

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**

**MONDAY OCTOBER 22, 2007**

**PRESENT:**           MAYOR NEIL KROG  
                          COUNCILLOR ANN GORDON  
                          COUNCILLOR TOM HINTER  
                          COUNCILLOR CHRIS MOSLIN  
                          COUNCILLOR PATRICK O'DOHERTY  
                          COUNCILLOR GENE ROBERT  
                          COUNCILLOR TOM SHKRABUIK

CITY MANAGER	V. Kumar
CITY CLERK	L. Burch
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	D. Zabinsky

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

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**RECESS TO PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING:**

MOTION:     HINTER / ROBERT

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

The Meeting was recessed at 7:01 p.m. and reconvened at 8:26 p.m.

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**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: NONE

MOTION:     HINTER / O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT** THE OCTOBER 22, 2007 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

**MINUTES:**

MOTION: GORDON/ MOSLIN

**RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY OCTOBER 9, 2007, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.**

CARRIED.

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MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SHKRABUIK

**RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2007, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.**

CARRIED.

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**REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:**

None

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

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**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:**

**a) City Manager's Report – Feedback to UBCM Secretariat**

MOTION: GORDON / O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT THE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT, REGARDING THE UBCM'S REQUEST FOR FEEDBACK ON THE ISSUE IDENTIFICATION STAGE OF A PROCESS TO DEVELOP A PROPOSED MANDATE FOR THE RCMP CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS, BE RECEIVED.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL INFORM UBCM THAT THE CITY CONCURS IN PRINCIPLE WITH THE RCMP CONTRACT MANDATE AS PROPOSED AND FURTHER REQUESTS UBCM TO ASK THE RCMP TO PROVIDE AN ORGANIZATIONAL CHART REFLECTING THE REPORTS STRUCTURE FROM THE LOCAL DETACHMENT COMMANDER TO "E" DIVISION (BC RCMP COMMANDER).**

CARRIED.

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**REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

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**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT INFORMATION ITEMS NUMBERED 5A TO 5R ,**

- a) New Business Licences Report
- b) RDKB Building Inspection Report
- c) Complaint from Frank Wernick regarding music in the Skateboard Park
- d) Letter to Councillor Moslin
- e) Mayor's letter to Minister of Environment
- f) Mayor's letter to BC Ambulance
- g) Minister of Environment email acknowledgement of Mayor's letter
- h) Kerr Wood Leidal letter to Public Health Engineer
- i) Acknowledgement of CAO's Pine Beetle Expression of Interest
- j) S.I.D.I.T Application for Renovation of Art Gallery/Museum
- k) CAO letter to BC Corp Commissionaires Extending Agreement to October 2008
- l) Telus letter advising of 2008 taxes in accordance with Section 353
- m) Letter from Betty Talarico regarding the Public Works Crew work
- n) Ministry of Environment response to BAQC
- o) Ministry of Environment re: parks and protected areas
- p) UBCM Resolutions and Policy disposition
- q) MIA Board Meeting Highlights
- r) School District 51 Boundary October 9<sup>th</sup> Agenda Package

BE RECEIVED AND ACTED UPON AS RECOMMENDED.

CARRIED.

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**BYLAWS:**

None

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**LATE ITEMS:**

None

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

**Councillor Gordon:**

Councillor Gordon reported on the following item:

- Brought forward the matter of RCMP responses to complaints of noisy parties, etc. Councillor Gordon requested that the public call the RCMP, when these instances occur.
- Reported on her attendance at the reception at the Art Gallery for the German delegation.

**Councillor O'Doherty:**

No report

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**Councillor Hinter:**

Councillor Hinter reported on the following items:

- Reported on his attendance at an economic development seminar for small communities. He thanked Council for the opportunity to attend.
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**Councillor Moslin:**

Councillor Moslin reported on the following items:

- Advised that the BAQC sponsored a burn- it- smart seminar for the public this past week.
  - Advised that the Emissions Inventory is almost complete and will be presented at the November 19<sup>th</sup> Council meeting scheduled to take place off site.
  - Reported on his attendance of a small community economic development seminar.
  - Advised that Council is proceeding forward with a solution for the Museum, intended to look after historical assets.
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**Councillor Robert:**

Councillor Robert reported on the following items:

- Attended the October 10<sup>th</sup> City Volunteer Appreciation Night.
- Attended a visioning process for "Summer Institute" for Youth.
- Reported on his attendance at the Boundary Arts Council Annual General Meeting
- Reported on his attendance at a seminar in Castlegar on economic gardening
- Reported on his attendance at a banquet honouring the delegation of the German sister city
- Reiterated Council's request that citizens call the RCMP when late night noise is disturbing them.

A copy of Councillor Robert's report is attached

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**Councillor Shkrabuik:**

No report

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**Mayor Krog**

- Reported on his attendance at the RDKB waste management meeting
- Reported on his attendance at the banquet honouring the German Spree Nise delegation

MOTION: ROBERT / HINTER

**RESOLVED THAT ALL REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, GIVEN VERBALLY AT THIS MEETING, BE RECEIVED. CARRIED.**

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

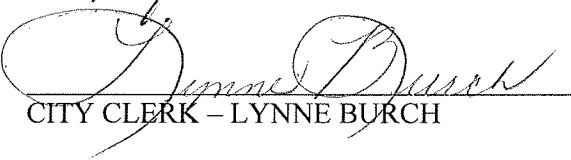
MOTION: ROBERT

**RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 8:57 P.M. CARRIED.**

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**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

  
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MAYOR NEIL KROG

  
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CITY CLERK - LYNNE BURCH

# COUNCIL REPORT FOR OCT.22/07

10/22/2007 6:15:00 PM

1] OCT. 10/07-VOLUNTEER BANQUET- THANK YOU FOR ALL WHO ATTENDED THE 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL CITY VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION BANQUET AT THE OMEGA-1] CONGRATULATIONS TO IRENE PERPELKIN [FALL FAIR], THE FAMILY OF JOHN PAUL FEDERICO, THE VOLUNTEERS OF THE GRAND FORKS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT, AND FINALLY THE PHOENIX FOUNDATION.

2] ON OCT. 12/07-I ATTENDED A VISIONING PROCESS FOR NEXT YEAR'S "SUMMER INSTITUTE" FOR YOUTH AND THE INVITATION OF DR. MARTIN BROKENLEG AND THE "CIRCLE OF COURAGE". DR. BROKENLEG SPEAKS TO ABORIGINAL AS WELL AS HIGH RISK YOUTH AND OFFERS SOLUTIONS TO THE CHALLENGES OF BEEN YOUNG IN OUR WORLD.

3] ON OCT.15/07-I ATTENDED THE BOUNDARY ARTS COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. GENERAL DISCUSSION ABOUT THE "SUSTAINABILITY GRANT" THE CITY HAS RECEIVED TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF REVIEWING OUR COMMUNITY PLAN, HOLDING PUBLIC MEETINGS WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF POMERGRANITE AS WELL AS URBAN SYSTEMS SEEKING GRAND FORKS CITIZEN'S INPUT INTO UPDATING OUR PLANS FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF SUSTAINABILITY AND GREEN "HOW ARE WE GOING TO ADAPT? TO CHANGING ECONOMIC TIMES. THE TIMING COULD NOT BE BETTER.

4] THANK YOU TO COMMUNITY FUTURES PARTICULARLY WENDY McCULLOUGH FOR INVITING US TO CASTLEGAR FOR A SEMINAR ECONOMIC GARDENING- PROMOTING ENTREPRENEURIAL APPROACH- CREATING JOBS-COLLABORATION/ LONG TERM COMMITMENT/PROMOTING OPPORTUNITIES, NETWORKS/ 1 IN 10 ARE ENTREPRENEURIAL/ 25-34, 55-64 TO START NEW BUSINESS. IN THIS ENTREPRENEURIAL ATMOSPHERE PEOPLE WHO BECOME VERY IMPORTANT ARE LIBRARIANS, THE CHAMBER ETC. WHO CAN OFFER RESEARCH AND EXPERIENCE TO ENCOURAGE SUCCESS?

5] TUESDAY EVENING I ATTENDED A BANQUET RECOGNIZING A GERMAN DELEGATION WHO REPRESENTS "THE SISTER CITY" OF OUR REGIONAL DISTRICT. THANK YOU TO TED FOGG AND WENDY BUTTERFIELD OF THE GALLERY AS WELL AS THE BOARD FOR THE WONDERFUL DINNER RECOGNIZING THIS WONDERFUL RELATIONSHIP. I ALSO WANT TO RECOGNIZE YVONNE KONAR AND HER INTERPRETIVE SKILLS TO MAKE THE EVENING EVEN MORE SPECIAL.

6] FINALLY I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK TO A NEW WORKING GROUP IN OUR CITY-"YOUTH GROUP" IT IS A COMBINATION OF ADULTS AND YOUTH

WORKING TOGETHER DEALING WITH YOUTH ISSUES IN OUR COMMUNITY.  
THIS GROUP HAS SERIOUS MOMENTUM.

