

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY JANUARY 22, 2007

PRESENT: MAYOR NEIL KROG
COUNCILLOR ANN GORDON
COUNCILLOR TOM HINTER
COUNCILLOR CHRIS MOSLIN
COUNCILLOR GENE ROBERT
COUNCILLOR TOM SHKRABUIK

CITY MANAGER V. Kumar
CITY CLERK L. Burch
DEPUTY CLERK / TREASURER D. Zabinsky

GALLERY

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

➤ None

MOTION: HINTER / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2007, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

a) Boundary Air Quality Committee – Presentation of Air Quality Survey

By way of power-point presentation, Christy Luke, on behalf of the Boundary Air Quality Committee, outlined the results of the recent air quality survey conducted by the Committee. She advised that the Committee, in conducting the survey, was determined to solicit opinions of the public on the matter of air quality. The survey was designed to show that there is community support for provincial funding of air quality activities. 368 surveys returned, about 10% of the number put out in the community.

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MOTION: ROBERT / HINTER

RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT THE PRESENTATION MADE BY CHRISTY LUKE, ON BEHALF OF THE BOUNDARY AIR QUALITY COMMITTEE, REGARDING THE RECENT AIR QUALITY SURVEY, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED.

b) Boundary Child Care Resource & Referral Agency – Requesting Support through UBCM to petition the Provincial to reverse their decision to close CCRR's

Louise Heck, Coordinator, on behalf of the Boundary Child Care Resource & Referral Agency made a presentation Council requesting Council support through the UBCM to petition the Provincial Government to restore funding for Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies throughout the Province of BC. She stated that historically the centre in Grand Forks has run for 12 years, under the Sunshine Valley Child Care Society. She advised that the role of the BCCRR is to recruit family home childcare. Council was advised that in 2005, the Province requested all CCRR's to be high profile, relocating in downtown store fronts, for which the cost for the Grand Forks CCRR was approximately \$40,000 funded by the Province. Ms Heck advised that they are now being requested to close, and the province will have to buy out the lease. She called on Council to put forward a resolution to UBCM calling on the province to restore CCRR's in the Province of BC.

MOTION: HINTER / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT THE PRESENTATION MADE BY LOUISE HECK, OF THE BOUNDARY CHILD CARE RESOURCE & REFERRAL AGENCY, REQUESTING THAT COUNCIL PETITION THE PROVINCE OF BC THROUGH THE UNION OF BC MUNICIPALITIES TO RESTORE THE FUNDING TO THE CHILD CARE RESOURCE AND REFERRAL AGENCIES, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED.

MOTION: MOSLIN / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT A RESOLUTION TO PETITION THE PROVINCE OF BC TO RESTORE FUNDING TO THE CHILD CARE RESOURCE AND REFERRAL AGENCIES IN BC, BE FORWARDED TO THE ASSOCIATION OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS CONFERENCE FOR THEIR ENDORSEMENT PRIOR TO BEING FORWARDED TO THE UNION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA MUNICIPALITIES.

CARRIED.

QUESTION PERIOD FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mayor Krog 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. He requested the gallery that prior to speaking about their issue that they would advise Council of the following:

1. Identify yourself, stating your name and place of residence and the issue you are bringing forward.
2. The subject of your participation should be limited to items of broad public interest, not personal to your property. This is not a forum for complaints. Any complaints will be dealt with by Staff and can be made by calling or attending City Hall or other City department during business hours.
3. Presentations: You must limit your questions and or comments to a maximum of five (5) minutes including questions from Council. This will permit time for all that are present to participate.
4. Council may not make any decisions at this meeting and if Council wishes, the item would be referred to Staff for follow-up and recommendation for Council to consider at a regular meeting of Council.

George Longden, inquired as to the Bicycle Network Plan being proposed for adoption later this evening. At the request of Mr. Longden, the Mayor advised that network plan is a 20-year plan. Mr. Longden advised that the Grand Forks Trails Society wholeheartedly supports the plan and intends to support the City in anyway possible.

Bob Smith brought forward the matter of the new community centre. He stated his opinion that the proposed facility is actually a convention centre. He stated his objections to the proposal to join the centre with the Arena and the Aquatic Centre, expressing fire and snow removal concerns. Mr. Smith advised it was the previous Council's plan to locate the community centre west of Dick Bartlett Park. He advised that in his opinion the current proposal is extreme at a cost of \$8 million.

Lisa Smith brought forward the matter of the new community centre, and the fact that the proposed new facility does not have gym space. She cited the example of women's soccer that has been waiting for 10 years for gym space. She suggested that if the community centre was at the end of Dick Bartlett Park, there would be room to expand the centre along with added parking space.

