

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY AUGUST 17, 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

CALL TO ORDER:

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

RECESS TO PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING:

MOTION: ROBERT / DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE RECESSED AT 7:03 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 7:03 p.m. and reconvened at 8:28 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

- City Manager's Report – Award of Tender for the City Park Sewer Lift Station to be brought forward under Late Items.

MOTION: ROBERT / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT THE AUGUST 17, 2009 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED. CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: THOMPSON / MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY JULY 20, 2009, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

MOTION: WYERS / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL, HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 20, 2009, BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

CARRIED.

Amendments:

Councillor Wyers pointed out that on page 6178, under her report, reference made to her attendance at a meeting with the Library Director should read will be attending a meeting on July 22, 2009. She went on to advise that on the same page, in reference to her account of Canada Day celebrations, the record should read that she thanked all participating Council Members for joining the July 1st festivities.

MOTION: ROBERT / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY JULY 20, 2009, AND ALL RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a) City Clerk's Report – Riverside Meadows RFS

MOTION: MOSLIN / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED AUGUST 7, 2009, REGARDING A REQUEST FOR A LETTER OF SUPPORT IN RESPONSE TO AN RFS, SUBMITTED BY THE DEVELOPERS OF THE RIVERSIDE MEADOWS SUBDIVISION, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ISSUE THE REQUESTED LETTER IN SUPPORT OF THE SUNXT DEVELOPMENTS LTD., DRAFT REQUEST FOR SUBMISSION, UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE EQUILIBRIUM COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE, AS ATTACHED.

CARRIED.

b) City Manager's Report – Multi-Purpose Playing Field

MOTION: THOMPSON / MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT, DATED AUGUST 6, 2009, REGARDING THE FEASIBILITY OF A MULTI-PURPOSE PLAYING FIELD, BE RECEIVED. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL REFERS THE PARK DEVELOPMENT TO THE PUBLIC PROCESS DURING THE 2010-2013 FINANCIAL PLANNING PROCESS.
CARRIED.

c) City Manager's Report – Notice of Motion

Councillor Davies reported that she has discussed the task force proposal with individuals previously suggested and further reported that all these individuals have stated that they are prepared to sit on this Medical Marijuana task force.

MOTION: MOSLIN / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT, DATED AUGUST 5, 2009, REGARDING A NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 20, 2009 REGARDING A TASK FORCE ON MEDICAL MARIJUANA, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE NOTICE OF MOTION BE RECEIVED.
CARRIED.

Councillors Robert, Wyers and Wirischagin voted against the motion.

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

Councillor Wirischagin:

Councillor Wirischagin reported on the following:

- Reported on his attendance at a Border Bruins Hockey Club meeting last week and confirmed that the Border Bruins are staying in Grand Forks and due to play next month in the Grand Forks arena.
- Advised that the GFI volunteers are preparing for baseball tournament.
- Reported on his attendance at a recent Fall Fair meeting.
- He advised that the Business and Tourism Team of the Economic Development Task Force has formed themselves into "Venture Grand Forks" and intends to function as a separate entity and will be applying for grants to proceed with tourism initiatives. He stated his appreciation for the leadership of Councillors Davies and Thompson on the Economic Development Task Force.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ENDOSE VENTURE GRAND FORKS, AND THAT A LETTER OF SUPPORT BE PROVIDED.
CARRIED.

Councillor Moslin:

Councillor Moslin reported on the following:

- Brought forward and discussed the Infrastructure Study done by Kerr Wood Leidal on the state of the City's existing infrastructure. He advised that the report is available on the City's Website, and is also available on disc available at City Hall.
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Councillor Thompson:

Councillor Thompson reported on the following:

- Reported on her initiative to set up a joint meeting of the Grand Forks Art Gallery Society board who are operating the museum in the Heritage Arts Centre and the Boundary Museum Society board to be held in September. She advised that it is intended that the members of the two societies, as well as Councillor Wyers, Council Liaison to the Grand Forks Art Gallery, and herself as Council Liaison to the Boundary Museum Society, along with Sue Adrian, will be included in the meeting.
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Councillor Wyers:

Councillor Wyers reported on the following:

- Reported on her attendance at the August 12th Public Library Annual General Meeting.
 - Reported on her attendance at a meeting as a volunteer for the GFI.
 - Reported that she and Councillor Wirischagin will be looking after the exhibit hall at the Grand Forks & District Fall Fair. She advised that Fall Fair parade applications are available at the front counter of City Hall.
 - Reported on the activities of the Citizens on Patrol.
 - She advised that she is looking forward to working with the new group, Venture Grand Forks.
 - She reported that she has been advised that electronic files on the city website, under the bylaw section, are not accessible.
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Councillor Robert:

Councillor Robert reported on the following:

- Complimented Councillor Thompson on her work with the Boundary Museum Society.
- Reported that he is the volunteer with the responsibility for the 50/50 draw at the upcoming Grand Forks International baseball tournament.
- Brought forward a proposal for a bylaw to prohibit motorized boats, airboats and jetskis on the Granby and Kettle Rivers. The Mayor suggested that the RDKB is looking at this issue, and any action taken by Council should be in consultation with the RDKB. The Mayor suggested that he will report on the matter at the next meeting.

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MOTION: ROBERT / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT STAFF BE DIRECTED TO RESEARCH AND PROVIDE COUNCIL WITH INFORMATION ON HOW TO DEAL WITH INAPPROPRIATELY PARKED MOTORHOMES ON CITY STREETS FOR EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME. CARRIED.

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- Reported on recent games of chess being played in Gyro Park.

A copy of Councillor Robert's report is attached to these minutes.

Councillor Davies:

Councillor Davies reported on the following:

- Reported on the activities of the Economic Development Task Force. She went on to request that action be taken on the matter of the Community Garden initiative.
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MOTION: DAVIES / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT STAFF BE DIRECTED TO PREPARE A REPORT ON CITY OWNED LAND THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE AND SUITABLE FOR A COMMUNITY GARDEN. CARRIED.

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- She reported that the Industry Team of the Economic Development Task Force has a proposal for alternative solar energy. She advised that an application has been made to Fortis BC for funding a workshop on the initiative. She stated the funding application has been approved, and that the group intends to bring in 3 qualified speakers on the subject, 2 of them from Fortis and one internationally renowned speaker on the subject of solar energy. This workshop will be held on Wednesday, September 16, 2009, and will be open to the public.
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Mayor Taylor:

Mayor Taylor reported on the following:

- Reported on his attendance at the Woodlot Association Meeting, advising that it is the intention of the Woodlot Association to meet with local politicians and the Minister of Forests to discuss the issue of future woodlot licences.
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MOTION: THOMPSON / DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT MAYOR TAYLOR BE AUTHORIZED AT ATTEND A MEETING WITH THE MINISTER OF FORESTS AND RANGE, ACCOMPANIED BY DIRECTOR BILL BAIRD OF ELECTORAL AREA E OF THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY AND MEMBERS OF BOUNDARY WOODLOT ASSOCIATION TO DISCUSS THE MATTER OF FUTURE WOODLOT LICENCES IN THE BOUNDARY AREA. CARRIED.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / ROBERT

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

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

a) City Clerk's Report – Building Bylaw Contravention, 1665 68th Avenue

MOTION: DAVIES / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED JULY 30, 2009, REGARDING A BUILDING BYLAW CONTRAVENTION AT 1665 68TH AVENUE, BE RECEIVED. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT AFTER PROVIDING THE PROPERTY OWNER AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD, COUNCIL DIRECTS STAFF TO PROCEED WITH FILING A NOTICE IN THE LAND TITLES OFFICE THAT THE PROPERTY DOES NOT COMPLY WITH CITY BYLAWS.

CARRIED.

REPORT – REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY

Mayor Taylor, the City representative on the Board of Directors for the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary reported on the following Regional District matters:

- Reported on the status of the Animal Control service. He advised that the service will soon have a new Contractor, however the service will be different as there is no adoption of orphaned animals attached to the animal control service at this point. He also stated that the service is intended to enforce the Regional District Animal Control Bylaw that includes dogs but not cats. He advised that direct supervision of the contractor will be by the RDKB Staff in Trail.

MOTION: DAVIES / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY VERBAL REPORT FROM THE CITY'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE RDKB, MAYOR TAYLOR, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED.