7] 'PARTY HOUSES" AND DISTURBANCES LATE AT NIGHT IN YOUR  
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLEASE CALL THE RCMP AND FILE A COMPLAINT-AT CITY  
HALL-THERE I S A QUALITY OF LIFE STATUTE -PLEASE CALL

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

**Monday October 22, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.**

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SUBJECT MATTER</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
1. <b><u>CALL TO ORDER</u></b>	7:00 p.m. Call to Order	Call Meeting to Order at 7:00 p.m.
2. <b><u>RECESS TO PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING</u></b>		Recess meeting into Primary Committee Meeting. Reconvene Regular Meeting at conclusion of Primary Committee Meeting
4. <b><u>REGULAR MEETING AGENDA</u></b> -	October 22, 2007 Agenda	Adopt Agenda
5. <b><u>MINUTES</u></b> - October 9, 2007 - October 9, 2007	Regular Meeting Minutes Special Meeting Minutes	Adopt Minutes Adopt Minutes
4. <b><u>REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS</u></b> None		
5. <b><u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS:</u></b> None		
6. <b><u>RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:</u></b>  a) City Manager's Report – Feedback to UBCM Secretariat	UBCM has requested members to review & provide feedback on the issue identification stage of a process to develop a proposed mandate for the RCMP contract negotiations	Resolved that Council inform UBCM that the City concurs in principle the RCMP Contract Mandate as proposed and further request UBCM to ask RCMP to provide an Organizational Chart reflecting the reporting structure from the local detachment commander to "E" Division ( BC RCMP Commander )
7. <b><u>REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:</u></b> None		



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REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
TUESDAY OCTOBER 9, 2007

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COUNCILLOR GENE ROBERT  
COUNCILLOR TOM SHKRABUIK

CITY MANAGER V. Kumar  
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER D. Zabinsky

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CALL TO ORDER:

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

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ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: NONE

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / GORDON

**RESOLVED THAT THE OCTOBER 9, 2007 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.** CARRIED.

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MINUTES:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / GORDON

**RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2007, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.** CARRIED.

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / ROBERT

**RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2007, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.** CARRIED.

**OCTOBER 9, 2007**

**REGULAR MEETING**

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**ITEM 5(W) THE BOUNDARY AIR QUALITY COMMITTEE WILL FORWARD COMMENTS ON THE OPEN BURNING REVIEW TO THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY**

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**BYLAWS:**

a) **City Clerk's Report – Bylaw 1840, a bylaw to exempt from taxation certain parcels of land used for religious worship purposes, hospital purposes, recreation purposes and charitable or philanthropic purposes pursuant to the provisions of the Community Charter.**

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / ROBERT

**RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1840, CITED AS "YEAR 2008 ANNUAL TAX EXEMPTION BYLAW NO. 1840", BE FINALLY ADOPTED.**

CARRIED.

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**LATE ITEMS:**

None

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

**Councillor Shkrabuik:**

- Reported on his attendance at the Strong Start Program opening at Hutton School.
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**Councillor Robert:**

Councillor Robert reported on the following items:

- Tour of Merit Mine and urged all Councillors to take the tour
- Sears Grand opening.
- Communities in Bloom assessment and the special visual appeal information
- UBCM attendance, in particular TILMA resolutions, a special resolution on 90 day turnaround on grant applications
- Climate Charter and need to be carbon neutral by 1012

A copy of Councillor Robert's report is attached.

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Regular Meeting of Council  
October 9, 2007

**RESOLVED THAT** ALL REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, GIVEN VERBALLY AT THIS MEETING, BE RECEIVED. CARRIED.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: HINTER

**RESOLVED THAT** THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 7:45 P.M. CARRIED.

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**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

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MAYOR NEIL KROG

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DEPUTY CLERK - DAN ZABINSKY

Special Meeting of Council  
October 9, 2007

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** THAT PERSONS, OTHER THAN MEMBERS, OFFICERS, OR OTHER PERSONS TO WHOM COUNCIL MAY DEEM NECESSARY TO CONDUCT CITY BUSINESS, WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM THE IN-CAMERA MEETING.

CARRIED.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: GORDON

**RESOLVED THAT THIS SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 6:31 P.M.**  
CARRIED.

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**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

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MAYOR NEIL KROG

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DEPUTY CLERK – DAN ZABINSKY

TO: UBCM Members  
FROM: UBCM Secretariat  
DATE: October 9, 2007  
RE: RCMP CONTRACT MANDATE

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## 1. DECISION REQUEST

To review and provide feedback on the issue identification stage of a process to develop a proposed mandate for RCMP contract negotiations.

## 2. INTRODUCTION

The UBCM is looking to begin to develop a mandate for RCMP contract negotiations which will take place over the next few years. The UBCM will be establishing a Local Government Working Group to advise it on the negotiations and will be appointing a Local Government Representative to be a member of the provincial negotiating team. This document is intended to assist the UBCM and those advising it when the negotiations proceed.

Outlined below is some background information related to the contract process and a list of key issues that have been identified up to this point. We are looking for any comments or suggestions that you may have.

UBCM will be looking for further local government input into the development of the mandate for RCMP contract negotiations as more information is provided.

## 3. BACKGROUND

The federal and provincial government signed an agreement in 1981 that the cost-sharing formula for RCMP policing would increase for municipalities between 5,000 and 15,000 population from 56% in 1981 to 70% by 1992 and for municipalities over 15,000 population from 81% in 1981 to 90% by 1992. The last RCMP contract negotiations between the federal government and the provinces took place in 1991/92 and a twenty agreement was reached at that time to keep the cost-sharing formula for RCMP policing costs at the 1992 level for the full length of the new agreement. The current RCMP contract expires on March 31, 2012.

There are three RCMP policing agreements in BC:

- Federal/Provincial agreement entitled – Provincial Police Services Agreement;
- Federal/Provincial master municipal agreement entitled – Municipal Policing Agreement;

and other technology) without consultation with those paying (i.e. local government);

- **Affordability** – escalating police costs above the cost of living;
- **Length of Contract** – need opportunity to review contract and time frame to reflect changes in the delivery of police services.

#### *Governance/Accountability*

- **Reporting/accountability on policing priorities (i.e. municipal input)** – current process for communication on policing priorities is more “informative” driven than “collaborative” driven. Local governments need a voice in setting the priorities and need to be shown how the RCMP have done in meeting those objectives;
- **Alignment of priorities** between local government and RCMP – better define role of municipal policing vs. global/national crime;
- **Service delivery, goals, objectives and measures** – must be developed in partnership with local government;
- **Dispute Resolution/Discussion Mechanism** – There is an arbitrariness to the existing contract where standards can be set by the RCMP and the Minister. These standards should be stated and included or a mechanism created to reach consensus with the RCMP, Minister and local government;
- **Performance Standards** – standards should be agreed to and who will provide which resources agreed to; contract needs “failure” to perform clauses and redress for the community;
- **Small Communities and Rural Areas** - New language to enshrine in the contract responsibilities to and from communities under 5,000 population and rural areas, not just direction.

#### *Financial Accountability*

- **Cost control** – evidence that cost savings are being put in place and no downloading of costs; portion of officer time doing office work is at issue;
- **Budgeting for full compliment** – if we pay for “x” number of members, we should get that number;
- **Certainty of budget** – knowing budget requirements at appropriate time and phase-in of large increases; opportunity to provide input on budget;
- **Budget accountability** is lacking – priority identification with local government; budget planning (PRIME, facilities etc.); more accountability in terms of local government accounting rules and local government fiscal year which differs from RCMP fiscal period need for greater financial accountability for expenditures; need for timely and accurate financial information.

#### *Service Delivery*

- **Service delivery** – How can police service be delivered more efficiently, more responsively?; What’s an acceptable level of service?;
- **Equity of Service** – meeting authorized strength with experienced members (balance) - rural vs. urban; veteran vs. rookie;
- **Vacancy Rate** – maximum of 4%; a “guarantee” of appropriate manpower/delivery of service – lack of officers to fill vacant positions; penalize the federal government if they are not able to deliver.

**CITY OF GRAND FORKS**  
*Council Information Summary*

**Date:** October 16, 2007  
**Agenda:** October 22, 2007  
**Proposal:** To Receive the Items Summarized for Information  
**Proposed By:** Staff

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**Staff Recommendation:**

That Information Items numbered 5(a) to 5( r) be received and acted upon as recommended.