OPERATIONAL DISCUSSION & PRESENTATIONS BY STAFF:

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

None

REQUESTS FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

None

LATE ITEMS:

None

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

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: ROBERT / HINTER

RESOLVED THAT THIS PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 7:53 P.M.

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

MAYOR NEIL KROG

CITY CLERK – LYNNE BURCH

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

Monday January 22, 2007

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SUBJECT MATTER</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
1. <u>CALL TO ORDER</u>		Call Meeting to order after the Regular Meeting
2. <u>PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA</u> -	Agenda for January 22, 2007	Adoption of Agenda
3. <u>REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:</u>		
a) <u>Boundary Air Quality Committee</u>	Presentation: Air Quality Survey	Hear Presentation
b) <u>Boundary Child Care Resource & Referral Agency</u>	Presentation: Requesting support through UBCM to petition the Province to reverse their decision to close CCRR's.	Hear Presentation and refer any issues for further discussion.,
4. <u>QUESTION PERIOD FROM THE PUBLIC</u>	Attendees in the gallery may ask Council questions at this time.	Hear from the Public
5. <u>OPERATIONAL DISCUSSION & PRESENTATIONS BY STAFF</u> None		
6. <u>RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:</u> None		
7. <u>REQUEST FROM CORRESPONDENCE</u>		
8. <u>INFORMATION ITEMS:</u>		
9. <u>LATE ITEMS</u>		
10. <u>REPORTS, QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL (VERBAL)</u> a)		
11. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>	Adjournment to Reconvene Regular Meeting	Adjourn Primary Committee Meeting and Reconvene Regular Meeting of Council

THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS
REQUEST FOR PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

DATE : **January 22, 2007**
TOPIC : **Air Quality Survey**
PROPOSAL : **Presentation by the Boundary Air Quality Committee**
PROPOSED BY : **Christy Luke**

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SUMMARY:

1. Christy Luke, will make a presentation to Council on behalf of the Boundary Air Quality Committee outlining the results of the Air Quality Survey.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Council receive the presentation.

OPTIONS AND ALTERNATIVES:

1. Receive the presentation: Under this option, Council is provided with the information on the background and the results of the Air Quality Survey
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.


Department Head or
City Clerk or City Manager



Reviewed by City Manager

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 Krog, and Members of Council, I/We are here this evening on

behalf of Boundary ~~Comm~~ Air Quality Comm.

to request that you consider _____

presentation. air quality survey.

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

(councilors have previously received copies of the report)

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

(over)

THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS
REQUEST FOR PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

DATE : January 22, 2007

TOPIC : Child Care Funding

PROPOSAL : Lend Support through UBCM to Petition Province to reverse decision to close CCRR Programs

PROPOSED BY : Boundary Child Care Resource & Referral Agency

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SUMMARY:

1. Louise Heck, will make a presentation to Council on behalf of the Boundary Child Care Resource & Referral Agency requesting support through UBCM to call on the Provincial Government to reverse their decision to close CCRR Programs

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Council receives the presentation 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 of the provincial funding cuts to Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies.
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.

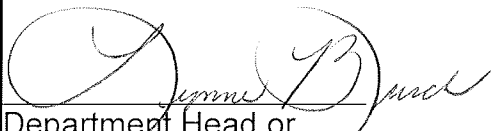
Option 2: The main advantage is same as Option 1. Council may consider a supporting resolution to be forwarded to the AKBLG Conference in April.

COSTS AND BUDGET IMPACT - REVENUE GENERATION:

There is no cost of making the presentation.

LEGISLATIVE IMPACTS, PRECEDENTS, POLICIES:

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Department Head or
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Council Delegations

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Presentations may be a maximum of 10 minutes.

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

behalf of Boundary Child Care Resource + Referral

to request that you consider lending your support through the Union of BC Municipalities to call on Provincial govt to reverse decision to close CCR programs
The reason(s) that I/We are requesting this action are:

Severe cuts to child care funding to cause closure of 45 CCR programs across the province (+ 2 provincial programs + 5 regional)

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

Knowing that our city believes in and supports Early childhood care and development. Also with a strong united effort, possibly can reverse this decision on the part of Provincial Government (over)

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Council Delegations (cont.)

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

Further Crisis in the recruiting &
retention of child care providers.
& the certain closure of the Boundary
child care resource & referral Program
which has been a part of Grand Forks
& the Boundary for 12 years.

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

stating: That the City of Grand Forks
recognizes & supports the value
of quality child care and understands
that families cannot work without
childcare.

Name: Louise Fleck

Organization: Boundary Child Care Resource & Referral

Mailing Address: PO BOX 435, GF VOH 140

Telephone Number: 250 442 5152

The information provided on this form is collected under the authority of the Community Charter and is a matter of public record, which will form a part of the Agenda for a Regular Meeting of Council. The information collected will be used to process your request to be a delegation before Council. If you have questions about the collection, use and disclosure of this information contact the "Coordinator" City of Grand Forks.



