

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR 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
CORPORATE OFFICER D. Heinrich
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER C. Arnott

GALLERY

CALL TO ORDER:

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

RECESS TO PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING:

MOTION: ROBERT/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE RECESSED AT 7:02 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 7:02 p.m. and reconvened at 7:53 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION: MOSLIN/WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE DECEMBER 21, 2009 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2009, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

MOTION: THOMPSON/WYERS

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY DECEMBER 7, 2009, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Ministry of Environment – Local Government & the Southern Interior Regional Drinking Water Team deferred from December 7th Regular Meeting

MOTION: ROBERT/WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT DATED DECEMBER 14TH, 2009, REGARDING A PROPOSAL FOR COUNCIL PARTICIPATION IN A PILOT PROCESS TO INCORPORATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT INPUT INTO THE SOUTHERN INTERIOR DRINKING WATER TEAM, BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION.

CARRIED.

Councillor Robert thanked Staff for putting together a great report, and inquired if an article could be placed in a City Newsletter with regards to the testing of City water.

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

Councillor Wirischagin:

Councillor Wirischagin reported on the following items:

- Wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a great New Year
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Councillor Moslin:

Councillor Moslin reported on the following items:

- He reported on his participation in a Webinar on December 9th with regard to the recovery of the Brownfield Redevelopment that focused on abandoned gas station sites. He stated that there are 3 of these sites within City boundaries.
 - He reported on the activities of the Dog Park Committee stating that the group has raised approximately \$4,000 for materials to construct the Dog Park in the approved site at City Park.
 - He reported on his attendance at a Deer Committee meeting initiated by the Mayor on December 10th.
 - He advised that Habitat for Humanity has completed one side of the new duplex construction on 72nd Avenue.
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Councillor Wyers:

Councillor Wyers reported on the following items:

- Reported on the many invitations she has received to attend Christmas festivities and that she would like to extend a safe & happy holiday to all the citizens of Grand Forks
 - She outlined a proposed project for 2010 –changing the “Two Hour Parking Signs” that are located downtown to “Welcome and Enjoy the Complimentary Parking.”
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Councillor Robert:

Councillor Robert reported on the following items:

- He reported receiving complaints from some citizens that haven't received city newsletters and surveys which were mailed out. Councillor Wirischagin advised that if people request “no junk mail” at the post office, they are unlikely to receive unaddressed mail sent out by the City.
 - He reported that on December 10th – Children made candle lit Christmas Greetings in a sand paper bag that will be on display around the heritage courthouse promoting donations for the food bank.
 - He reported on his attendance at the Arena for the Christmas Free Skate.
 - He discussed the rising costs of shelter and food even though minimum wages and low income rates remain unchanged.
 - He wished everyone in Grand Forks a very Merry Christmas
 - He urged everyone to attend the Christmas Community Dinner on Christmas Day at noon at the Gospel Chapel
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Councillor Thompson:

Councillor Thompson reported on the following items:

- Councillor Thompson took a moment to reflect on her first year as member of Council and stated that, in her opinion, this Council was the most hardworking one the City has seen in years.
 - She reported on her own accomplishments including the care & custody of community artifacts and stated that she had worked diligently with all of Council during the 2009-2012 budget process
 - She stated that she was proud to be a member of a Council who openly and publicly debates all issues
 - She wished to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and the best for 2010
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Councillor Davies:

Councillor Davies reported on the following items.

- Reported on the review of the Economic Development Task Force which is now recessed over Christmas Holidays.
 - She announced that on January 13th, 2010, at 7:00 PM, the Economic Development Task Force is having a Speaker's Component at the Senior's Centre in which the public is invited to attend.
 - She reported that she receives a lot of emails that present Grant Opportunities and thanked the EDTF members who take over the task of researching these grants
 - She wished everyone a wonderful Christmas and the best for the New Year.
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Mayor Taylor:

- He reported that he feels that this is a functioning Council and as a group has a great potential to bring the community forward. He thanked Council for allowing him to be a part of the process.
- He wished the citizens of Grand Forks a very Merry Christmas.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/DAVIES

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

CARRIED.

REPORT FROM THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY (VERBAL)

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL ROBERT:

- On a question from Councillor Robert, the Mayor advised that the purpose of the windmills mentioned in the RDKB minutes is not for energy but for meteorological data.

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- Councillor Robert thanked Director Irene Perepolkin for her \$2,000 donation to the Phoenix Ski Hill

COMMENT FROM COUNCILLOR MOSLIN:

- He referred to the Regional District's October Minutes in which he drew staff's attention to the Regional District's policy on revisiting bylaw enforcement procedures.