	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>SUBJECT MATTER</b>	<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>
	<b>General Information</b>		
<b>5(a)</b>	New Business Licenses	New and Cancelled Business's for September	File
<b>5(b)</b>	Permit Report to end of September, 2007	Data representing this year's figures vs. 2006 & 2007	File
<b>5(c)</b>	Complaint from Frank Wernick regarding music in skateboard park	Sept 28 & 29 a youth group set up shelters west side of Skate Board park playing excessive loud music	Referred to Staff for follow up
	<b>Correspondence From/To Mayor And Council</b>		
<b>5(d)</b>	Letter to Chris Moslin	Pacific Abrasives particulate concern	File
<b>5(e)</b>	From Mayor to Minister of Environment	Air Quality Issues in Grand Forks Hand Delivered Letter at UBCM	File
<b>5(f)</b>	From Mayor to Chief Operating Officer – BC Ambulance Service	Expressing citizen's concerns on ambulance availability and staffing levels	File
<b>5(g)</b>	Acknowledgement via email to Mayor from Minister of Environment	Letter of Sept 26 <sup>th</sup> regarding air quality issues in Grand Forks	File
	<b>Correspondence From/To Staff</b>		
<b>5(h)</b>	Letter to City Staff from Kerr Wood Leidal Consulting Engineers to Public Health Engineer	Outlines the requirements City of Grand Forks Application for Waterworks Construction Permit	File
<b>5(i)</b>	Pine Beetle Expression of Interest submitted by CAO	Received via email acknowledgement of submission	File
<b>5(j)</b>	S.I.D.I.T. Application for Renovation of Art Gallery/Museum	Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust Stage 1 Application	File

NEW BUSINESS LICENCES					CANCELLATIONS	
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>					<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	
Yolanda's Cleaning Service					Subway	
Norm's Building Services						
Quiksilver Plumbing						
Sunny Lane Gardens						
Cardinal Writing Services						
Konrad Mechanical Inc.						



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

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COMPLAINT FORM

OCT - 5 2007

Date: OCT 4/07

Time: 09:30

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS PER...

COMPLAINANT

LOCATION OF COMPLAINT

Name: FRANK WERNICK

GRAND FORKS BC

Phone # 250-442-3810

ADJACENT TO THE

Address Box 1712 Grand Forks BC

SKATE BOARD PARK

Signature [Signature]

Nature of Complaint: (use back if more space is required)

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED

AD

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY - SENT TO:

C18<sup>S</sup> Wernick Skateboard Park Music Complaint

Disposition:

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Personal information on this form is collected under the authority of the Community Charter. If you have questions about the collection, use and disclosure of this information, contact the "Coordinator" City of Grand Forks. All information on this form will be kept confidential.

ATTN: Cris Moslin

Sept 27, 2007

Boundary Air Quality Committee

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To whom it may concern:

SEP 28 2007

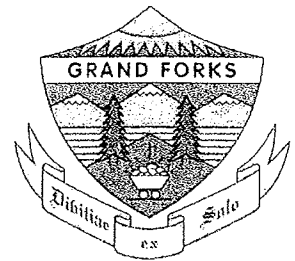
We live within 1 Km of Pacific Abrasives (2275 Koskin Rd.) and we are building a house. After the rain last week (Sept 21/07) we noticed that on the 2x8's that had been out in the weather just overnight there were black specks. Please find attached photos of some of these specks. We could brush off the small particulate but the stain stayed.

We believe that this particulate is from Pacific Abrasives. Every day there is a cloud of dust puffing up from the plant, sometimes in the

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September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2007

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Agnew", is written over the bottom right corner of the logo.

Hand Delivered Letter: Meeting on September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2007: VCEC Room 17

Hon. Barry Penner  
Minister of Environment  
Legislative Buildings  
Victoria, BC

Dear Hon. Barry Penner

## Air Quality Issues in Grand Forks

Thank you for taking time to meet with the representatives of the City of Grand Forks and the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary.

The following is a brief outline of the issues on air quality in Grand Forks and the District.

### BACKGROUND:

Grand Forks air quality has been ranked one of the worst in the interior since the early 90's. Past reports from the Ministry of the Environment had demonstrated that on a significant number of days the particulate matter in the air exceeded the Canadian Wide Standards. Citizens from both the municipality and the two adjoining regional district electoral areas supported a change in an attitude towards air quality.

### COMMUNITY INITIATIVE:

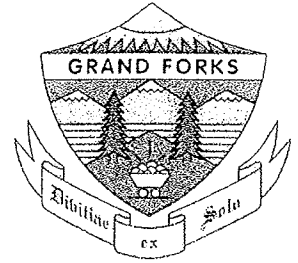
The Boundary Air Quality Committee (BAQC) is an initiative taken by the City and the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary-Electoral Areas C & D in January 2006 when representatives from industry, health, government, and the public were invited to form an independent committee based on the example of several other BC communities. This committee has met at least once a month since January. All sectors in the community are educating themselves on the air quality issues that will lead to airshed management.

The City and the Regional District together have contributed \$33,000.

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September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Hand delivered letter: UBCM Meeting at Pan Pacific Hotel: Atrium Room

Ms. Sue Conroy, Chief Operating Officer  
B.C. Ambulance Service  
STN PROV GOVT  
Victoria, B.C.  
V8W 9P1

*File  
Agenda*

Dear Ms. Conroy

Thank you for taking time to meet with the City representatives concerning the delivery of ambulance service within the Grand Forks Region.

The Citizens are concerned that the staffing levels and the availability of ambulances on a short notice might not reflect the changing environment in the delivery of health care services as it relates to the transportation of maternity cases to Trail, Nelson or Kelowna. While it is accepted that ambulances are available for the majority of maternity cases referred to by the Hospital to either Trail, Nelson or Kelowna, there is no return transportation provision made for the patient back to Grand Forks. Further it is believed that when a doctor is not available at either Trail or Nelson for maternity cases, the patient is given a choice to either use the ambulance service for a fee or utilize her own transportation. In some instances this can be very stressful and low income families cannot afford such fees.

While the foregoing policy might have been acceptable at the formative stages of the ambulance service, it no longer meets the acceptable standard of health care when major components of health care services have been centralized in larger urban centres.

The City requests ambulance service to seek funding from either the Health Authority or the Provincial government to cover the cost of transportation to and from the point of origin and when a doctor is unavailable in either Trail or Nelson, the cost of transportation should also be borne by the ambulance service.

The City looks forward to a favourable response that reflects the change in policy to relieve the cost of transportation presently borne by patients.

Yours truly,

Neil Krog  
Mayor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Neil Krog", written over a horizontal line.

September 13, 2007

Ms. Marianne Crowe, B.Eng., P.Eng.  
Public Health Engineer  
Health Protection Services  
Interior Health Authority  
2 - 333 Victoria Street  
Nelson, BC V1L-4K3

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CORPORATION OF THE CITY  
OF GRAND FORKS PER.

FILE CODE

Dear Ms. Crowe:

RE: CITY OF GRAND FORKS  
Application for Waterworks Construction Permit  
Our File: 147.120

K2 - Applic. for Waterwork  
Construction Permit

This letter outlines the rationale and requirements for the Application for Waterworks Construction Permit for the installation of secondary disinfection at the source water wells for the City of Grand Forks.

#### BACKGROUND

The City has on occasion experienced the presence of Coliform bacteria over the last several months at the Eastside Reservoir. While some or all of the Total Coliform may be attributed to re-growth, efforts were made by the City to search for potential source(s) of the Coliform bacteria.

On July 25, 2007, a water sample from the Eastside Reservoir was found to be positive for both Total Coliform and E.Coli counts. Based on the presence of the E.Coli, a Boil Water Notice was issued by the City in consultation with the Interior Health Authority (IHA). The City continues with efforts to locate any potential sources of cross-connections which may have led to the presence of the E.Coli. At the same time, flushing and disinfection of the water distribution system was implemented. Since then, the manual addition of chlorine at the Eastside reservoir has been continuing on a regular cycle to maintain a secondary disinfection residual in the water distribution system.

On July 30, 2007, a meeting was held between members of the City, IHA and Kerr Wood Leidal Associates Ltd (KWL) to discuss the Coliform Bacteria in the City's water system, the City's response strategy and preventative actions. The IHA agreed with the position that installation of primary disinfection was not warranted as there was no evidence that the single occurrence of E.Coli at the Eastside reservoir was from any of the existing well water sources. In addition, the

The calcium hypochlorite tablets specified initially and recommended for future operation are the scale-inhibiting form manufactured by PPG Industries. These tablets are certified for use in drinking water (NSF 60).

#### PIPING

The buried portion of the proposed injection lines to Wells 4 and Well 3 are 19 mm (¾ inch) in diameter and to be composed of non-corroding material approved for potable water use (NSF 61) and must meet the City's standards for service line connections. With the exception of the certification required, an exact material has not been specified as the City is working with local contractors with a plan to complete the work in the shortest time possible. The flexibility on the pipe material has been provided to potentially take advantage of product in stock or more readily available to the contractors.

The chlorine analyzer lines for all locations are to be 12 mm (½ inch) in diameter and composed of material approved for potable water use (NSF 61). Based upon discussions with the City, we understand that these lines will be standard copper pipe service lines.

#### ALARMS

The following alarms will be installed at each chlorinator:

- Low chlorine residual;
- High chlorine residual;
- Low solution tank;
- High solution tank;
- Low injection pressure;
- Injection Pump No.1 (P1) fault;
- Injection Pump No.2 (P2) fault;
- Injection Pump No.3 (P3) fault;
- Injection Pump No.4 (P4) fault; and
- Low tablet level.

