

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY APRIL 27, 2009

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

CITY MANAGER
CITY CLERK

V. Kumar
L. Burch

GALLERY

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. in Council Chambers.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- None.

MOTION: ROBERT / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2009, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

a) City Clerk's Report – Delegation, Kettle River Mountain Bikers' Association

Delegation – Brian Fletcher on behalf of the Kettle River Mountain Bikers' Association

Mr. Fletcher was welcomed to the meeting by Mayor Taylor. He began his presentation by introducing the Association's newest initiatives to attract visitors to the boundary area, a new mountain bike trail guide. He advised that there are already some contributors, for new guide, for which it is estimated that 10,000 copies will be printed and distributed.

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He requested that the City consider purchasing a \$250.00 ½ page advertisement. Prior to concluding his presentation, Mr. Fletcher circulated further printed information for Council's consideration.

MOTION: ROBERT / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED APRIL 20, 2009, OUTLINING THE DELEGATION OF THE KETTLE RIVER MOUNTAIN BIKERS' ASSOCIATION, BE RECEIVED. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT THE PRESENTATION MADE BY BRIAN FLETCHER OF THE KETTLE RIVER MOUNTAIN BIKERS' ASSOCIATION, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED.

MOTION: MOSLIN / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT THE CITY PURCHASE A \$250.00, ½ PAGE ADVERTISEMENT IN THE PROPOSED MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL GUIDE.

CARRIED.

OPERATIONAL DISCUSSION & PRESENTATIONS BY STAFF:

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

a) City Clerk's Report – Proposed Amendments to the Noise Bylaw

MOTION: ROBERT / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED APRIL 20, 2009, REGARDING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE GRAND FORKS NOISE BYLAW, BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT NO FURTHER ACTION BE TAKEN BY STAFF AT THIS TIME.

CARRIED.

b) City Clerk's Report – Legislative Policies

Committee members discussed the proposed existing general government policies and focused on Policy 613 – Vehicle Use – City Owned. It was pointed out the employee positions included in policy are not current, and it was determined to amend the policy to include updated positions and include Deputy Fire Chief.

MOTION: THOMPSON / DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED APRIL 20, 2009, REGARDING GENERAL GOVERNMENT POLICIES, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT GENERAL GOVERNMENT POLICIES NUMBERED 601 – 614; BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED AND AMENDED AT THIS PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING, FOR IMPLEMENTATION NO LATER THAN MAY 31, 2009.

CARRIED.

c) City Manager's Report – RCMP Contract Negotiations

City Manager began by stating that the previous Council, at the request of UBCM appointed him as a member of the Local Government Working Group. He stated that the contract between the Province and the RCMP for policing services expires in 2012. By way of powerpoint presentation, the City Manager, outlined the policing services in the Province and in Canada, stating that there are three levels of policing. He advised that Grand Forks is governed under the Provincial Police Agreement, because the City has a population of less than 5000. He went on to outline some of the principles guiding the renewal process.

MOTION: ROBERT / DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT, DATED APRIL 20, 2009, ON THE STATUS OF RCMP CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT THE REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF NEGOTIATIONS, FROM THE CITY MANAGER AS A MEMBER OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT WORKING GROUP, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED.

d) City Clerk's Report – Proposed Amendments to the Zoning Bylaw

MOTION: DAVIES / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED APRIL 21, 2009, REGARDING AN APPLICATION TO REZONE PROPERTY AT 767 72ND AVENUE FROM R-3 MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R-2 SMALL LOT RESIDENTIAL, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED.

MOTION: THOMPSON / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT THE APPLICATION TO REZONE PROPERTY, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOTS 5, 6, AND 7, BLOCK 25, DISTRICT LOT 108, PLAN 23, LOCATED AT 767 72ND AVENUE, FROM R-3 MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R-2 SMALL LOT RESIDENTIAL, AS SUBMITTED BY THE PROPERTY OWNER, SHERRI LAZEROFF, BE PERMITTED TO PROCEED TO PUBLIC HEARING. BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT STAFF BE DIRECTED TO DRAFT THE APPROPRIATE BYLAW FOR COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION.

CARRIED.

e) City Manager's Report – Consideration of a Dog Park

MOTION: MOSLIN / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT, DATED APRIL 21, 2009, REGARDING THE CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE, OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL OF A PROPOSED DOG PARK, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT THE PROPOSED DOG PARK BE LOCATED IN CITY PARK, IN THE VICINITY OF THE BMX TRACK ALONG THE NORTH SIDE OF THE BMX PARK IN PROXIMITY TO THE TREE LINED BANK.

CARRIED.

REQUESTS FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

None

LATE ITEMS:

None

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

QUESTION PERIOD FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mayor Taylor 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, and the normal rules apply.

Bill Campbell

- Inquired as to the City water quality and further inquired if testing includes chemicals for example pesticides and herbicides. City Manager advised that there is no testing done for specific chemicals on a weekly or monthly basis. Mr. Campbell advised that he would like to know how many parts per million of 24D is in the water. The City Manager advised that he would provide public access to whatever reports the City has in its possession.
- Inquired if the Lift Station project could be done by local contractors at this time. The Mayor advised that Council is hoping to tender the project again and that bids will be more reasonable, allowing the project to move forward.

Les Johnson:

- Commented on the valley dairy industry which deteriorated years ago.
- Inquired as to the proposed location of the new Dog Park, and the impact to the Trans Canada Trail. Councillor Moslin stated that the intent is not to block access to the Trans Canada trail.

Roy Ronaghan:

- Inquired as to where a member of the public would get information on the quality of city water. The City Manager advised that Staff will obtain the information requested by the public at this meeting and make it available.
- Inquired if the City has information on the aquifer and how it is being depleted. Responding to his inquiry surrounding the presence of nitrates, the City Manager advised that the City has a general idea of where the nitrate plume is spreading.
- In response to Mr. Ronaghan's inquiry, the Mayor advised that the City is pursuing the Kettle River Study at the regional level.
- The City Manager advised that the City water supply meets the Canadian Drinking Water standards. He further suggested that these standards can be found on their website.

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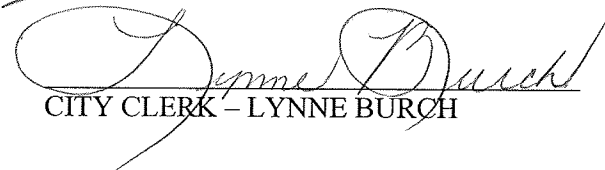
ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT THIS PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING BE ADJOURNED 8:34 P.M.
CARRIED.**

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


CITY CLERK - LYNNE BURCH