

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
MONDAY DECEMBER 7, 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

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Mayor called the Meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

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**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Amend Item 8 9(d) error to the agenda recommendation in regards to Border Bruins request.
- Swearing in of Chief Administrative Officer, Chief Financial Officer/Deputy CAO and Corporate Officer

MOTION: DAVIES/THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT THE DECEMBER 7, 2009 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE  
ADOPTED AS AMENDED. CARRIED.**

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MOTION: THOMPSON/DAVIES

**RESOLVED THAT THE APPOINTMENTS OF LYNNE BURCH AS CHIEF  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, CECILE ARNOTT AS CHIEF FINANCIAL  
OFFICER/DEPUTY CAO, AND DIANE HEINRICH AS CORPORATE OFFICER, EFFECTIVE  
JANUARY 5, 2010 BE AMENDED TO BECOME EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2009.  
CARRIED.**

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Mayor Brian Taylor invited Lynne Burch, Cecile Arnott and Diane Heinrich to the front of Council Chambers so that he could conduct a swearing-in ceremony.

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**MINUTES:**

MOTION: THOMPSON/WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2009, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

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MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/WYERS

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 23, 2009, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

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MOTION: DAVIES/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY NOVEMBER 27, 2009, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

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MOTION: ROBERT/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 16, 2009, AND ALL RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

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**REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:**

- a) Corporate Officer's Report – Delegation, Boundary Weed Management Committee

Barb Stewart, Boundary Weed Program Coordinator, made a PowerPoint presentation to Council on behalf of the Boundary Weed Management Committee outlining the proposed treatment of Hoary Alyssum near Lost Lake. Ms. Stewart advised that inasmuch as the Lost Lake area is within the Grand Forks Community Watershed, the committee is seeking any Council concerns before this proposed treatment is done next spring.

MOTION: WYERS/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT THE CORPORATE OFFICER'S REPORT, DATED NOVEMBER 18, 2009, REGARDING A DELEGATION OF THE BOUNDARY WEED MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, BE RECEIVED.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE PRESENTATION BY BARB STEWART OF BOUNDARY WEED MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, ON THE PROPOSED TREATMENT OF HOARY ALYSSUM NEAR LOST LAKE, BE RECEIVED.**

CARRIED.

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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 that she and Councillor Thompson on behalf of the Economic Development Task Force met with the Boundary Economic Development Committee advising that they will be exchanging information
  - Reported on the activities of the different sub-committees within in the Economic Development Task Force.
  - Councillor Davies spoke on the article on Woodburning that was placed in the Gazette and offered her apologies on her comments towards seniors.
  - Council Davies inquired as to the timeframe of the budget process and was advised that it is intended to be complete by the end of January, 2010
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**Councillor Thompson:**

Councillor Thompson reported on the following items:

- She reported on her attendance the Annual Volunteer Appreciation Evening held at the Historic Courthouse on November 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Advised that on November 20<sup>th</sup>, she participated in a meeting held at Community Futures to discuss the Transition Plan with the steering committee, as well as Patricia Summers from the BC Rural Secretariat, George Penfold from Selkirk College and Councillor Davies via video conferencing.
- Advised that on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, Council held its' first public information meeting regarding the 2010 budget.
- Reported on her attendance at the City's Christmas Party held on November 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Reported that on November 30th, Councillor Davies and she had a breakfast meeting with Wendy McCollagh and Jennifer Wetmore of Community Futures to discuss the City's Economic Development Task Force's initiatives.
- Reported that at their December 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, the Boundary Museum Society's Board appointed Lawrence Radford as an interim director. She stated that the application for a grant under the

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Job Creation Program was denied as there are no funds for this program. However, the Museum has been able to guarantee their employee wages until March 31, 2010.

- Councillor Thompson commented on the reading of “A Christmas Carol” and “Winter’s Warm Embrace”, saying she is never ceased to be amazed by the wonderfully talented people we have in our community.
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**Councillor Robert:**

Councillor Robert reported on the following items:

- Reported on complaints he has received on barking dogs at the Animal Control facility and requested that the Mayor discuss these concerns with RDKB.
- He reported on a citizen concern regarding high density traffic in Val Mar on Halloween.
- He reported on citizen concerns with bow hunters and hunting deer in City Park.

