

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY DECEMBER 21, 2009

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

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER L. Burch
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER C. Arnott
CORPORATE OFFICER D. Heinrich

GALLERY

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

The Mayor advised that in regard to Questions from the Media and the Public portion of the agendas, that the Primary Committee Meeting is for public input at which the members of the public may ask questions on any subject of community interest or concern. The Regular Meeting question period is for clarifying any information contained within that particular Regular Meeting agenda.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2009, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

None

OPERATIONAL DISCUSSION & PRESENTATIONS BY STAFF:

None

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

None

REQUESTS FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

None

PROPOSED BYLAWS FOR DISCUSSION:

- a) Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Bows and Arrows Prohibition in the City of Grand Forks

MOTION: MOSLIN/DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT, DATED DECEMBER 21, 2009, REGARDING THE PROPOSED ADOPTION OF A BYLAW TO PROHIBIT BOWS AND ARROWS IN THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS, BE RECEIVED.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO CONSULT WITH BOTH THE GRAND FORKS WILDLIFE ASSOCIATION AND THE RCMP AS TO THE PROS AND CONS OF THE PROPOSED REGULATION, AND SHOULD THE COMMITTEE DETERMINE THAT THIS BYLAW WOULD BE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST, THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT THE BYLAW BE ADOPTED EITHER IN ITS PRESENT FORM OR AS AMENDED. CARRIED.

LATE ITEMS:

None

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

None

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.

Prior to the question period being open to the public, the Mayor announced that the City is going to look at a contract extension with Alpine on a short term basis. During this extension, the City is going to research all of their options to best suit the community's future garbage and recycling needs and will take into account all of the questions and concerns from community input. The Mayor thanked the public for all of their suggestions and concerns.

- **Sylvia Treptow:** She said she was pleased with Council's decision to postpone the garbage contract. She questioned if there would be a public meeting prior to Council making a final decision. The Mayor advised that a public meeting could be a good option prior to making a final decision.
- **Shella Gardezi from the Gazette** inquired if the contract price would remain the same in the Alpine Disposal contract extension and the Mayor replied that this was doubtful. She stated there was a need for mutual respect between Council and the public.
- **Laura Savinkoff:** Thanked Council for her Volunteer Award. She also thanked Council for being progressive and for doing a good job this year.
- **Bruce Faulkner:** Stated that he would like to see a picture of the proposed Trail network. Councillor Moslin explained the locations and areas of the proposed pathways which will allow citizens to utilize them as pedestrians, bicyclers, wheelchairs and handicapped scooters. Mr. Faulkner then questioned why the stimulus money couldn't be spent other projects. He was advised that the monies received by the Government can only be applied for that specific Grant application.
- **Les Braden** inquired if the current electrical line truck was diesel. The CAO replied through the Mayor that all of the City's service trucks are diesel. The Mayor also stated that the replacement of the electrical truck is necessary due to stress points that are monitored for safety through Work Safe BC.
- **Sylvia Treptow:** Inquired why there was no public meeting on the Trail system before going ahead with the AAP. The Mayor advised that the AAP is part of the public process and that there may be additional public involvement prior to the actual construction of the Trail system.

ADJOURNMENT:

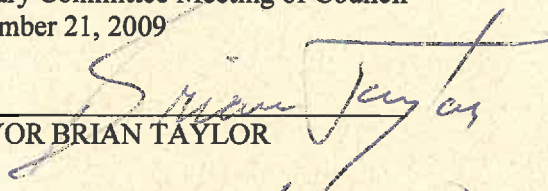
MOTION: ROBERT/THOMPSON

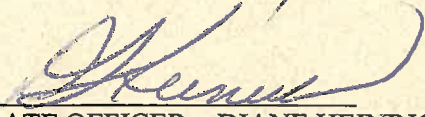
RESOLVED THAT THIS PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 7:40 P.M.

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Primary Committee Meeting of Council
December 21, 2009


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


CORPORATE OFFICER – DIANE HEINRICH