Since the Well No.2 has two injection pumps, only the P1 and P2 faults are applicable for this location.

The City has elected to connect all of the above alarms through their SCADA system to report to the monitoring computer at the Public Works Yard.

#### ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS

Included in the application package are the following documents and drawings:


- Application for Waterworks Construction Permit

Yours truly,

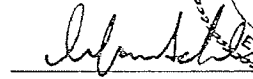
**KERR WOOD LEIDAL ASSOCIATES LTD.**

Prepared by:

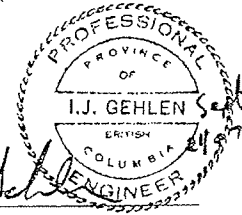
Reviewed by:



Laura Weston, EIT  
Project Engineer



Irfan Gehlen, P.Eng.  
Project Manager









LW[A1][A2]  
Encl.

CC: Ms. Sasha Bird, City of Grand Forks  
Mr. Ingo Frankfurt, Interior Health Authority

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From:  Victor Kumar  
Subject: Expression of Interest Mountain Pine Beetle  
To:  CEDI@wd.gc.ca  
Cc:  jennifer.wetmore@telus.net  wendy@boundarycf.com   
Attachments:  eoi\_form\_e.pdf 326K

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Attached is an application for Expression of Interest from the City of Grand Forks.

regards

Victor Kumar  
City Manager  
City of Grand Forks: 7217-4th Street, Box 220, Grand Forks. B.C. V0H 1H0  
Direct Phone: 250-442-4140  
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## Section D – Project Description

22. Please indicate which one of the four broad program areas your project will support

Economic Infrastructure

23. Please indicate which of the following outcomes your project will achieve

- Creation of permanent and/or seasonal jobs
- Introduction of new products and/or services to the local economy
- Increase in the number of skilled workers in BC
- New start ups and/or enhanced existing businesses
- Other

24. In the pages below, please prepare a 2-page summary of your project.

The summary should include:

1. Project name
2. Project start and end dates
3. The main objective and key activities of the project
4. A description of the negative impact that the beetle infestation has had on your community and how the project aims to address it.
5. Examples of your organization's demonstrated ability to deliver the project on time and on budget

**All Expressions of Interest must be received by Western Economic Diversification Canada by October 19, 2007 (5:00 p.m. Pacific Time)**

Press SUBMIT  to email your *Expression of Interest* now.

You may also mail or fax your *Expression of Interest* to:

"Expression of Interest"  
Community Economic Diversification Initiative  
Western Economic Diversification Canada  
700-333 Seymour Street  
Vancouver, B.C. V6B 5G9  
Email: CEDI@wd.gc.ca  
Fax: (604) 666-2353

Please note that this Expression of Interest does not constitute a commitment from Western Economic Diversification Canada for financial assistance. Any project costs that you incur prior to receiving a signed funding agreement with Western Economic Diversification Canada may not be considered eligible for assistance



- 8) Tourism: x
- 9) Transportation

Explanation of consistency with Strategic Plan:

The project is consistent with SIDIT's Strategic vision. The project is designed to address the cultural uniqueness and diversity of the regions' population, complies with environmental legislation, adds value to the community and is responsive to the needs and aspirations of the peoples of the Grand Forks and the Region. The project is designed to leverage funding, take advantage of 2010 Olympics, build the region's cultural tourism sector and enhance the arts and culture in the region. This project enables economic opportunities, providing long lasting measurable benefit to the Community and has significant positive impact to sustain smaller community's reliance on tourism and recovery from the coming impact of the pine beetle that is expected to devastate the forestry sector of the economy by 2014.

**4. FUNDING AND BUDGET**

Please use Microsoft Excel for financial calculations — you may vary the format below to suit your proposal.

<b>Sources of Funding</b>	<b>\$ Amount</b>
Community/Local government (specify) City of Grand Forks	\$500,000
Applicant's equity	\$750,000
Other funding (specify type and source) Community Donations & Art Gallery & Museum Society	\$200,000
Other funding (specify type and source)	
Other funding (specify type and source)	
In-Kind Contributions ( specify) Society membership volunteer contributions	\$100,000
Funding Requested from SIDIT (specify type: Grant, Loan or Equity: One time Grant	\$150,000

<b>Project Budget (define categories)</b> <b>Table can be expanded</b>	<b>\$ Amount</b>
Architect Fees: Preliminary Design, construction , negotiations and administration	\$ 63,000
Mechanical & Electrical, structural Assessment	\$ 60,000

**5. TIMELINES**

Identify the projected starting and completion dates, planning phases and key milestones.

Expected start date January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008 and completion by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008

**6. PROJECT BENEFITS**

Describe the expected tangible economic benefits.

1. *Long Term Job Creation: (permanent full time equivalent positions):* The basic principle in developing local economic base is to retain and sustain jobs already in the community. About 30% of the labour force of over 3,800 in the Region works in the service sector and a further 500 jobs are in the retail sector. To sustain these service and retail jobs in the long term, investment in tourism with emphasis on arts and culture is expected to play a significant role by incrementally increasing the region's job market. With the combination of other investments along with the City's increased emphasis on the arts and cultural aspect in the community, it is expected an additional 110 full time equivalent positions in the service sector will be created in the next 12 months. With the proposed investment of \$30 million to expand the Roxul insulation plant resulting in direct 60 full time jobs, it is expected that another 30 indirect full time jobs are created in the Community with an additional 10 full time equivalent jobs created in the service and retail sector arising from visitor-visits as a direct result of these initiatives.
2. *Increased Property Tax Base:* \$10,000,000 arising from increase in service sector real estate with increased tourism activities. (capital investment – real property) excluding another \$40 million in plant expansions and housing developments.
3. *Diversification of Economy: new products, services or activity (describe)* By 2014, with the Pine Beetle expected to have a significant impact on the forestry based economy that at the present time supports 570 direct jobs and another 340 indirect jobs in the transportation, warehousing, utilities and wholesale trade, a significant component of these jobs will be lost and must be replaced by other services. Tourism is the most likely sector of the economy that will provide a significant diversification with jobs being created in the retail, services, finance, travel, real estate and government sectors. Fore thought is required to make present day investments in significant components of tourism sector to take advantage of 2010 Olympics and pine beetle recovery.
4. *Gross Revenue Generation:* \$1,000,000- an incremental change in service sector revenues.
5. *Regional vs. Local Impact: (describe)* Adequate and appropriate cultural infrastructure underpins the provision of opportunities for cultural creative experiences and engagement which are essential to building the community in the long term. Cultural facilities and their programmes are important focal points for broader community gatherings, they protect and nurture shared cultural resources, offer social support and services, serve as creative economic incubators and enhance the overall quality of life of the local and regional communities of this region. Cultural facilities are effective catalysts for community change and development. The scope of cultural facilities include live-work studios, open air spaces, studios, cultural centres, galleries, arts education facilities, theatres, multi-use arts facilities, public gardens and hybrid sites all having local and regional impacts. Cultural facilities serve catalysts for cultural tourism with economic benefits spread among many types of businesses and with an enhanced sense of identity overall. Apart from the high profile arts and cultural facilities, other related facilities and spaces tend to provide very targeted cultural and social services for specific resident communities often among the most vulnerable members of society.

**10. ATTACHMENTS:**

Please identify other information attached.

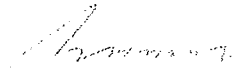
Boundary Country Arts and Cultural Scan: February 2007

**C. AUTHORIZATION**

I certify that the information provided in this Stage 1 Application is to the best of my knowledge, complete and accurate.

I understand that all information provided in this Application is strictly confidential to the Trust; however, I consent to such information being shared with the Regional Advisory Committee, Trust staff, professional advisors and consultants engaged by the Trust in respect to this Application.

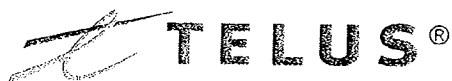
Signature of Authorized  
Representative



Printed Name Victor Kumar

Title City Manager

Date October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007



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September 28, 2007

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CITY OF GRAND FORKS  
PO BOX 220  
GRAND FORKS, BC  
V0H 1H0

Attention: Tax Department/Treasurer

For your information, identified below is the 1% In Lieu tax TELUS Communications Inc will be paying in 2008. This tax, as you are aware, is in accordance with Section 353 of the Local Government Act

Revenue earned in 2006	\$1,534,234.59
Tax to be paid in 2008*	\$15,342.35

Please call me at 1-888-238-3637 (ext 3) with any questions in regards to the above.

Your truly,

M.L. Cosentino-Fast, CMA  
Manager, Property Taxation

\* Tax amount is calculated at 1% of the revenue earned in 2006

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T3-2008 In-Lieu-Tax  
Payment



October 4, 2007

File: 21525-20 Grand Forks

Boundary Air Quality Committee  
c/o City of Grand Forks  
PO Box 220  
Grand Forks BC V0H 1H0

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Attention: BAQC

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OF GRAND FORKS PER....

