

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY APRIL 14, 2009**

**PRESENT:** MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR  
COUNCILLOR JOY DAVIES  
COUNCILLOR CHRIS MOSLIN  
COUNCILLOR GENE ROBERT  
COUNCILLOR CHRISTINE THOMPSON  
COUNCILLOR CHER WYERS

CITY MANAGER  
CITY CLERK  
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

V. Kumar  
L. Burch  
C. Arnott

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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:

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MOTION: DAVIES / MOSLIN

**RESOLVED THAT** THE APRIL 14, 2009 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

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**MINUTES:**

MOTION: THOMPSON / MOSLIN

**RESOLVED THAT** THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2009, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

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MOTION: THOMPSON / DAVIES

**RESOLVED THAT** THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY MARCH 16, 2009, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

MOTION: ROBERT / WYERS

**RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY MARCH 16, 2009, AND ALL RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN, BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.**

CARRIED.

It was pointed out that on page 09-11, in the last line, the word should have been "salvaging"

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**REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:**

None

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

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

**Councillor Davies:**

Councillor Davies reported on the following items:

- Reported on the inaugural meeting of the Economic Development Task Force, outlining the events of the meeting. She advised that the next meeting of the Economic Development Task Force will be May 28<sup>th</sup>.
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**Councillor Robert:**

Councillor Robert reported on the following items:

- Reported that the AKBLG has notified Council that their resolution on rail line protocol between USA and Canada, that Council has proposed for the AKBLG conference, needs to be strengthened. Councillor Robert suggested that the motion be dealt with on the floor at the conference.
  - Reported on the inaugural meeting of the Public Safety Focus Group held on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009. He stated that the group intends to look at quality of life issues that bylaws do not cover, such as creating a safe environment in Grand Forks.
  - Advised that the Boundary Women's Coalition is sponsoring Jackson Katz as a guest speaker on Violence Against Women on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at a dinner and lecture.
  - Advised that Community Futures/Selkirk College/City of Grand Forks presentation of John McKnight, Building Communities From The Inside Out, on April 20<sup>th</sup>.
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**Councillor Wyers:**

Councillor Wyers reported on the following items:

- Reported on her attendance at the April 2 inaugural meeting of the Economic Development Task Force. She advised that she is participating on the Heath & Business Team.
- Reported on her attendance at the Emergency Management Workshop for Elected Officials.
- Advised that the Art Gallery Staff are now manning the Visitors Information Centre in the heritage Courthouse, and that the Chamber of Commerce is now located in the Community Futures building.

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**Councillor Moslin:**

Councillor Moslin reported on the following items:

- Reported on public meeting held at Selkirk College on March 30, 2009 with the neighbors of the closed roadway known as the Cowpath.

MOTION: MOSLIN / DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT FUTURE CONSTRUCTION OF A SIDEWALK SURROUNDING THE SENIORS HOUSING FACILITIES OF ABBEYFIELD CENTENNIAL HOUSE AND BOUNDARY LODGE, BE CONSIDERED A PRIORITY FOR FUTURE SIDEWALK DEVELOPMENT.

CARRIED.

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MOTION: MOSLIN / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO BARRICADING THE LANE, RUNNING EAST WEST, BETWEEN 8<sup>TH</sup> & 9<sup>TH</sup> STREETS, IN LINE WITH 73<sup>RD</sup> AVENUE, TO VEHICLE TRAFFIC AT THE 9<sup>TH</sup> STREET ENTRANCE. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO CREATING A WHEEL CHAIR ACCESSIBLE RAMP ON THE 9<sup>TH</sup> STREET ACCESS, BETWEEN 73<sup>RD</sup> AND 72<sup>ND</sup> AVENUES.

CARRIED.

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- Advised that the Black Train Bridge re-decking will be completed this weekend. He went on to thank the groups and private companies who have contributed to this project.
- Reported on a motion, adopted by the previous Council on June 30, 2008, dedicating a "dog park" at Donaldson Park. He advised that the "Dog Park Association" is currently raising money for fencing and gates for new location for the dog park. He further gave notice of his intention to bring forward a motion requesting Staff to bring forward a report recommending the best location for a dog park.



MOTION: ROBERT / THOMPSON

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

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**REPORT FROM THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY (VERBAL)**

Mayor Taylor, Council representative to the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary reported on the following items:

- Advised that all Regional District of Kootenay Boundary minutes are now being posted online.
- Advised that the planned water study of the Kettle River is not being funded by the Ministry of Environment and will not be going forward at this time.
- Reported on his attendance at a meeting with Director Irene Perepolkin and John MacLean, CAO of the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary wherein the operation of regional services was discussed.
- In responding to a question from Councillor Moslin on Kettle River Study, the Mayor commented on his disappointment that the province declined to fund this study.
- Responded to a question from Councillor Robert on the implemented charge of \$2.00 per bag for garden waste at the Grand Forks Landfill, stating that there are real costs to the Regional District Kootenay Boundary for this service.
- Reported on his meeting with the Boundary Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals on the planned closure of the Grand Forks shelter.

MOTION: ROBERT / DAVIES

**RESOLVED THAT THE REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY, PROVIDED VERBALLY BY MAYOR TAYLOR AT THIS MEETING, BE RECEIVED. CARRIED.**

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**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:**

**a) City Clerk's Report – Strategic Action Plan**

MOTION: ROBERT / DAVIES

**RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED MARCH 30, 2009, REGARDING THE STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN, BE RECEIVED. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ADOPTS THE 2009 STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN, EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2009 WITH ALL IDENTIFIED DEADLINES IN THE PLAN TO BE DELAYED BY 2 MONTHS. CARRIED.**

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**b) City Clerk's Report – Lease and Operating Funding, Grand Forks Art Gallery**

MOTION: ROBERT / MOSLIN

**RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED APRIL 3, 2009, REGARDING A NEW LEASE AND OPERATING AGREEMENT FOR THE GRAND FORKS ART GALLERY, BE RECEIVED. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE LEASE AGREEMENT AND THE FUNDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS AND THE GRAND FORKS ART GALLERY SOCIETY FOR THE LEASE OF SPACE IN THE HERITAGE COURTHOUSE, LOCATED AT 524 CENTRAL AVENUE, IN THE FORM ATTACHED TO THIS REPORT AND AS AMENDED AT THIS MEETING.**

CARRIED.