COMMENT FROM MAYOR TAYLOR:

- The Mayor commented that the City still needs to sit down with the RDKB to discuss shared services.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR'S REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY, GIVEN VERBALLY AT THIS MEETING, BE RECEIVED. CARRIED

The Meeting was recessed at 8:20 PM and reconvened at 8:29 PM

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:

None

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT INFORMATION ITEMS NUMBERED 11(a) TO 11(m) BE RECEIVED AND ACTED UPON AS RECOMMENDED AND/OR AS AMENDED. CARRIED.

- a) Air Cadet Squadron's Sponsorship Committee is seeking financial sponsorship to continue work with youths in community – **Recommend that the air cadet squadron submit an application for Grand In Aid for review by Council for 2010.**
- b) WoodWorks! Project of the Canadian Wood Council – Their goal is to support innovation and provide leadership on the use of wood and wood products. **Refer to Staff to research a Wood First Policy for Council consideration.**
- c) Catalyst Paper Corporation in Richmond is looking for support in a long-term solution on municipal taxation. **Recommend it be received for information.**
- d) Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC – Issued report on the economic impact of freshwater fishing in BC. **Recommend to receive for information – report placed in Council Lounge.**

- e) Grand Forks International Correspondence – Advising City of leaking problems with the roof on the grandstand and concern with electronic equipment in announcer’s booth. **Recommend to refer to staff to ensure roof repairs are done subject to available funding.**
- f) Correspondence from Honourable Mobina Jaffer, Q.C. Senate- re: French language integration at the 2010 Winter Olympic Games. **Receive for information – Senate document placed in Council Lounge.**
- g) Correspondence from Les Johnson – requesting the use of City Park Campground for snow sculpting contest. **Recommend Council grant permission for event to take place in City Park. Staff has responded to the email.**
- h) SPARC BC (Social Planning Contacts in BC) – Presenting their 4th Edition Guide. **Receive for information – Guide placed in Council Lounge.**
- i) Sunshine Valley Community Services – Mi-Ride local initiative to assist people who do not have access to transportation. **Receive for information – staff to place information in next City Newsletter in March.** Councillor Moslin also suggested KootenayRide Share.com is another great program that is in place.
- j) Ministry of Community & Rural Development – UBCM – News Release – Elections Task Force Get Underway. **Receive for information.**
- k) December 7th Task List – List of completed or in progress items from last meeting. **Recommend to File.**
- l) Public Safety Focus Group – Minutes for Meeting on November 26th. **Recommend to File.**
- m) Regional District Minutes for September, October and November, 2009. **Recommend to file.**

BE RECEIVED AND ACTED UPON AS RECOMMENDED AND/OR AS AMENDED.

CARRIED.

BYLAWS:

- a) **Chief Administrative Officer’s Report – Bylaw 1888 – Amendment to the Grand Forks Zoning Bylaw, Interior Sideyard Fence Heights**

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1888, CITED AS “THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1888, 2009”, BE GIVEN THIRD READING.

CARRIED.

b) Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Bylaw 1891 – Grand Forks Heritage Revitalization Agreement Repeal Bylaw

MOTION: ROBERT/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1891, CITED AS “THE GRAND FORKS HERITAGE REVITALIZATION REPEAL BYLAW NO. 1891, 2009”, BE GIVEN FINAL READING.
CARRIED.

c) Chief Financial Officer's Report – Bylaw 1892 – 2010 Revenue Anticipation Bylaw

MOTION: THOMPSON/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1892, CITED AS “CITY OF GRAND FORKS REVENUE ANTICIPATION BORROWING BYLAW - 2010”, BE GIVEN FIRST READING.
CARRIED.

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MOTION: WYERS/WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1892, CITED AS “CITY OF GRAND FORKS REVENUE ANTICIPATION BORROWING BYLAW - 2010”, BE GIVEN SECOND READING.
CARRIED.

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MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1892, CITED AS “CITY OF GRAND FORKS REVENUE ANTICIPATION BORROWING BYLAW - 2010”, BE GIVEN THIRD READING.
CARRIED.

LATE ITEMS:

None

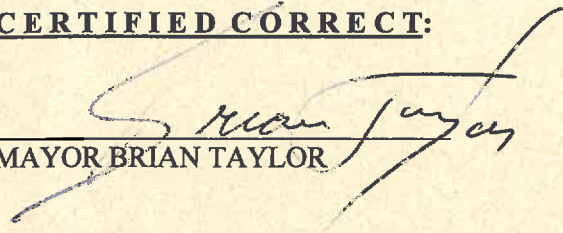
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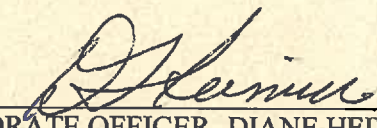
ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 8:40 P.M.
CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


CORPORATE OFFICER- DIANE HEINRICH