Re: Response to Mr. Simm's letter of September 9<sup>th</sup>

I have reviewed the above letter and respond as follows.

Mr Simm's estimate of the numbers of people dead and hospitalized is flawed and once again misrepresents the information contained in the National Ambient Air Quality Objectives for Particulate Matter reports.

This is an extract directly from the Science Assessment Document

## "12. Human Health Effects - Epidemiological Studies

### 12.2.5 Summary of Results on Acute Mortality

Nineteen studies which investigated the relationship of daily variations in mortality with particulate air pollution using modern time-series methods were reviewed in detail."

This excerpt clearly indicates that when the study is discussing "mortality" it is discussing it as "daily variations in mortality".

Furthermore Mr. Simm's quoted page 10 of the addendum to the Science Assessment Document as his source for the % increases in mortality and hospitalizations. Here is another extract from that same paragraph that indicates when mortality is discussed; it is in terms of daily deaths.

"The magnitude of the increase was about the same for British Smoke as for PM<sub>10</sub>. A 1% increase in daily deaths per 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup> \* increase in BS." (the \* is mine as I'm confident it should read ug/m<sup>3</sup> not mg/m<sup>3</sup>)

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M14 - Response to  
Simm Letter

Ministry of Environment

Environmental Protection Division  
Kootenay & Okanagan Regions  
102 Industrial Place  
Penticton BC V2A 7C8

Telephone: (250) 490-8200  
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CORPORATION OF THE CITY  
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October 9, 2007

Neil Krog, Mayor  
Corporation of the City of Grand Forks  
PO Box 220, 7217 4th st.  
Grand Forks, BC, V0H 1H0

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M14 - Okanagan Region Proposed  
Parks & Protected Areas

**Re: Proposed Parks and Protected Areas within the Okanagan Region**

Dear Mayor Krog:

I am writing with respect to several *proposed* Class A provincial parks and protected areas that may be of interest to your municipality/district. These park and protected area sites were either identified and recommended via the Kootenay Boundary Land Use Plan (KBLUP) or originated from the Okanagan Shuswap Land and Resource Management Plan (OSLRMP) which were approved by the provincial government in 1995 and 2001 respectively. Both land use planning processes recommended the designation of Goal 1 (large) protected areas or parks and Goal 2 (small) protected areas or parks.

Over the past several years, the Ministry of Environment and the Integrated Land Management Bureau (the agency that monitors and coordinates the land use planning process in the province) have endeavoured to move forward with provincial park or protected area designation for these recommended sites. Whereas many of the Goal 1 sites have now been formally designated, numerous Goal 2 sites currently have no level of protection afforded to them and have been the emphasis for both agencies. Our planning section has recently resolved outstanding issues with respect to access and other impediments to establishment in several Goal 2 areas and the intention is to move forward with Class A 'Provincial Park' status for select sites and for other sites, an interim designation as 'Protected Area' (under the *Environment and Land Use Act*).

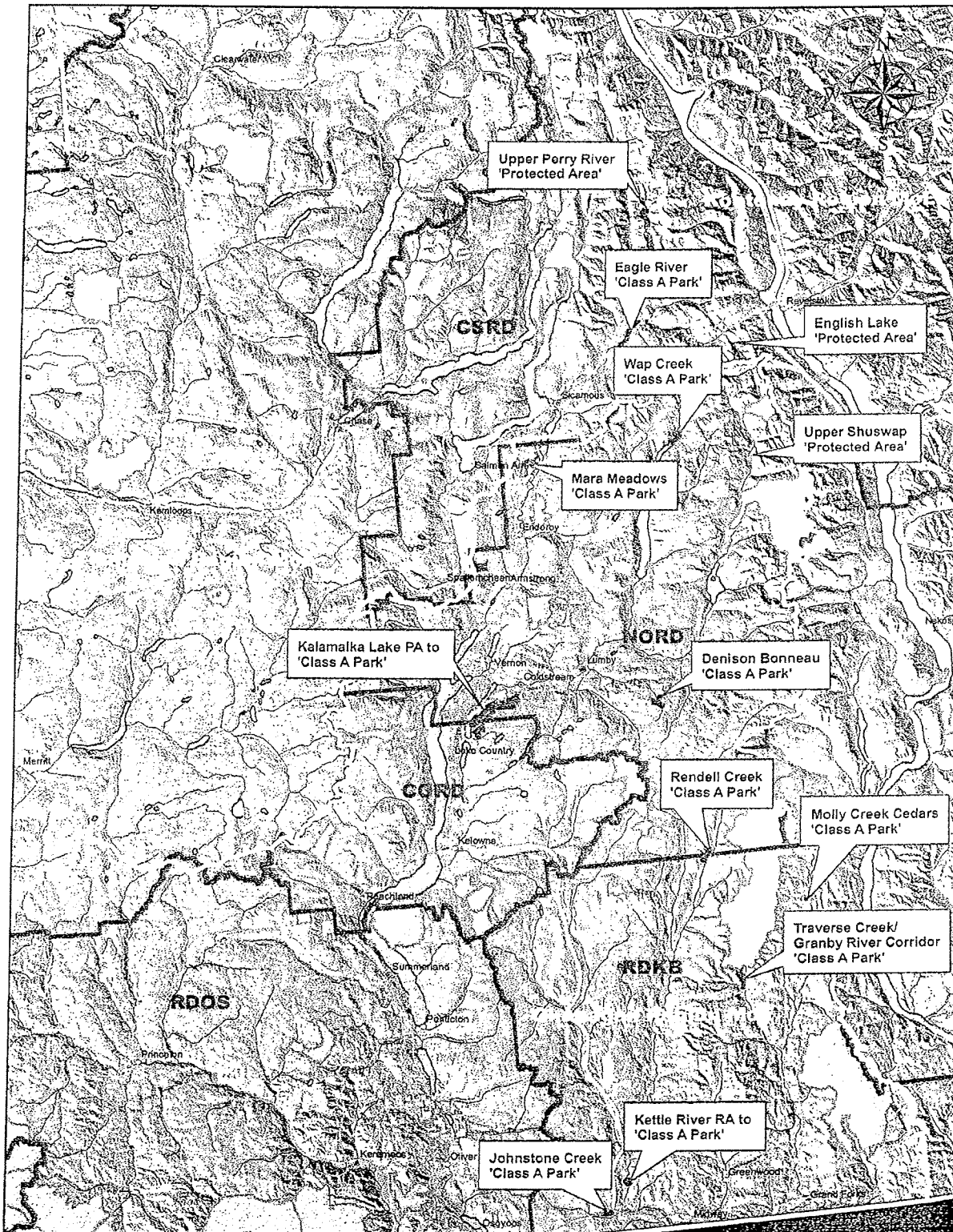
Within these sites, any existing authorized uses such as guide outfitting, trapping and cattle grazing will be allowed to continue. Attached to this letter are maps to help gain perspective on the geographical context (relevant to your district/municipality) and approximate size of the proposed provincial parks and protected areas.

The Premier of British Columbia has committed to ensuring that local and regional governments are formally consulted on parks and protected areas that were a result of strategic land use planning in the province. The Premier is also dedicated to providing greater opportunities for people to visit and use our parks system.

I would welcome any comments your municipality/district may have respecting the establishment of these proposed provincial parks and protected areas. Moreover, our Ministry is most interested to hear any ideas or suggestions with regards to increased opportunities for people to visit and enjoy our parks system and increase parks related economic benefits to your community.