January 5, 2007

Ref: 160256

Dear members of the Child Care Community:

As you are aware, the federal government has decided to eliminate the Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) agreement and instead, flow money directly to parents through the Universal Child Care Benefit. The expiration of the ELCC agreement on March 31, 2007 represents a loss to BC of more than \$455 million in federal funding over the next three years. Obviously, this presents the province with a challenge.

Moving forward, we want to ensure that we come up with the best possible solution for BC families and this requires a thoughtful approach. To that end, maintaining programs and services that support the most vulnerable children and families has been the key consideration in our decision-making process.

In October of 2005, our government enhanced the Provincial Child Care Subsidy Program by increasing the income threshold from \$21,000 to \$38,000 to qualify for subsidy, while the amount of subsidy was also increased by an average of 15 per cent for families. These enhancements to the Subsidy Program, which currently supports about 25,000 families and represent an annual investment of \$126 million, are a priority and will be maintained on an ongoing basis. As well, the \$100 a month per child Universal Child Care Benefit that all parents are now receiving will not be considered as income when determining eligibility for child care subsidy.

Over the last two years the Supported Child Development Program has been enhanced with an additional \$16.5 million in annual funding to improve access to regulated child care and reduce wait times for children with special needs. This program, which currently benefits more than 5,500 children with special needs, is also a priority of this government. As such, current service levels and enhancements associated with this program will be maintained on an ongoing basis.

A large part of the federal ELCC funding for this fiscal year has been dedicated to funding the enhancements in the Subsidy Program, Supported Child Development Program, Child Care Operating Funding Program (CCOF), Child Care Resource and Referral Program (CCRAs) and the Child Care Capital Funding Program which helped create almost 1,500 new child care spaces last year alone. Forty million dollars in ELCC funding will be made available to current CCOF funded providers to allow for quality improvement investments in, for example, professional development, minor capital improvements, equipment or supplies. Details about how this funding will be distributed will be communicated in the near future.

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A decision has also been made to maintain current funding levels for the Child Care Operating Funding Program (CCOF) through to the end of June 2007, so parents can have greater child care cost-certainty until the end of the current school year. As of July 1, 2007 however, CCOF funding rates will return to pre-ELCC levels. To put this change in perspective, the average rate reduction will be about \$2 per enrolled child per day or about \$40 per month; at the same time, the Universal Child Care Benefit is providing \$100 per month to parents. Child care providers currently receiving funding under CCOF will receive their application renewal package and funding agreement for the 2007/2008 year in the near future. This will include specific details regarding the revised rate structure.

While we will continue to accept funding applications from new child care providers and those who are expanding their spaces, the CCOF program will be implementing a program intake cap, effective immediately. This means that anyone currently funded under the program will continue to receive funding in 2007/2008, as will new spaces that will be opening as a result of capital development underway, previously approved major capital funding or those eligible applications already submitted. Otherwise, new applicants will be processed for CCOF when room becomes available within the cap, which will be based on the current regional allocation of spaces and type of care provided. Full details will be provided with the new funding agreements for 2007/2008 and will be posted on the ministry Web site at: www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/childcare. The cap will remain in effect until such time as there is more clarity around Ottawa's Child Care Spaces Initiative and how the federal government plans to fund new spaces.

The federal Child Care Spaces Initiative was proposed to create 125,000 child care spaces nationally. Until Ottawa provides details of this plan and how it intends to fund this initiative, provincial major capital funding will not be available. Provincial minor capital funding will be continued and details will be provided at: www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/childcare/capital.htm#minor.

Funding levels for the Child Care Resource and Referral Program will be maintained through the end of the current fiscal year. But again, as a result of the cancellation of the Early Learning and Child Care agreement, as of April 1, 2007, the budget for this program will revert to pre-ELCC levels and subsequently will be reduced further in order for the province to sustain the investments that support vulnerable children and families, as noted above. We will engage in a process of further transition with CCRRs and develop alternative ways of providing services.

Our goal – and I know this is a goal shared by many British Columbians – is to create a quality, flexible child care system that works for BC families, that supports our most vulnerable children, and that is sustainable over the long term. With that in mind, I would encourage you to share this correspondence with parents or families who are served by the child care system.