Meeting recessed at 9:53 p.m. and reconvened at 9:58 p.m.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DECISIONS:

- a) City Clerk's Report – Mehmal Ranch Proposal for Lost Lake

MOTION: MOSLIN / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED JULY 29, 2009, REGARDING THE RESTORATION OF LOST LAKE, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL SUPPORT THE APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY THE MEHMAL RANCH UNDER THE JOB OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM FOR FUNDING TO RESTORE LOST LAKE ON THE SAND CREEK ROAD NORTH EAST OF THE CITY BOUNDARY AND THAT THE CITY FURTHER ADVISE THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS HAS NO OBJECTION TO THE TEMPORARY DIVERSION OF WATER FROM OVERTON CREEK AS THE PROPOSAL DOES NOT IMPACT THE INTERESTS OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS.

CARRIED.

- b) City Clerk's Report – MIA Voting Delegates

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED AUGUST 6, 2009, REGARDING THE MUNICIPAL INSURANCE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL FULFILL ITS OBLIGATION UNDER THE RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT, BY APPOINTING COUNCILLOR CHRISTINE THOMPSON AS THE VOTING DELEGATE AT THE 2009 MIA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, AND APPOINTING COUNCILLOR ROBERT AND VICTOR KUMAR, CITY MANAGER AS THE ALTERNATES.

CARRIED.

- c) Fire Chief's Report – Disposal of Fire Equipment

MOTION: THOMPSON / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT, DATED AUGUST 12, 2009, PROPOSING THE DISPOSAL OF CITY FIRE EQUIPMENT, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT APPROVAL BE GRANTED FOR THE SALE OF A 1976 FIRE MASTER FIRE TRUCK WHICH IS SURPLUS TO THE NEEDS OF THE CITY.

CARRIED.

- d) City Manager's Report – Purchase of Major Equipment for Operation Needs

MOTION: THOMPSON / DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT, DATED AUGUST 7, 2009, REGARDING THE REPLACEMENT OF A 17-YEAR OLD ELECTRICAL BOOM HYDRAULIC TRUCK, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZES STAFF TO PROCEED WITH THE PURCHASE AND FINANCING OF THE ELECTRICAL HYBRID TRUCK IN COMPLIANCE WITH TILMA AND AIT AGREEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2010.

CARRIED.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/ ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT INFORMATION ITEMS NUMBERED 10A TO 10J,

- a) Email from Jack Koochin regarding concerns of the Sound/PA System used during the Canada Day Celebrations be referred to the Canada Day Committee.
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- b) Canadian Forces Request for Support of Troupes by placing yellow ribbons and flags along Trans Canada Hwy, be filed, as the City of Grand Forks is not along the Trans Canada Highway.
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- c) Copy of the Mayor's letter to the Honourable Margaret MacDiarmid, Minister of Education expressing the City's concerns as to the reduction in library funding, be filed.
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- d) Copy of a Letter that Beyond Graphics has sent to Transport Canada voicing concerns as to Council's position regarding air boats on the Granby and Kettle Rivers, be filed.
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- e) Letter from the Ministry of Community and Rural Development replying to the City's letter on the Proposed Rail Line abandonment, be filed.
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- f) City Manager's Memo regarding issues brought forward by Council, be received

MOTION: ROBERT / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL PROCEED WITH SEEKING APPROVAL TO BORROW UP TO \$300,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF REHABILITATING THE 22ND STREET CORRIDOR FROM CENTRAL AVENUE TO 78TH AVENUE THROUGH AN ALTERNATIVE APPROVAL PROCESS.

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MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE ABOVE MOTION, REGARDING AN ALTERNATIVE APPROVAL PROCESS TO SEEK AUTHORITY TO BORROW UP TO \$300,000 FOR THE REHABILITATION OF 22ND STREET, BE DEFERRED UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL. CARRIED.

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g) City Clerk's Memo regarding existing water licences

MOTION: MOSLIN / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE EXISTING WATER LICENCES ON OVERTON CREEK AND HULL CREEK, GRANTED TO THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS, BE RETAINED.

CARRIED.