MOTION: ROBERT/WIRISCHAGIN

**RESOLVED THAT STAFF DRAFT AND PRESENT A BYLAW INTENDED TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF BOW AND ARROWS IN THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS FOR COUNCIL’S FURTHER CONSIDERATION. CARRIED**

- He reported that Sheila Dobie of the Boundary Literacy committee sent a letter to him proposing a Community Bulletin Board to provide broad access to community information in a centralized location. He stated that a proposed location suggested was on the outside wall of the Grand Forks Library facing Gyro Park and that the Wood Workers Guild has agreed to the construction and to assist with the materials list. He asked if the City would take care of the installation of the finished unit, pending a review of final details with 2010 Grant in Aid program being accessed for costs not covered by donations and volunteers
  - He reported on a Vancouver Province Business article – “Solid Future for Lumber in China” and said that new building codes in China have cracked open a previous inaccessible market for Canada.
  - He reported that the Rail Line Abandonment Economic Impact Study is in. This impact study breaks down the numbers of what it will cost us if it ceases to exist, approximately \$31,000,000.
  - Councillor Robert spoke on the Child Poverty Report Card, and inquired what we can do as a municipality.
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**Councillor Wyers:**

Councillor Wyers reported on the following items:

- She thanked Councillor Robert for bringing up the Rail Abandonment study
- She stated that there is a concern with bow hunters around Brycen Place and that neighbours have witnessed a couple of deer being hunted in this area.

- She urged individuals with the City garbage proposal concerns, to bring their information to City Hall.
  - She reported on her attendance at the Annual Volunteer Evening on November 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - Advised that on November 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, there were 97 competitive skaters at the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Sunshine Valley Competition at the Grand Forks Arena – 18 competitors were from Grand Forks
  - Advised that on November 24<sup>th</sup>, she attended the Grand Forks & District Fall Fair Annual General Meeting and stated that the committee is already planning their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2010.
  - She reported on November 27<sup>th</sup>, that Grand Forks celebrated its annual Santa Parade and wished to give a special thank you to the Volunteer Fire Fighters.
  - Advised that on December 12<sup>th</sup>, the Miracle Marathon with Mountain FM will be at Overwaitea with the community hamper program distribution, which among other things will offer Travel Vouchers from Pacific Coastal Airlines located out of Trail.
  - Announced that on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010, the Olympic Torch will be in Grand Forks.
  - Reported that in the last publication of “West World”, Grand Forks is listed for the 2010 Fellowship of the Rings located on Page 25 – Number 10.
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**Councillor Moslin:**

Councillor Moslin reported on the following items:

- Advised that on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, the City held a Public Meeting on the 5 Year Financial Plan and he reported that several people came forward with their wish list. He stated that he would add an item to put on this wish list which would be to have a full time bylaw enforcement officer. He went on to say that the City has not been able to enforce their bylaws because of the absence of this position and stated that it was essential for governance and for community security to have a bylaw enforcement plan.

MOTION: MOSLIN/ROBERT

**RESOLVED THAT STAFF BE REQUESTED TO DETERMINE THE COST OF HIRING A FULL TIME BYLAW ENFORCEMENT AND REPORT BACK TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION IN THE 2010—2014 FINANCIAL PLAN.**

- He reported on the Economic Impact Study of the Rail Abandonment – and emphasized the importance of it.
  - He reported on the November 24<sup>th</sup>, meeting with the group that manages the Boundary Trails and the contact person of the Trans Canada Trail Foundation.
  - Reported on his attendance at the December 6<sup>th</sup> vigil at the Women’s Centre on the anniversary of the Montreal massacre. He suggested that the City Hall flag be lowered, and that Council make a motion next year to that effect in advance of December 6, 2010.
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**Councillor Wirischagin:**

Councillor Wirischagin reported on the following items.

- He apologized for being absent from the previous two meetings.
- He reported on his attendance at the Grand Forks International Annual General Meeting and advised that the committee is currently planning the 30th annual GFI for 2010.

- Councillor Wirischagin reported on his attendance at the latest Border Bruin meeting, stating that the association needs to improve their finances. He urged everyone to attend the December 13<sup>th</sup> game to be held on Sunday at 2:00PM
- He reported on his attendance at the Grand Forks Minor Hockey Tournament last weekend where he handed out Grand Forks pins to other teams

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/ROBERT

**RESOLVED THAT CITY STAFF GET IN TOUCH WITH THE GRAND FORKS MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION AND TO OFFER 250 CITY OF GRAND FORKS PINS TO HELP PROMOTE GRAND FORKS DURING 2009-2010 SEASON. CARRIED**

- He requested that his name be removed from the Muping China delegate list.

