

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS
AGENDA – PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Monday January 28th, 2013
Council Chambers City Hall**

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SUBJECT MATTER</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
1. <u>CALL TO ORDER</u>		Call Meeting to order after the Regular Meeting has been recessed
2. <u>PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA</u> -	Agenda for January 28th , 2013	Adoption of Agenda
3. <u>DELEGATIONS:</u>		
a) Boundary Invasive Species Society	Presentation from Barb Stewart, of the Boundary Invasive Species Society proposing that the City implement a management program for invasive plants and further, to provide financial support toward the Society's Region-wide education program	Primary Committee recommends to Council to receive the presentation from the Boundary Invasive Species Society and refers any issues for further discussion.
b) Boundary Restorative Justice Program	Richard Tarnoff, Coordinator for the Boundary Restorative Justice Program will make a presentation to Council with regard to raising awareness about the program and further, to work with the City on opportunities to provide Community Service through the program	Primary Committee recommends to Council to receive the presentation from the Boundary Restorative Justice Program Society and refers any issues for further discussion.
4. <u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS:</u> None		
5. <u>RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:</u> None		
6. <u>OPERATIONAL DISCUSSIONS FROM STAFF:</u> None		
7. <u>INFORMATION ITEMS:</u> None		
8. <u>PROPOSED BYLAWS FOR DISCUSSION:</u> None		
9. <u>LATE ITEMS:</u>		
10. <u>REPORTS, QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL (VERBAL</u>		
11. <u>QUESTION PERIOD FROM THE PUBLIC</u>	Attendees in the gallery may ask Council questions at this time.	Hear Presentations and refer any issues for further discussion. Hear from the Public
12. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>	Adjournment	

**THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS
REQUEST FOR PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
DELEGATION**

DATE : January 22nd, 2013

TOPIC : Weed Management Program for Invasive Plants

PROPOSAL : Delegation – Presentation on Implementing a Management Program For Invasive Plans and request for financial support towards their Region-Wide Education Program

PROPOSED BY : Barb Stewart, Boundary Invasive Species Society

SUMMARY:

1. Barb Stewart, will make a presentation to Council on behalf of the Boundary Invasive Species Society proposing that the City of Grand Forks implement a management program for invasive plants and further, to provide financial support toward the Society's Region-wide education program.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

2. Council receives the presentation from Barb Stewart, of the Boundary Invasive Species Society and refers any issues for further discussion.

OPTIONS AND ALTERNATIVES:

1. Receive the presentation: Under this option, Council is provided with the information on the background and the request to support weed management.
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.

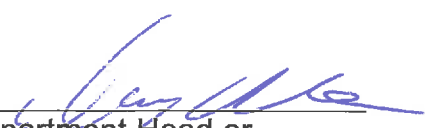
Option 2: The main advantage is same as Option 1. This option would see the City support the Boundary Invasive Species Society in their efforts to manage invasive weeds.

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
Chief Administrative Officer



Reviewed by Chief Administrative Officer

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.

Council needs to know all sides of an issue, and the possible impacts of any action they make take, prior to making a decision that will affect the community. The following outline has been devised to assist you in preparing for your presentation, so that you will understand the kind of information that Council will require, and the expected time frame in which a decision will be forthcoming. Council may not make a decision at this meeting.

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 Boundary Invasive Species Society

to request that you consider implementing a management program for invasive plants and providing financial support towards our region wide education program.

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

Invasive plants continue to increase within the city and a management program needs to be implemented to deal with these species.

Of high concern is presence of invasive plants at the airport increase the risk of spread on helicopters involved in wildfire management.

We continue to received complaints and concerns about invasive plants within the city spreading to and impacting agricultural operations in Area D.

We have been delivering an education program since 1999 that benefits residents in the City, however we have not received any financial support from the City

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

As infestations are controlled within the city it will reduce the spread into natural areas where residents recreate, protecting our ecosystems.

Leadership by the city would help to encourage residents and businesses to control invasive plants on their properties.

