

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

**Monday March 26th, 2012 – 6:00 PM
Council Chambers**

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SUBJECT MATTER</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
1. <u>CALL TO ORDER</u>	Call to Order	Call Meeting to Order at 6:00 PM
2. <u>ADOPTION OF AGENDA:</u>	Adoption of March 26th, 2012, Special Meeting Agenda	Adopt Agenda
3. <u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS:</u> 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 resolutions with regard to Wildlife Conflict be merged.	Council receive the report presented by Staff dated March 22 nd , and endorses the merged resolution with regard to Wildlife Conflict as proposed by the Village of New Denver
4. <u>RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:</u> a) Chief Financial Officer's Presentation – The proposed 2012-2016 Five Year Financial Plan	On March 19 th , Council received the first public presentation of the proposed 2012-2016 Five Year Financial Plan. This presentation is the second public presentation prior to the adoption of the 2012-2016 Five Year Financial Plan	Council receives the presentation made by the Chief Financial Officer with regard to the proposed 2012-2016 Five Year Financial Plan for discussion.
5. <u>LATE ITEMS:</u>		
6. <u>BYLAWS:</u> None		
7. <u>ADJOURNMENT:</u>		

**THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL DECISION
UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

DATE : **March 22, 2012**

TOPIC : **Amalgamation of Wildlife Resolution to AKBLG**

PROPOSAL : **Acceptance of the Amalgamated Motion**

PROPOSED BY : **Staff**

SUMMARY:

At the Regular Meeting on February 20, 2012, Council adopted a resolution with regard to Wildlife Conflict that was forwarded to the AKBLG for their endorsement at their Annual General Meeting to be held in Trail this April. The AKBLG has advised that they had received a similar resolution from the Village of New Denver and requested that the two resolutions be merged.

The Village of New Denver has put together a proposed amalgamated resolution for both the Councils of the Village of New Denver and the City of Grand Forks to consider. A copy of this resolution is attached in addition to both resolutions that were originally endorsed by each Council.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Option 1: That Council receives this report and endorses the amalgamated resolution with regard to the BC Conservation Service Capacity (Wildlife Conflict) as proposed by the Village of New Denver.

Option 2: That Council receives the report. The original City of Grand Forks resolution would be presented to the AKBLG as Resolution #16.

OPTIONS AND ALTERNATIVES:

Option 1: Council receives this report and endorses the proposed amalgamated resolution. This option will see the resolutions, as amalgamated, from both the City of Grand Forks and the Village of New Denver, being presented at the AKBLG as suggested by the organization.

Option 2: Council receives this report and does not endorse the proposed amalgamated resolution. This option will result in the status quo and both resolutions would be presented at the AKBLG.

BENEFITS, DISADVANTAGES AND NEGATIVE IMPACTS:

Option 1: This option intends that the intent from both communities of the City of Grand Forks and the Village of New Denver will be considered for endorsement by the AKBLG.


Option 2: This option intends that the status quo remains. With two similar resolutions being presented to the AKBLG, there may be a risk that only one of these would receive endorsement from the organization.

COSTS AND BUDGET IMPACTS – REVENUE GENERATION:

There is no cost involved in providing an endorsement to this resolution.

LEGISLATIVE IMPACTS, PRECEDENTS, POLICIES:

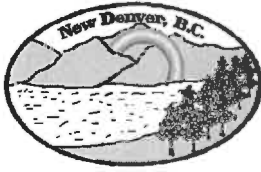
The proposed resolution is within the legislations and authorities of the Provincial and Federal Governments.



Department Head or Corporate Officer
Or Chief Administrative Officer



Reviewed by Chief Administrative Officer



Corporation of the Village of New Denver

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C. Gordon, CMC, Administrator

A. Bunka, Mayor

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.

RESOLUTION #3 & 16

BC CONSERVATION SERVICE CAPACITY

VILLAGE OF NEW DENVER

WHEREAS the provincial government is responsible for managing bears through its Conservation Service, and the BC Conservation Service has not been able to adequately address bear-human conflict in municipalities due to lack of capacity;

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government be requested to provide adequate funding and staffing in order for the BC Conservation Service to be more active and proactive in effectively managing bear-human conflict in communities across BC.

AKBLG EXECUTIVE COMMENTS:

The AKBLG Executive has requested that this resolution be merged with Resolution #16 Grand Forks.

UBCM comments:

The UBCM membership has consistently endorsed resolutions that request the provincial government to increase funding and the numbers of conservation officers for the management of bears and other wildlife (2011-B42; 2010-B25; 2004-B81; 2003-B32; 2002-B53; 1996-B27; 1996-B64; 1992-B35).