# Proposed Parks and Protected Areas (OSLRMP and KBLUP)



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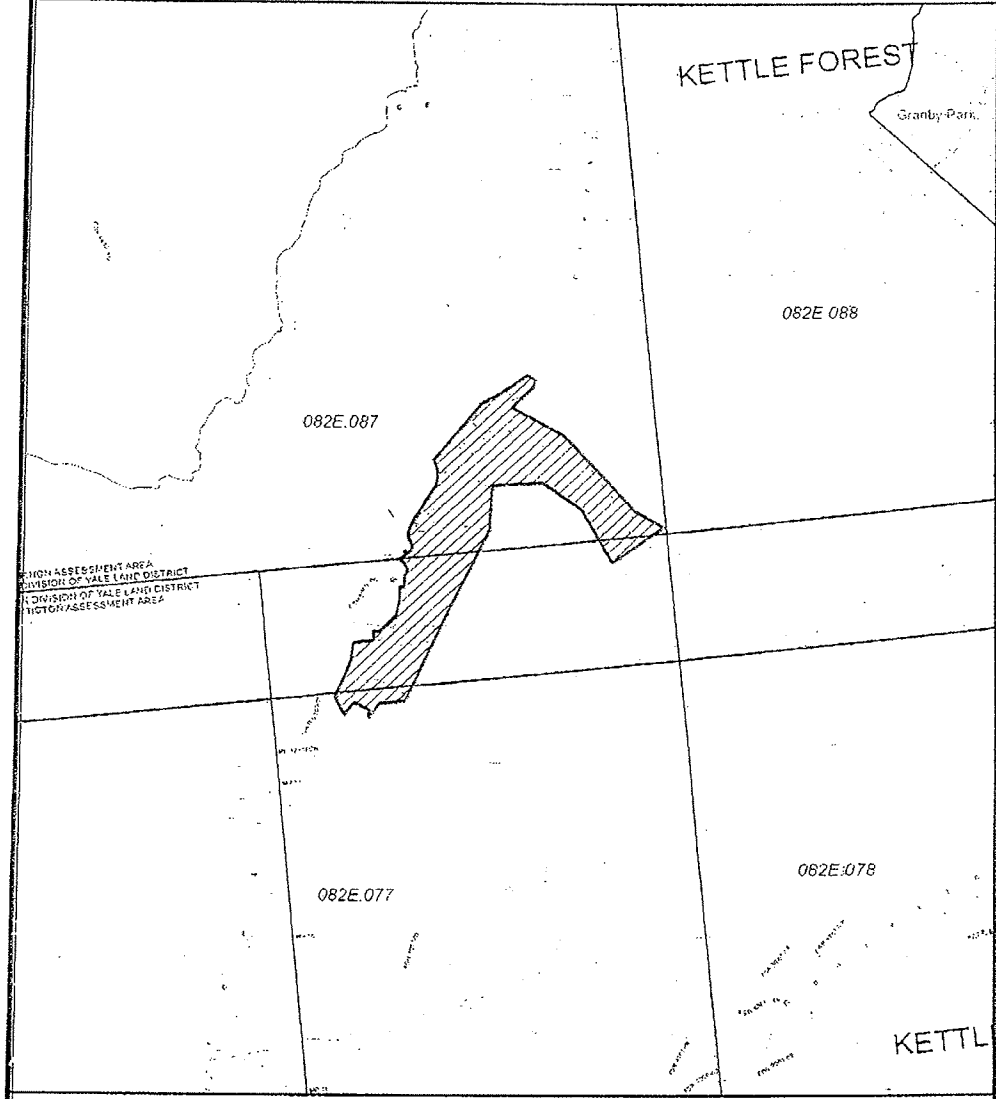
- Existing Parks and Protected Areas (PPA's)
- Proposed PPA sites
- Regional Districts
- Regional Boundaries - Ministry of Environment

**BRITISH COLUMBIA** Ministry of Environment


Map Created By: Keith J. Baric (Regional Planner)  
Ministry of Environment  
September 2007



# Protected Area Strategy Rendell Creek

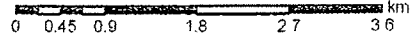


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- Streams
  - TRIM II Paved Roads
  - TRIM II Unpaved Roads
  - TRIM II Trails
  - Railways
  - Lakes/Rivers
  - Glacier
  - BCGS Mapsheet Bdy.
  - Parks

 Polygon Area = 295.9 ha



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# MEMBER RELEASE



## UBCM 2007 RESOLUTIONS AND POLICY DISPOSITION

The following is a summary of the resolutions, amendments and positions adopted at the 2007 Convention, as well as policy discussion outcomes. The full and exact wording of all resolutions, amendments and policy papers will appear in the Convention Minutes.

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### SECTION A

#### LEGISLATIVE

##### A1 FLOOD AND NATURAL DISASTER PROTECTION

Endorsed as amended:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial and federal governments be requested to create an enhanced, comprehensive and sustainable program for providing funding assistance to all local governments or communities for prevention or mitigation from floods and other natural disasters.

##### A2 HIGH RISK OFFENDERS

Endorsed

#### COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

##### A3 TRADE, INVESTMENT AND LABOUR MOBILITY AGREEMENT (TILMA)

Endorsed

#### REGIONAL DISTRICTS

##### A4 REGIONAL DISTRICT COMMUNITY CHARTER

Endorsed as amended:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM petition the Province of BC to

carry on with instituting a Community Charter for regional districts, with any restructuring of regional districts put on hold until after this Charter is fully implemented - unless due and proper consultation has been undertaken.

#### TAXATION

##### A5 MOTOR FUEL TAX

Endorsed

#### FINANCE

##### A6 STREAMLINING FUNDING APPLICATIONS

Endorsed as amended:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the federal and provincial governments immediately undertake an overhaul of their grants application forms to realistically accommodate for the capacities of all communities so all may have reasonable and equitable opportunity to access these vital funds;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that recipients be advised of the status of their applications within 90 days.

#### LAND USE

##### A7 FEDERAL TAX REFORMS TO ENCOURAGE RENTAL HOUSING

Endorsed

#### SELECTED ISSUES

##### A8 PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING RESOLUTIONS

Endorsed as amended:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Rule 27(i) of the UBCM Conference Rules and Procedures for Handling Resolutions be amended to provide that only those who would speak in opposition or propose an amendment to a resolution may request that it be removed from the B1 block and entered for individual consideration;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this change take effect immediately at the 2007 UBCM Convention.

### SECTION B - PART I

#### LEGISLATIVE

##### B1 ULTIMATE LIMITATION PERIOD

Endorsed

##### B2 LIABILITY FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Endorsed

#### COMMUNITY SAFETY

##### B3 FUNDING OF RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROGRAMS

Endorsed

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Please make copies of this circular and distribute to Council/Board Members /Staff.

*U2-2007 Resolutions & Policy Disposition*

**B29 VACANT AND CONTAMINATED SITES**  
Endorsed

**B30 PROVINCIAL INVASIVE PLANT CONTROL**  
Endorsed

**B31 INVASIVE PLANT CONTROL ON MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION LAND TENURE**  
Endorsed

**B32 NOXIOUS WEEDS ON CROWN LAND**  
Endorsed

**CLIMATE CHANGE**

**B33 CLIMATE CHANGE SOLUTIONS**  
Endorsed as amended:  
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities urge the federal and provincial governments to provide financial and other incentives to encourage energy efficiency and to encourage new technologies and techniques in machinery, heating, lighting, ventilation and vehicle emissions to significantly cut energy use, production costs, greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution.

**B34 FUNDING FOR CLIMATE CHANGE**  
Endorsed

**B35 REDUCE EMISSIONS FROM OUTDOOR SOLID FUEL BURNING BOILERS**  
Endorsed

**LAND USE**

**B36 PRIVATE PROPERTY AND MINERAL EXPLORATION**  
Endorsed

**B37 DEVELOPMENT COST CHARGES**  
Endorsed

**B38 DEVELOPMENT COST CHARGES AND CASH IN LIEU OF PARKLANDS**  
Endorsed

**B39 PARKLAND DEDICATION**  
Endorsed

**B40 RENTAL ZONING**  
Endorsed

**COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**B41 TIMBER HARVESTING POLICY**  
Endorsed

**B42 TIMBER HARVESTING ON PRIVATE LAND**  
Endorsed

**B43 WOODLOT PROGRAM EXPANSION**  
Endorsed

**B44 BC COASTAL LOG EXPORT**  
Endorsed

**B45 LOG EXPORT CRISIS IN BC**  
Endorsed

**B46 NOTIFICATION OF LANDOWNERS RE: PROPOSED SUB-SURFACE SALES**  
Endorsed

**B47 LANDOWNERS' RIGHTS**  
Endorsed

**B48 WATER LICENCES TO BE UTILIZED FOR ORIGINAL INTENDED PURPOSE**  
Endorsed

**HEALTH**

**B49 HEALTH CARE SYSTEM**  
Endorsed

**B50 AMBULANCE SERVICE IN BC**  
Endorsed

**B51 SHORTAGE OF DETOX CENTRES**  
Endorsed

**B52 AGING HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE**  
Endorsed as amended:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government allocate additional capital funds to BC health authorities in order to expedite replacement of aging infrastructure at health facilities around the province.

**B53 LOCAL HEALTH COMMITTEES**  
Endorsed as amended:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request that BC health authorities support local community health advisory committees, consulting with them on a regular basis and using them as a source of wisdom and community experience for their deliberations.

**SELECTED ISSUES**

**B54 CHILD CARE SERVICES FUNDING**  
Endorsed

**B55 DISPOSAL OF SCHOOL PROPERTIES**  
Endorsed

**B56 OPERATING GRANT TO BC PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND NEW PROVINCIAL PROGRAMS**  
Endorsed

**B57 CELLULAR SERVICE IN REMOTE COMMUNITIES**  
Endorsed

**B58 HOMELESSNESS AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING**  
Endorsed

**B79 VOLUNTEER TRAVEL COSTS FOR TRAINING**

Endorsed

**B80 UBCM FUNDING FOR ROAD SAFETY**

Endorsed

**B81 MUNICIPAL BYLAW FINE COLLECTION**

Endorsed

**B82 RENEWAL OF RCMP CONTRACT AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR RURAL AND SMALL MUNICIPALITIES**

Endorsed

**B83 RESIDENCE OF RCMP OFFICERS**

Endorsed as amended:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities urge the Solicitor General to work with the RCMP to develop incentives, policies and programs that will encourage RCMP Officers to reside in the community in which they serve.