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**REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

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**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

MOTION: THOMPSON / DAVIES

**RESOLVED THAT INFORMATION ITEMS NUMBERED 10A TO 10V**

- a) John Heavener
- b) Catherine Korolek
- c) Lawrence Antifaev
- d) Ministry of Community Development
- e) USCC
- f) Regional Cadet Support Union (Pacific)
- g) Friends of the Rossland Range
- h) Boundary District Arts Council.
- i) Regional District of Kootenay Boundary – tipping fees.
- j) Regional District of Kootenay Boundary – Trash to Treasure
- k) City to Tourism BC
- l) Gerry and Judy Foster
- m) BC Olympic & Paralympic Winter Games
- n) Grand Forks Senior Citizens Branch #68
- o) Ministry of Health Living
- p) Ministry of Environment
- q) UBCM – Resolution Process
- r) Minutes – City of Grand Forks/Grand Forks Art Gallery
- s) Minutes – RDKB Board of Directors Meeting Jan 29<sup>th</sup>
- t) Minutes – RDKB Board of Directors Meeting Feb 26<sup>th</sup>
- u) Minutes – RDKB Board of Directors Meeting Mar 26<sup>th</sup>
- v) Meeting Task List – March 16th

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEMS 10(a), 10(b), 10(c), 10(f), 10(g), 10(h), and 10(n) BE RECEIVED AND ACTED UPON AS RECOMMENDED.

CARRIED.

Item 10(a) – John Heavener, request for transportation to Health Connections System to Other medical Facilities to be pursued through Economic Development Task Force by the Health, Education and Business Team. Councillor Davies suggested she would bring it to Economic Development Task Force, and Mayor Taylor suggested that he will bring it the attention of Boundary Economic Development Commission.

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Item 10(b) – Catherine Korolek email about flowers and baskets. Suggested that Staff’s letter to Ms. Korolek also include the other beautification goals identified in the Strategic Plan.

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Item 10(c) – Councillor Davies suggested that she will take Mr. Antifaev’s proposal to the Economic Development Task Force.

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Item 10(f) –Regional Cadet Support Union (Pacific)

MOTION: Thompson/Robert

RESOLVED THAT THE LETTER, DATED MARCH 11, 2009, FROM NATIONAL DEFENCE CANADA, REGIONAL CADET SUPPORT UNIT (PACIFIC), REQUESTING RECOGNITION OF THE OFFICERS OF THE CANADIAN FORCES RESERVE CADET INSTRUCTORS CADRE IN GRAND FORKS, BE RECEIVED. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE GRAND FORKS COMMUNITY LOCAL VOLUNTEER SPONSORING COMMITTEE, BE INVITED TO ATTEND COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND BE RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR SERVICE TO GRAND FORKS YOUTH. CARRIED.

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Item 10(g) - Friends of the Rossland Range be referred to RDKB, as recommended and that these proponents be advised that this area is outside the jurisdiction of the City of Grand Forks.

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Item 10(h) - Boundary District Arts Council Arts and Culture Week events. The Mayor advised that he will attend on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

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Item 10(n) - Grand Forks Senior Citizens Branch #68  
Council requested that copies of the letter of appreciation be placed in personnel files of Victor Kumar and Wayne Kopan.

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**BYLAWS:**

**a) Chief Financial Officer’s Report – Bylaw 1870 – Temporary Borrowing Bylaw**

MOTION: THOMPSON / DAVIES

**RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1870, CITED AS “TEMPORARY BORROWING BYLAW NO. 1870”, BE FINALLY ADOPTED. CARRIED.**

**b) City Manager's Report – Bylaw 1871 – 2009 – 2013 Financial Plan**

MOTION: THOMPSON / MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1871, CITED AS “YEAR 2009 – 2013 FINANCIAL PLAN BYLAW”, BE GIVEN FIRST READING. CARRIED.

Councillor Robert voted against the motion.  
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MOTION: THOMPSON / MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1871, CITED AS “YEAR 2009 – 2013 FINANCIAL PLAN BYLAW”, BE GIVEN SECOND READING. CARRIED.

Councillor Robert voted against the motion  
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MOTION: THOMPSON / DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1871, CITED AS “YEAR 2009 – 2013 FINANCIAL PLAN BYLAW”, BE GIVEN THIRD READING. CARRIED.

Councillor Robert voted against the motion.  
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**LATE ITEMS:**

None

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**QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA:**

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**ADOPTION OF IN-CAMERA MEETING AGENDA:**

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- None

MOTION: DAVIES / MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA FOR THE IN-CAMERA MEETING TO IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW THIS SPECIAL MEETING BE ADOPTED, AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.



**IN-CAMERA RESOLUTION:**

MOTION: MOSLIN / DAVIES

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL CONVENE AN IN-CAMERA MEETING AS OUTLINED UNDER SECTION 90 OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER TO DISCUSS MATTERS IN A CLOSED MEETING WHICH ARE THE SUBJECT OF SECTION 90 OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER.**

**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: ROBERT

**RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 8:28 P.M.**


**CARRIED.**

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**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

  
MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR

  
CITY CLERK - LYNNE BURCH