In response to resolution 2010-B25, which called on the provincial government to “put more resources into wildlife management areas in which both rural and urban wildlife is a significant problem”, the Province highlighted some of the tools it has developed to help communities find effective solutions to urban wildlife conflicts, including the Wildlife Conflict Prevention Strategy, the Bear Smart Communities Program, and the Urban Ungulates Conflict Analysis report.

The provincial government further referenced legislation that is intended to prevent the feeding of species such as bears, as well as enabling legislation to prohibit the feeding of deer in specified areas. Local governments, the Province pointed out, “need to better understand and support and where appropriate help enforce such regulations. Without proper attractant management, no amount of wildlife relocations, euthanization or other management strategies will be effective in reducing urban wildlife conflicts”. The Province indicated willingness to “assist in managing this problem through joining committees, attending municipal meetings, providing expert advice and assisting in the implementation of management strategies to help reduce the scope of this problem”.

RESOLUTION # 16 & #3

WILDLIFE CONFLICT

CITY OF GRAND FORKS

WHEREAS there is no BC Wildlife Management Plan to deal with increasing wildlife conflict:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities request that the provincial government establish a Provincial Wildlife Management Plan under the Ministry of Environment and address the shortage of Conservation Officers that currently exists.

AKBLG EXECUTIVE COMMENTS:

The AKBLG Executive has requested that this resolution be merged with Resolution #3 Village of New Denver.

UBCM comments:

The UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution requesting that the provincial government establish a Provincial Wildlife Management Plan. However, the membership has consistently endorsed resolutions that would support an increase in the number of conversation officers (2010-B25; 2003-B32; 1996-B27; 1996-B64; 1992-B35).

**THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL DECISION
“LATE ITEM”**

DATE : March 23rd, 2012

TOPIC : Strategic Community Investment Funds Agreement

PROPOSAL : Request for Council’s Authorization to Enter into Agreement
With Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development

PROPOSED BY : City Staff

SUMMARY:

The City is in receipt of the Strategic Community Investments Funds Agreement from the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development. This agreement outlines the Small Community Grants Funding which will be received by the City from March 31st, 2012 to June 30th, 2014.

The Ministry is asking for a resolution from Council authorizing the City of Grand Forks to enter into this agreement. The attached report is presented to Council at this time, for their consideration.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Option 1: 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.

OPTIONS AND ALTERNATIVES:

Option 1: Council resolves to authorize the agreement as proposed by City Staff: A resolution authorizing the City to enter into the agreement as presented will allow City Staff to submit the agreement to the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development as required.

Option 2: Council receives this report without authorizing the agreement as proposed. This option will preclude Staff from formally submitting the agreement for funding. This option would be the lost opportunity for Small Communities Grant funding.

BENEFITS, DISADVANTAGES AND NEGATIVE IMPACTS:

Option 1: The benefit of this option is taking advantage of the Small Community Grant Funding.


Option 2: The disadvantage to this option would be the lost opportunity for Small Community Grant funding.

COSTS AND BUDGET IMPACTS – REVENUE GENERATION:

The attached grant funding agreement is for \$1,313,435 from March 31, 2012 to June 30, 2014.

LEGISLATIVE IMPACTS, PRECEDENTS, POLICIES:

Many local governments rely on a steady stream of grant funding to meet operational requirements. By undertaking the Strategic Community Investment Fund 2012-2014 program, it allows the Province of British Columbia to strengthen its commitment to local governments.



Department Head or CAO



Reviewed by Chief Administrative Officer



February 24, 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.

Under the Funds Agreement, the Province agrees to pay local governments \$308.6 million by June 30, 2014. Payments will be made in five instalments. These will include an immediate one-time grant, along with a second installment in June 2012. Installments will occur as listed in the agreement, up to and including June 2014.

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

STRATEGIC COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUNDS AGREEMENT

This Agreement made as of _____, 2012,

BETWEEN:

City of Grand Forks (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. The Funds will be provided 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, the Province will pay to the Local Government the Funds in the following amounts, for the purposes identified, on or before the date indicated.

Assured Funds	Use	Date	Amount
Small Community Grants	local government services	March 31, 2012	\$271,184
		June 30, 2012	\$407,680
		March 31, 2013	\$90,395
		June 30, 2013	\$226,891
		June 30, 2014	\$317,285
Traffic Fine Revenue Sharing Grants	defray the cost of local police enforcement	March 31, 2012	
		June 30, 2012	
		March 31, 2013	
		June 30, 2013	
		June 30, 2014	

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; and
- (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).

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.

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.

City of Grand Forks

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