**B84 RCMP DISPATCHING PROCEDURES**

Endorsed

**B85 RURAL POLICE FINANCING FORMULA**

No action required

**B86 POLICING COSTS**

Referred to UBCM Executive

**B87 FUNDING OF INTEGRATED POLICE TEAMS**

Endorsed as amended:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government provide 100% funding for integrated police teams (e.g., Integrated Homicide Investigation Team, Emergency Response Team, Integrated Collision and Reconstruction and Analysis Team, Police Dog Team, Forensic Identification Services, etc.) as these integrated teams cross multi-

jurisdictional boundaries and are needed to deal with criminal activity throughout the province.

**B88 REQUEST TO STREAMLINE COURT PROCEDURES**

Endorsed

**B89 CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION**

Endorsed

**B90 SUPPORT FOR MONITORING HIGH RISK OFFENDERS**

Endorsed

**B91 VICTIMS OF DOG ATTACKS - RIGHT TO RECOVER CIVIL DAMAGES**

Endorsed

**B92 SCRAP METAL RECYCLING**

Endorsed

**B93 TERASEN GAS LOCATE POLICY**

Endorsed

**ELECTIONS**

**B94 CIVIC ELECTION - VOTING MACHINES**

Endorsed

**B95 CIVIC ELECTION TERM LENGTH IN BC**

Endorsed

**B96 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION DATE**

Not endorsed

**TRANSPORTATION**

**B97 ROAD MAINTENANCE SPECIFICATIONS**

Endorsed as amended:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities request that the Minister of Transportation

review road maintenance classification specifications and enforce the terms of highway maintenance contracts in order that roads and highways receive adequate levels of service to ensure that they remain open and safe for communities, businesses, and the traveling public.

**B98 HIGHWAY SNOW REMOVAL**

Endorsed

**B99 INCREASE THE WIDTH OF RAVED SHOULDERS ON NUMBERED HIGHWAYS TO ACCOMMODATE BICYCLE LANES**

Endorsed as amended:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities appeal to the provincial government to instate protocols requiring that, wherever possible, significant numbered highway improvements include the establishment of a sufficiently wide paved shoulder or other infrastructure for pedestrians, cyclists and scooters.

**B100 BIKE LANE FUNDING**

Endorsed

**B101 HIGHWAY SPEED REDUCTION IN DOWNTOWN CORE AREAS**

Endorsed

**B102 SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION**

Endorsed

**B103 ENFORCEMENT OF REGULAR INSPECTIONS FOR FARM WORKER TRANSPORT VEHICLES AND OPERATORS**

Endorsed

**B104 COMMERCIAL VEHICLE INSPECTION PROGRAM**

Endorsed

**B105 TAXI DRIVER CHAUFFEUR PERMIT**

Endorsed as amended:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Subsections 7 and 8 of Motor Vehicle Act Section 36 be amended so that an appeal

**B131 INDEPENDENT POWER PRODUCTION**

Endorsed

**B132 REDUCTION OF PROVINCIAL SALES TAX ON FUEL EFFICIENT VEHICLES**

Endorsed

**B133 LOCAL AIR QUALITY MONITORING**

Endorsed

**LAND USE**

**B134 PHASED STRATA PLAN DECLARATIONS (FORM P)**

Endorsed

**B135 SECTION 946 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT**

Endorsed

**B136 CROWN LEASES WITHIN LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARIES**

Endorsed

**B137 ACCESS TO CROWN LANDS**

Endorsed

**B138 PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT APPROVAL OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BYLAWS**

Endorsed

**B139 PROVINCIAL FUNDING FOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL COSTS BORNE BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

Endorsed

**B140 PROLIFERATION OF PRIVATE LIQUOR STORES**

Not endorsed

**B141 ESTABLISHMENT OF LIQUOR AGENCY STORES**

Endorsed

**COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**B142 PROVINCIAL SINGLE BUSINESS LICENCE INITIATIVE**

Referred to UBCM Executive

**B143 SMALL BUSINESS LENS**

Endorsed

**B144 REVITALIZATION PROGRAMS FOR RESOURCE COMMUNITIES**

Endorsed

**B145 ADDRESS IMPACTS OF RESORT-STYLE DEVELOPMENT ON SMALL COMMUNITIES**

Endorsed as amended:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities initiate discussions with the Province on the feasibility and implications of two possible options to address the impacts of resort-style development on small communities:

1. With regard to property owners, a Local Government Home Owner Grant based on the provincial model; and
2. With regard to non-property-owner residents, a Resident Rebate Program or establishment of a new tax classification for non-resident property owners.

**B146 UTILITIES COMMISSION ACT**

Endorsed as amended:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia be requested to repeal Section 53 of Bill 30 and return to working with the Union of BC Municipalities to complete the commitments of the Memorandum of Understanding on Independent Power Projects.

**B147 PROVINCIALY MANDATED WATER USE PLAN**

Endorsed

**B148 GEODUCK FARMING**

Endorsed

**B149 NOISE ON PRIVATE MANAGED FOREST LAND**

Not endorsed

**REGIONAL DISTRICTS**

**B150 APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE ELECTORAL AREA DIRECTORS**

Endorsed

**HEALTH**

**B151 SMOKING - TOBACCO CONTROL**

Endorsed

**B152 AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES**

Endorsed

**B153 MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS SUPPORTIVE HOUSING**

Endorsed as amended:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM urge the Province to increase funding to develop more supportive housing across the province, to provide funding for the related supportive services and to ensure related community health services are available.

**B154 HOSPITAL CAPITAL COST FINANCING**

Not endorsed

**B155 HEALTH AUTHORITY GOVERNANCE**

Endorsed

**B156 REINSTATE AMBULANCE SERVICE STAFFING LEVELS**

Endorsed as amended:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government ensure that ambulance services throughout the province are adequately staffed and capable of providing the same level of quality service to citizens of all BC local governments.

**B179 NATURAL RESOURCE POLICY**

Endorsed

**B180 COMMUNITY FORESTS**

Not endorsed

**B181 DESTINATION MARKETING ORGANIZATIONS**

Endorsed

**HEALTH**

**B182 PREVENTATIVE HEALTH CARE**

Endorsed

**B183 ENGAGE LOCAL CITIZENS IN HEALTH CARE**

Endorsed

**B184 FEDERAL EQUIPMENT GRANTS PROVIDED TO HEALTH AUTHORITIES**

Endorsed

**B185 SUPPORT FOR COMBINED LABORATORY X-RAY TECHNICIANS**

Endorsed

**B186 HIV/AIDS**

Endorsed

**B187 BLOOD SAMPLES ACT**

Endorsed

**B188 MEDICAL INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR NEW TREATMENT APPROACHES**

Not endorsed

**B189 INCLUSION OF ROUTINE EYE EXAMS UNDER BC MEDICAL SERVICES PLAN**

Endorsed

**B190 DENTAL CARE FOR CITIZENS OF BC**

Referred to UBCM Executive

**B191 HOME SUPPORT**

Automatically referred to UBCM Executive

**B192 LABELING OF GENETICALLY MODIFIED FOOD**

Automatically referred to UBCM Executive

**SELECTED ISSUES**

**B193 CANADIAN POLICE AND PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL**

Endorsed

**B194 CONFLICT IN AFGHANISTAN**

Endorsed

**B195 PRESALE OF HOUSING UNITS**

Endorsed

**B196 ACCOMMODATION OF SEASONAL FARM LABOUR**

Automatically referred to UBCM Executive

**B197 PROVINCIAL INSPECTION OF RENTAL PROPERTIES**

Endorsed

**B198 INCREASING MINIMUM WAGE**

Endorsed

**B199 REDISTRIBUTE DISABILITY FUNDING**

Endorsed

**B200 RESOURCE CONSERVATION INCORPORATED IN THE PROVINCIAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CURRICULUM**

No Action Required

**B201 CANADA POST RATES**

Withdrawn

**SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS**

**SR1 PAWN SHOPS AND SECOND HAND DEALERS**

Endorsed

**RESOLUTIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE**

**LR1 PROVINCIAL ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES**

Endorsed

**LR2 ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES**

Endorsed as amended:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM petition the Province to table any final report of the Electoral Boundaries Commission that is not consistent with resolution LR1 until such time as a full review of the Act is complete, with the intent of determining the maximum geographical distance that a riding should entail so as to ensure the principle of "fair" representation for those living across a vast region.