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h) Chief Financial Officer's Report - SOFI. Council received the CFO report and further approved the statements and schedules included in the Statement of Financial Information for the City of Grand Forks as at December 31, 2008 as attached.

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i) BC Transmission Corporation re: Transmission 2040, be filed.

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j) Health Canada Safety Alert – Reusable Grocery Bags, be filed.

BE RECEIVED AND ACTED UPON AS RECOMMENDED OR AS AMENDED.

CARRIED.

BYLAWS:

a) **City Clerk's Report – Major Industrial Revitalization Tax Exemption Renewal Bylaw**

MOTION: ROBERT / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1881, CITED AS "MAJOR INDUSTRIAL REVITALIZATION AREA TAX EXEMPTION RENEWAL (INTERFOR) BYLAW NO. 1881", BE GIVEN FIRST READING. CARRIED.

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MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1881, CITED AS "MAJOR INDUSTRIAL REVITALIZATION AREA TAX EXEMPTION RENEWAL (INTERFOR) BYLAW NO. 1881", BE GIVEN SECOND READING. CARRIED.

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MOTION: MOSLIN / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1881, CITED AS "MAJOR INDUSTRIAL REVITALIZATION AREA TAX EXEMPTION RENEWAL (INTERFOR) BYLAW NO. 1881", BE GIVEN THIRD READING. CARRIED.

LATE ITEMS:

a) City Manager's Report – Award of Tender, City Park Sewer Lift Station

MOTION: THOMPSON / MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT, ON THE MATTER OF THE TENDER FOR THE CITY PARK SEWER LIFT STATION, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL CONCUR WITH THE TENDER AWARD TO MAGLIO INSTALLATIONS LTD. CARRIED.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA:

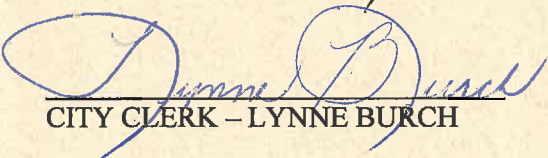
ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 10:50 P.M. CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


CITY CLERK – LYNNE BURCH

AUG 17/09-COUNCIL REPORT

8/17/2009 8:10:00 AM

1) POSE THIS BYLAW-WITH THE THREAT OF "AIRBOATS" WITHOUT PROPER ENVIROMENTAL STUDIES (IMPACT ON FISH AND FISH HABITAT) AS WELL AS NOT RECEIVING PUBLIC APPROVAL

THERE BE IT RESOLVED AS A CITY BY LAW THAT NO MOTORIZED BOATS, AIRBOATS AND OTHER MOTORIZED WATER VEHICLES EG. (JET SKIS) BE BANNED FROM THE GRANDBY AND KETTLE RIVERS WITHIN CITY LIMITS UNLESS A EMERGENCY ISSUUE ARISES AND A COUNCIL RESOLUTION IS PASSED.

2) A RECOMMENDATION FOR BYLAW-RECREATIONAL VEHICLES PARKED ON CITY STREETS IN A TIME FRAME OF 7 DAYS WITHOUT USE NEED TO BE REMOVED. GROUNDS FOR THE BYLAW BASED ON HINDRANCE FACTORS TO GARBAGE SERVICE AS WELL AS EMERGENCY VEHICLES.

From: Ted Invictus <ted.invictus@gmail.com>

Date: August 13, 2009 7:21:24 PM PDT

To: Gene and Francine Robert <crobert@telus.net>

Subject: Chess in Gyro Park

Aloha Gene,

Just wanted to share this story: You saw Richard and I getting set to play chess today in Gyro Park. I had to shorten Richard and my game because I had scheduled a mentoring session with on of my youths. During that session at Kocomos' the youth asked to play chess so back to Gyro park we went and played a great game during which a large number (10ish) members of the youth's peers stopped by.

As the game with the youth and I came to an end a Mother and child enroute to the Library stopped by and the Mother proudly claimed her child's competency on a chess board. I invited the child to play and he and I shared a very challenging game. The kid was good! The Mother took down my contact information in the hope her son and I might play another game.

My point in sharing this with you: Whomever agreed to purchase the chess pieces for the city created this opportunity for community to blossom and for that needs to hear my gratitude.