Residents will received information and assistance with planning management on their properties through our education program.

(over)

FILE CODE

*Boundary Invasive
02 - Species Society*

Council Delegations (cont.)

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

Invasive plants will continue to increase within the city resulting in complaints from residents within and around the city.

Invasive plants will continue to spread to natural area as residents travel to recreate.

The city will not be in compliance with the Weed Control Act of BC which puts the responsibility on the land owner or occupier to control designated noxious weeds.

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

stating: We will develop and implement an integrated management plan for control of invasive plants on City property

and financially support the education and awareness program delivered by the Boundary Invasive Species Society.

Name: **Barb Stewart**

Organization: **Boundary Invasive Species Society**

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N:Forms/Delegation form

Form may be submitted by email to: info@grandforks.ca

**THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS
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DELEGATION**

DATE : January 22, 2013

TOPIC : Boundary Restorative Justice Program

PROPOSAL : To raise awareness about the Boundary Restorative Justice Program and to suggest ways which the Society can work with The City to provide opportunities for Community Service

PROPOSED BY : Boundary Restorative Justice Society

SUMMARY:

Richard Tarnoff, Coordinator for the Boundary Restorative Justice Society will make a presentation to Council with regard to raising awareness about the program and further to work with the City on opportunities to provide Community Service through the program.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

2. Council receives the presentation made by Richard Tarnoff, Coordinator for the Boundary Restorative Justice Society and refers any issues for further discussion.

OPTIONS AND ALTERNATIVES:

1. Receive the presentation: Under this option, Council is provided with the information on the Boundary Restorative Justice Society and its program.
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.

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Department Head or CAO



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

BOUNDARY RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROGRAM

to request that you consider RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT

RT AND OUR PROGRAM AND TO.

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

SUGGEST WAYS THAT WE CAN WORK
WITH THE CITY TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES
FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

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

REDUCING CRIME

(over)

Council Delegations (cont.)

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

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

stating: SUPPORT FOR BRJP AND
ENCOURAGING CITY STAFF TO MAKE
COMMUNITY SERVICE WORK AVAILABLE
WHERE APPROPRIATE.

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BOUNDARY RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROGRAM PRESENTATION

GRAND FORKS CITY COUNCIL

January 28, 2013

What is Restorative Justice?

Restorative Justice is an alternative to the justice system that focuses on repairing the harm that has been done to victims and the community, rather than punishment of offenders. Programs are community based, and while adhering to similar principles, may be organized differently.

Why do we need Restorative Justice?

For the victims, Restorative Justice provides a way to participate in the process and a means to obtain restitution for the harm they have suffered. It also provides an opportunity to express their feelings and describe how the incident has affected their lives. They can see first-hand that the offender is not necessarily a bad person, but someone who has made a mistake and regrets what they did.

For the offenders, Restorative Justice provides an opportunity to repair the harm they have caused. Doing this can help lessen the shame and guilt they are feeling, build self-respect for taking responsibility for their actions, and help to re-establish them as valued members of the community.

For communities, Restorative Justice helps to heal damage caused by offenses and build cohesion.

Besides these positive reasons for pursuing the Restorative Justice model, the current justice system is unsatisfactory in many ways. Courts are backed up and minor offenses are often dismissed due to the passage of too much time. If offenders believe the charges may be dismissed or that they may be found not guilty, they may be less likely to take responsibility. Punishment is not the best method to change behaviour and often leads to repeat offenses. Convictions and

criminal records can create stigmas that can affect people for the rest of their lives. For the victims, even if the offender is sent to prison, they may be left with feelings of anger and victimization.

How does the process work?

Currently, most files are referred by the RCMP.

What happens next?

The file is assigned to a Boundary Restorative Justice Facilitator. He or she contacts and meets with each of the offenders, victims, their families and support persons who will be participating in the process. During these pre-forum meetings, the process is explained so that everyone knows what to expect at the forum. When the facilitator feels that everyone is prepared, a mutually acceptable time and place is arranged.