**Mayor Taylor:**

- Congratulated Bob Smith and Wayne and Debra Battrick who are the new owners of Grand Forks Hotel
- He announced that there is a meeting of the Deer Committee this Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> where they'll be addressing issues such as bow hunting.
- He stated that a Bylaw Enforcement Officer is not high on his list for funding at this time, but would rather see more support for those that lost revenues which were taken away by the Gaming sector. He stated that Council needs to move forward with AKBLG regarding the ability to run our own gaming or return the monies that were previously offered.

MOTION: DAVIES/THOMPSON

**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)**

- Mayor Taylor reported that the Regional District voted to proceed with the planned upgrading to the Regional District office in Trail- at an approximate cost of \$3,000,000.
- Advised that the Regional District is currently Reviewing Policies – particularly the Animal Control Service. The Mayor advised that he will bring this back to Council for review.
- Announced that he will attend the Regional Economic Development Meeting for Grand Forks on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM at the Regional District office. He advised that it is an open meeting that will be approximately 2 hours long and those minutes will be posted once they become available.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/ROBERT

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

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**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:**

**a) Corporate Officer's Report – 2010 Regular Meeting Schedule**

Council provides notice to the Public of the 2010 Regular Council Meeting Schedule.

MOTION: THOMPSON/WIRISCHAGIN

**RESOLVED THAT THE LISTING OF 2010 REGULAR MEETINGS OF COUNCIL BE RECEIVED AND THAT STAFF BE DIRECTED TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF THE 2010 MEETINGS OF COUNCIL AS REQUIRED BY THE COMMUNITY CHARTER.**

CARRIED

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**b) Corporate Officer's Report – Acting Mayor for the Council Year 2009-10**

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT THE CORPORATE OFFICER'S REPORT, DATED NOVEMBER 17, 2009, REGARDING ACTING MAYOR FOR THE COUNCIL YEAR 2009-2010 BE RECEIVED.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING COUNCILLORS BE APPOINTED AS ACTING MAYOR FOR THE CORRESPONDING TWO-MONTH PERIOD FOR THE ENSUING COUNCIL YEAR. COUNCILLOR DAVIES – DECEMBER 2009 AND JANUARY 2010; COUNCILLOR MOSLIN – FEBRUARY 2010 AND MARCH 2010; COUNCILLOR ROBERT – APRIL 2010 AND MAY 2010; COUNCILLOR THOMPSON – JUNE 2010 AND JULY 2010; COUNCILLOR WIRISCHAGIN – AUGUST 2010 AND SEPTEMBER 2010; AND COUNCILLOR WYERS – OCTOBER 2010 AND NOVEMBER 2010.**

CARRIED

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**c) Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Removal of the Heritage Revitalization Agreement Bylaw for Golden Heights Estate**

MOTION: THOMPSON/DAVIES

**RESOLVED THAT THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT, DATED NOVEMBER 30, 2009, REGARDING THE REPEAL OF THE HERITAGE REVITALIZATION AGREEMENT BYLAW BE RECEIVED.**

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL PROCEED WITH BYLAW NO. 1891, THE GRAND FORKS HERITAGE REVITALIZATION AGREEMENT REPEAL BYLAW NO. 1891, 2009 GIVING THE BYLAW THREE READINGS WHEN IT COMES UP ON COUNCIL'S AGENDA.**

CARRIED

- d) **Corporate Officer's Report – Grand Forks Border Bruins requesting permission to host a beer garden at the Grand Forks Arena and also to ask for City's permission to obtain a Special Occasion Liquor Licence.**

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/ROBERT

**RESOLVED THAT THE CORPORATE OFFICER'S REPORT DATED DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2009, BE RECEIVED AND COUNCIL GRANT PERMISSION FOR THE GRAND FORKS BORDER BRUINS TO HOST A BEER GARDEN AT THE GRAND FORKS ARENA ON DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2009, AND FURTHER APPROVES THE ISSUING OF A SPECIAL OCCASION LIQUOR LICENCE TO THE ORGANIZATION SUBJECT TO THE BORDER BRUINS OBTAINING APPROVAL FROM THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY, PROPERTY OWNER, AND BY OBTAINING 3<sup>RD</sup> PARTY ALCOHOL LIABILITY INSURANCE, NAMING THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY AS AN ADDITIONAL INSURED.**

CARRIED

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**REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

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**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

MOTION: ROBERT/THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT INFORMATION ITEMS NUMBERED 10(a) TO 10(q) BE RECEIVED AND ACTED UPON AS RECOMMENDED AND/OR AS AMENDED.**

CARRIED.