**LR3 BC ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES COMMISSION**

Not endorsed

**LR4 AGRICULTURAL BOILER EMISSION STANDARDS**

Referred to UBCM Executive


**LR5 SALE OF HYDROPONICS EQUIPMENT**

Endorsed

**LR6 LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH LEGISLATION**

Endorsed





# Board Meeting Highlights

MUNICIPAL INSURANCE ASSOCIATION  
of British Columbia

**September 24, 2007**

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**Canal Flats To Be Our Newest Member**

**Rate Reductions For 2008**

**Record Attendance At The AGM**

**City Of Kamloops Wins Risk Management Award**

**Two Directors Join The Board**

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## RATE REDUCTIONS FOR 2008

PricewaterhouseCoopers, the MIA's actuary, presented the results of its analysis of the MIA's current claims pattern and risk profile to your Board, along with its recommendations for 2008 rates. The Board used this information to settle on an over all 10% rate reduction for the coming year. This will be reflected in Renewal Quotations that will be sent to members soon for budgeting purposes.

There are currently several local governments who are considering joining the MIA commencing January

2008. If they choose to do so, the quoted Administration Assessment will be reduced as these costs can be spread over a wider population base. In addition, our reinsurance renewal negotiations are about to commence. If these go well, actual reinsurance costs may be less than those anticipated in the quotation. As a result of these contingencies, there is a possibility that the renewal invoice members receive in December will be somewhat lower than the quotation we will be providing shortly.

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## CITY OF KAMLOOPS WINS RISK MANAGEMENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The centerpiece of the MIA's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations was a competition for a special Risk Management Achievement Award. The award was made to the MIA member who has the best record of implementing risk management programs over the MIA's first twenty years, using the principles of identification, measure, and monitor. Faye Salisbury, Chair of the Risk Management Committee, announced at the AGM that the MIA's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Risk Management Achievement Award goes to the City

of Kamloops. The City received a 10% rebate of its 2007 assessment (worth over \$47,000) and a permanent trophy.

The City's risk management programs have contributed to the City's ability to respond to the needs of the community by lowering the cost of risk and preventing injuries. In addition the City has achieved positive claims results through the adoption of Council approved policies and reinforcement of operational documentation.



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## 2. ACTION ITEMS

- 2.1 CLASS SIZE AND COMPOSITION REPORT  
The Superintendent to report.  
MOTION: "That the Board approve the organization of classes for all schools for the 2007-2008 school year, as presented."
- 2.2 SCHOOL GROWTH PLANS 2007-2008  
(Attachment No. 7)  
MOTION: "That the Board approve the School Growth Plans for 2007-2008, as presented."
- 2.3 SCHOOL GROWTH PLANS FOR 2008-2009  
Timelines to be discussed as well as Board participation.
- 2.4 REPORT WRITER SOFTWARE FOR K-7  
MOTION: "That the Board approve the use of the Report Writer Software for K-7 as an elementary format for report cards for 2007-2008."
- 2.5 POLICY  
(Attachment No. 8)  
MOTION: "That the Board adopt the following policy:  
No. 1340 Parent Advisory Councils  
District Parent Advisory Council
- 2.6 APPRECIATIVE INQUIRY INSTITUTE  
Held September 28-29, 2007.
- 2.7 CAPITAL PLAN 2008/2009  
The Secretary-Treasurer to report.
- 2.8 LETTER OF SUPPORT – NO BIRTH POLICY  
Chairperson Rezansoff to report on a request from BISM.
- 2.9 FLU SHOTS  
MOTION: "That the Board approve covering the full cost of flu shots for all School District employees on an on-going basis."
- 2.10 KOOTENAY BOUNDARY BRANCH BCSTA
  - Kootenay Boundary Branch BCSTA Annual General Meeting – To be held in the Boundary District in September 2008.
  - Appointment of Member At LargeMOTION: "That the Board appoint Trustee \_\_\_\_\_ as the Member At Large for the Kootenay Boundary Branch BCSTA."

## TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES & UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Provincial Council Meeting – October 12-13, 2007.
2. BCPSEA Labour Relations Symposium – October 29-30, 2007.
3. BCSTA December Trustee Academy – December 6-8, 2007.

School District No. 51 (Boundary)  
Enrolment  
September, 2007

ATTACHMENT NO. 2

	September 30, 2006	September 28, 2007	Decline
GFSS	526.6250	505.8750	(20.7500)
Perley	251.5000	252.5000	1.0000
Hutton	239.0000	214.0000	(25.0000)
CLES	87.0000	88.5000	1.5000
BCSS	169.8750	155.6250	(14.2500)
MES	41.0000	40.5000	(0.5000)
GWD	31.0000	35.0000	4.0000
WBES	113.5000	108.0000	(5.5000)
BES	18.5000	15.5000	(3.0000)
Big White	23.5000	18.6250	(4.8750)
FWS - East	36.3750	26.2500	(10.1250)
BLC	3.7500	7.0000	3.2500
P.P.	24.0000	0.0000	(24.0000)
Phoenix Success	10.0000	0.0000	(10.0000)
<b>Total</b>	<b>1575.6250</b>	<b>1467.3750</b>	<b>-108.2500</b>

School District No. 51 (Boundary)  
Enrolment  
September, 2007  
Compared to Projected - March, 2007

	Projected March 2007	September, 2007	Increase (Decrease)
GFSS	513.625	505.8750	(7.7500)
Perley	249.000	252.5000	3.5000
Hutton	226.500	214.0000	(12.5000)
CLES	85.000	88.5000	3.5000
			-
BCSS	160.625	155.6250	(5.0000)
MES	42.000	40.5000	(1.5000)
GWD	36.000	35.0000	(1.0000)
WBES	108.500	108.0000	(0.5000)
BES	16.500	15.5000	(1.0000)
Big White	24.500	18.6250	(5.8750)
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FWS - East	32.875	26.2500	(6.6250)
BLC	5.000	7.0000	2.0000
P.P.	0.000	0.0000	-
Phoenix Success		0.0000	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>1500.125</b>	<b>1467.3750</b>	<b>-32.750</b>

1.5 MINISTER OF EDUCATION'S VISIT

The Minister of Education, Shirley Bond visited the District on June 4, 2007 and met with the Board, Administrative Officers, Union Reps, DPAC and the Aboriginal Advisory Committee. Ms. Bond also visited Hutton and Perley Schools, Grand Forks Secondary and the Glanville Centre.

1.6 TRUSTEE INITIATIVES

It was decided that the Trustee Initiative monies for 2007/2008 be allocated to the schools to target vulnerable students and/or school growth plans. In October, Principals are to report to the Board on their school plans for the funds and expected outcomes. Near the school year-end, a report is to be provided on how the funds have worked for the schools and what outcomes were achieved. There will be no carry-over of funds.

1.7 EARLY LEARNING GRANT

A letter is to be submitted to the Minister of Education asking if we could use the Early Learning Grant to support the StrongStart Centres in our Family Centres.

1.8 DISTRICT ACHIEVEMENT CONTRACT INITIATIVES

The committee has settled on three Board Goals – Literacy, Numeracy and Social Responsibility. The Board is considering revising the policy on the planning cycle for developing achievement contracts and school growth plans. The Superintendent is to request input from school partners as to the cycle timelines.

1.9 DISTRICT LITERACY PLAN - PROCESS

The Superintendent and Director of Instruction met with community Literacy organizers to discuss the pre-school to adult District Literacy Plan.

1.10 DISTRICT DIRECTIONS

The 2006/2007 Action Plan was circulated along with a proposed Action Plan for 2007/2008. An updated copy of the 2007/2008 Action Plan will be sent to schools for insertion with the student report cards.

1.11 EMERGENCY PLANS

Trustee Riddle asked if there were emergency plans in place for the District. The Superintendent to look into.

2. ACTION ITEMS

2.1 BOARD AUTHORITY AUTHORIZED COURSE

MOVED Scott  
2ND Mash

"That the Board approve the following Board Authority Authorized Course at Grand Forks Secondary School:  
Hockey Skills Academy

CARRIED

2.2 LOCATION OF PROGRAMS

The Board confirmed the locations of the following Programs.

- Elementary Behaviour Program

MOVED Garcelon  
2ND Mash

"That the Board approve the Elementary Behaviour Program be located at the Hutton Hideaway."

CARRIED

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

**DATE** : **October 22, 2007**  
**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 / City Manager**

**SUMMARY:**

Under the City's Procedures Bylaw No. 1794, 2006, the Order of Business permits the members of Council to report to the Community on issues, bring community issues for discussion and initiate action through motions of Council, ask questions on matters pertaining to the City Operations and inquire on any issues and reports.

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

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

**OPTIONS AND ALTERNATIVES:**

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

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

**BENEFITS, DISADVANTAGES AND NEGATIVE IMPACTS:**

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

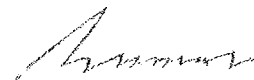
**Option 2:** The main advantage is that there is a genuine interest to resolve issues and seek clarifications without spending too much resources of the City. The disadvantage is that there may be issues brought forward which have no direct municipal jurisdiction, however, due to the motion of Council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

**COSTS AND BUDGET IMPACTS – REVENUE GENERATION:**

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

**LEGISLATIVE IMPACTS, PRECEDENTS, POLICIES:**

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



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Department Head or City Manager

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Reviewed by City Manager