At the forum each participant is given an opportunity to describe what happened and how they have been affected. The victim is then asked what they would like to see happen to repair the harm. Various ideas may be discussed. Once agreement is reached, a contract is signed and a Mentor from the Program is assigned to see that the terms of the agreement are carried out.

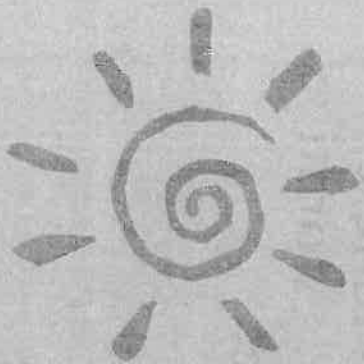
Closure of file

When the offender has completed the terms of the agreement, the file is returned to the RCMP and is permanently closed. The offender has no criminal record resulting from the incident.

How Can the City Help?

Community service or volunteer labour can be part of a restorative justice agreement. We would like to meet with city staff and/or Councillors to explore opportunities for service of this kind.

Restoring Healthy Relationships Together



Why restorative justice?

Restorative justice involves
looking beyond retribution
to find deeper solutions
that heal broken relationships.

Boundary Restorative Justice Program

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For more information

<http://www.restorativejustice.org>

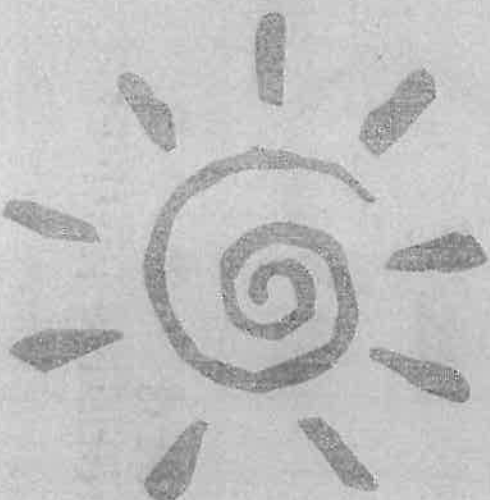
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Boundary Restorative Justice Program
has been operating since 2002.

BRJP acknowledges the financial assistance
of the City of Grand Forks and the
Regional District Kootenay Boundary.

Restorative Justice



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Restoring Healthy Relationships Together



What is restorative justice?

Restorative Justice is a community based justice process that provides:

- ❖ The chance to repair some of the damage done by crime
- ❖ A voice for victims
- ❖ Encouragement for offenders to take responsibility for harmful behavior
- ❖ An opportunity for healing of individuals and community
- ❖ Practical and helpful solutions
- ❖ A reduction in the number people going through the court system
- ❖ The possibility of reconciliation and restoration of positive relationships

Healing the Victim



How does restorative justice work?

After everyone involved in or affected by harmful behavior has agreed to participate in a restorative justice process, trained facilitators come together with the victim, the offender and their supporters in a safe, confidential process to look at the harm done and to decide what should take place to repair the damage.

At the meeting, the offender accepts responsibility for the harmful behavior, explains why it happened and apologizes. The victim then has a chance to speak about the effects of the harmful behaviour on them. The group together explores the options for repairing the harm done. Support persons are designated from within the group to support both parties during the completion of the agreement. When an agreement has been reached it is written and signed.

The coordinator, the facilitator and the support team then work together to ensure that the agreement is carried out to the satisfaction of all

Healing the Offender



What's different about restorative justice?

The focus is on accountability and repair of damage done rather than retribution or punishment

- ❖ It is empowering for the community
- ❖ It seeks to heal the wounds of every person affected by the offence, including the victim, the offender, their families and supporters
- ❖ It brings the victim into the heart of the process
- ❖ It is non-violent, inclusive and respectful
- ❖ It is confidential

Who can refer cases for restorative justice?



- ❖ Law Enforcement Officials
- ❖ Crown Counsel
- ❖ Probation offices
- ❖ Community/family members