Fall of Giants*—Ken Follett (AFic)
7. *Fancy Nancy*—Jane O'Connor (E)
8. *Smokin' Seventeen*—Janet Evanovich (M)
9. *The Best Laid Plans*—Terry Fallis (AFic)
10. *Worth Dying For*—Lee Child (AFic)

Thank you to our donors and funders

- Regional District Kootenay Boundary—Areas “C” and “D” and the City of Grand Forks
- Province of British Columbia, Ministry of Education—Libraries and Literacy Branch
- Kootenay Library Federation
- Industry Canada’s Community Access Program, and CAP Youth Initiative
- Service Canada’s Canada Summer Jobs (HRSDC)
- Friends of the Grand Forks Public Library
- Beta Sigma Phi
- Phoenix Foundation

Statement of Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue	2011	2010
RDKB	289,756	289,756
Provincial grants	48,154	48,853
Federal grants	9,065	8,024
Local grants	-	1,000
Internal Revenue	11,938	9,599
Friends of the Library	3,000	4,550
Other	2,998	18,400
Transfer from Reserves	35,000	-
	399,911	380,182
Expenditures		
Advertizing & Promotion	1,300	2,246
Bookkeeping/Accounting	7,396	6,084
Acquisitions	35,890	41,623
Building Maintenance	26,678	20,160
Technology Fees	2,207	2,511
Furniture & Equipment	2,429	10,153
Programs & Services	2,568	4,123
Salaries & Benefits	262,620	249,706
Office & Library Supplies	10,606	7,430
Telephone & Utilities	18,159	14,011
Professional Development & Travel	7,381	5,414
Insurance & Banking Fees	3,877	3,730
Other Costs	233	1,978
	381,344	369,169

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Library Staff

Heather Buzzell	Library Director
Renee Milaney	Technical Services
Lizanne Eastwood	Programming & Outreach
Katy Livingston	Interlibrary Loans
Diana Tarasoff	Patron Accounts
Amanda Deverson	Circulation
Evelyn Deverson	Circulation
Christine Venus	Circulation
James Elliot	CAP Youth Intern
Laurell Strukoff	Summer Reading Club Coordinator
Sara Cassidy	Summer Reading Club Assistant



Board member William Caley, painting the meeting room.

Library Board

Ted Invictus	Chair
William Caley	Vice Chair
Ralph White	Treasurer
Martin Domeij	Trustee
David Janzen	Trustee
Mary Butterfield	Trustee
Cher Wyers	City Council
Dave Watts	Retired
In memory:	Chris Day

TASK LIST FOR MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 19TH, 2012

ISSUE	ASSIGNED	COMPLETED
PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING		
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL		
Reports, Questions & Inquiries from Members of Council:		
1. Councillor Kendel:		
a) RESOLVED THAT COUNCILLOR KENDEL BE APPOINTED THE LIAISON FOR THE BOUNDARY MUSEUM SOCIETY ORGANIZATION.	No further action to be taken	
Summary of Information Items:		
a) Invitation to the Mayor from the Union of Spiritual Communities of Christ - 65 th Annual Union of Youth Festival in Castlegar on May 19 th and 20 th , 2012. The Mayor to advise if able to attend – RSVP by April 16th. The Mayor advised that Councillor Wirischagin will represent the City at this event	Diane	Done
c) From the Royal Canadian Legion-Requesting permission to hold their West Kootenay Zone Parade as per enclosed route and further inviting the Mayor to join their opening ceremony and dinner Recommend that Council to grant permission to the Royal Canadian Legion to hold a Legion Zone parade from the Legion parking lot to the City Hall cenotaph as per their enclosed route on Saturday, April 21st at 1:00 PM. The Mayor (or alternate) to advise if able to attend the opening ceremony on Saturday at 9:00 am and further to attend their dinner at 6 PM RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL GRANT PERMISSION TO THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION TO HOLD A LEGION ZONE PARADE FROM THE LEGION PARKING LOT TO THE CITY HALL CENOTAPH AS PER THEIR ENCLOSED ROUTE ON SATURDAY, APRIL 21ST AT 1:00 PM.	Diane	Done
d) From the Royal Canadian Legion - Request for a donation towards their West Kootenay Zone Meeting. Recommend that Council considers a donation to the Royal Canadian Legion towards their West Kootenay Zone Meeting in the amount of \$150.00 to come out of Council's Public Relations Budget. RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL CONSIDERS A DONATION TO THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION TOWARDS THEIR WEST KOOTENAY ZONE MEETING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150.00 TO COME OUT OF COUNCIL'S PUBLIC RELATIONS BUDGET.	Diane	Done
e) Correspondence from the Grand Forks Fall Fair - Thanking Council for considering the Grand Forks Fall Fair located to be at Dick Bartlett Park and also requesting permission to hold a beer gardens. Recommend that Council grant permission for the Grand Forks Fall Fair Society for use of the Dick Bartlett Park and to approve the issuing of a special occasion liquor license to hold a Beer Gardens for the three day event. RESOLVED THAT PERMISSION BE GRANTED FOR THE USE OF DICK BARTLETT PARK FOR THE GRAND FORKS & DISTRICT 2012 FALL FAIR SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 7TH, 8TH & 9TH, SUBJECT TO THE GRAND FORKS & DISTRICT FALL FAIR SOCIETY ENTERING INTO A PARK USE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY, AND CONTINGENT UPON PROVISION OF 3RD PARTY LIABILITY INSURANCE NAMING THE CITY AS AN ADDITIONAL INSURED, AND THAT STAFF BE AUTHORIZED TO WORK WITH THE VOLUNTEERS TO PREPARE THE PARK AS REQUESTED. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE ISSUING OF A SPECIAL OCCASION LIQUOR LICENSE TO THE GRAND FORKS & DISTRICT FALL FAIR ON SEPTEMBER 7TH, 8TH & 9TH, 2012, AT DICK BARTLETT PARK SUBJECT TO THE GRAND FORKS FALL FAIR SOCIETY OBTAINING 3RD PARTY (PARTY ALCOHOL) LIABILITY INSURANCE, NAMING THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS AS AN ADDITIONAL INSURED ON THAT POLICY FOR THE THREE DAY EVENT; ALL GRAND FORKS FALL FAIR LIQUOR PROVIDERS TO HOLD A SERVE-IT-RIGHT LICENSE CERTIFICATE; AND ICBC "DRINKING AND DRIVING" WARNING POSTERS TO BE DISPLAYED	Diane	Done