Yours with kindest regards,



Linda Reid
Minister of State



Boundary Child Care Resource & Referral

Your community's **best** source of child care information and resources

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In the Boundary Park Mall

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Sponsored by Sunshine Valley Child Care Society Funded by the Province of BC

January 15, 2007

Dear Parents, Child Care Providers, Community Partners and Members,

On Friday, January 5, 2007, an announcement was made by Linda Reid, Minister of State for Child Care, that funding for Child Care Resource & Referral (CCRR) programs in BC will be reduced as of April 1, 2007, to "pre-Early Learning and Child Care Agreement" levels. This represents a 36.56% cut provincially for CCRR programs, and obviously a significant reduction in services, just after CCRR's programs across the province were encouraged to move to highly visible storefront locations.

In addition, the provincial CCRR program funding will be further reduced by October 2007.

As of October 1, 2007 every CCRR in the province will be closed.

The services that will be discontinued in your community as a result of these cuts are:

- No registration or screening for Licensed Not Required care providers (no criminal record checks, no increased subsidy rates, no screening, no training opportunities or home visits)
- No networking opportunities for child care providers
- No assistance for parents filling out child care subsidy applications
- No resource or toy lending library
- No child care referrals for parents seeking child care
- No parent education on finding quality child care
- No outreach or weekly play groups
- No Public child friendly space for parents and child care providers

Child Care Operating funding to licensed facilities will be also reduced effective June 30.

If these services are valuable to you and to your community, I urge you to send your comments in writing to your local elected representatives in government:

- Katrine Conroy, NDP MLA , for West Kootenay Boundary
- Alex Atamanenko, NDP MP for BC Southern Interior.

In addition, I encourage you to send your comments to:

- Linda Reid, Minister of State for Child Care;
- Tom Christensen, Minister of Children and Family Development;
- Hon. Gordon Campbell, Premier of BC;
- Right Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada;
- Monte Solberg, Minister of Resources & Development Canada;
- Jack Layton, Leader of the NDP;
- Gilles Duceppe, Leader of the Bloc Quebecois;
- Honourable Stephan Dion, Official Leader of the Opposition.

The contact information for each of these representatives is included.

If you would like letters to be faxed, please bring them to the CCRR office and we will do that for you at no cost, or you can email each of them directly.

Without tremendous support from child care providers and parents, this decision will go ahead. The budget will be presented in early February, and if there are any changes to funding agreements, they need to be done prior to the budget.

I am also including a form letter for those people who prefer this to writing a letter, and you can add your personal comments as well. To receive this letter by email call our office and we will send it directly to you.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Louise Heck,
Program Coordinator

**Monte Solberg
Minister of Resources and Development
Room 107, Confederation Building, House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6**

RE: Early Learning and Child Care Agreement and Child Care Resource & Referral programs in BC

January 2007

Dear Mr. Solberg,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the announcement made on Friday, January 5, 2007, by Linda Reid, Minister of State for Child Care in BC.

This announcement stated that as a result of the cancellation of the federal Early Learning and Child Care agreement, the funding for Child Care Resource & Referral programs across BC will be reduced to "pre-ELCC" funding levels as of April 1, 2007, and will be further reduced in the months following.

As I understand, this will result in the closure of every CCRR program in the Province of BC.

Child Care Resource & Referral programs are a vital service to parents and child care providers. The Boundary is an isolated rural group of communities with limited opportunities for education, training and services for families. In addition to referrals to child care, the Boundary Child Care Resource and Referral program offers training opportunities for parents and child care providers, resource and toy lending library, and valuable support and assistance with all aspects of child care including child care subsidy applications. Especially in smaller, rural areas of the province, the CCRR is a community resource for a wide variety of partners, including the Early Childhood Development Team, School District, Literacy programs, Public Library and Recreational programs, in addition to parents and child care providers.

The BCCRR recently moved to an easily accessible, central location. As there is no indoor mall in our area, the Boundary CCRR now provides a place for parents and child care providers to come together to network and find support and information. The CCRR improves the quality and availability of child care in every community.

During the past three month reporting period, the BCCRR has provided 460 consultations, has lent toys and resources to 152 parents and child care providers and assisted 33 parents with child care subsidy questions and applications.

Without the services of the BCCRR, the quality of child care will be adversely affected, and parents will have no support to ensure that the care they choose for their children is safe and appropriate to their needs.

I urge you to take immediate action to ensure the continuation of the valuable services provided by Child Care Resource & Referral programs in BC at the current service level.

Additional comments: _____

Name and address (printed) _____

Signature _____

cc:

- Right Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada**
- Honourable Stephan Dion, Official Leader of the Opposition**
- Linda Reid, Minister of State for Child Care, Province of BC**
- Tom Christense, Minister of Child and Family Development, Province of BC**
- Honourable Gordon Campbell, Premier of BC**
- Jack Layton, MP, Leader of the New Democratic Party**
- Gilles Duceppe, MP, Leader of the Bloc Quebecois**
- Alex Atamanenko, MP for Southern Interior, BC**
- Katrine Conroy, MLA for West Kootenay Boundary, BC**

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