- a) **Sylvia Treptow Correspondence and Petition Regarding Medical Marijuana – Recommend it be received for information.**

MOTION: ROBERT/WIRISCHAGIN

**RESOLVED THAT A LETTER BE CREATED BY STAFF AND SENT TO ALEX ATAMANENKO MP, MR. EMBREE, CHAIR OF THE INTERIOR HEALTH AUTHORITY'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND DR. ANDREW LARDER, SENIOR MEDICAL HEALTH OFFICER THAT THE COMMITTEE OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA IS NEITHER FINANCIALLY OR STAFF SUPPORTED BY THE CITY.**  
CARRIED

Prior to the question being called, Councillor Thompson commented on the petition stating that not all signatories were residents of Grand Forks.



MOTION: ROBERT/WYERS

**RESOLVED** THAT THE TOPIC OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA WILL NOT BE DISCUSSED AT THE COUNCIL TABLE FOR THE DURATION OF THIS COUNCIL TERM.  
MOTION DEFEATED

- b) Saferhome Standards Correspondence – Introducing Saferhome Standards Toolkit and Membership. **Recommend it be filed.**
- c) Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Arts – Framework for managing off-road vehicles together with ICBC. **Recommend it be filed.**

MOTION: MOSLIN/ROBERT

**RESOLVED** THAT THE LETTER, DATED NOVEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2009, FROM THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM, CULTURE AND ARTS, OUTLINING THE NEW FRAMEWORK FOR THE MANAGING OF OFF-ROAD VEHICLES ALONG WITH ICBC, BE RECEIVED.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS RESPOND TO THE LETTER, OFFERING THE CITY'S SERVICES IN THE DISCUSSION OF "OFF ROAD VEHICLE" REGULATIONS AND POLICY.  
CARRIED

- d) Woodworker's Guild and Museum Request – Expressing interest in utilizing a portion of the former SPCA space from time to time for large projects. **Refer request to Regional District who is leasing the building from the City to determine if there is any available space not required by the Animal Control Officer.**
- e) Legislative Assembly-Harry Bains, MLA – Opposition critic for Transportation and Highways – Asking for input with regard to Transportation & Highway topics in our jurisdiction. **Recommend that it be received for information and filed.**
- f) Letter from Liza Strukoff – Concerns on future Garbage Collection at Triangle Gardens. **Refer to Staff to respond that someone from the City will attend their properties and determine their pick-up needs.**
- g) Regional District of Kootenay Boundary – Building permits to October, 2009. **Recommend that it be filed.**
- h) Grand Forks Border Bruins Request to the Regional District to have their past debts waived. **Recommend correspondence be filed.**
- i) Suzuki Foundation Email – Presenting a new sustainability at home toolkit. **Recommend it be filed.**
- j) Heritage BC Week 2010 – February 15 to 21<sup>st</sup>. "Sport and Recreation" posters will be made available. **Recommend it be filed.**
- k) Ministry of Environment correspondence – Local Government and the Southern Interior Regional Drinking Water Team. **Recommend to Receive and File.**

MOTION: THOMPSON/ROBERT

**RESOLVED** THAT THE LETTER FROM THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, RECEIVED ON NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2009, INVITING THE CITY TO PARTICPATE ON THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE SOUTHERN INTERIOR REGIONAL DRINKING WATER TEAM BE RECEIVED AND THE MATTER BE DEFERRED UNTIL THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL. **CARRIED.**

- l) City of North Vancouver to Premier Gordon Campbell asking for reinstatement of funding for community cultural events. **Recommend to Receive and File.**
- m) AKBLG – Notice of Annual General Meeting and First Call for Resolutions. **Recommend to receive and Council to note that all resolutions must be received by the AKBLG by February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010.**
- n) November 16<sup>th</sup> Task List – Regular and Primary Task List that have been completed or are in progress. **Recommend it be filed.**
- o) Grand Forks Economic Development Task Force Meeting Minutes of October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009. **Recommend it be filed.**
- p) Boundary Air Quality Committee Meeting Minutes for November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009. **Recommend it be filed.**
- q) Boundary Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes from November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009. **Recommend it be filed.**

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

**BYLAWS:**

- a) **Chief Administrative Officer’s Report – Bylaw 1891 – Grand Forks Heritage Revitalization Agreement Repeal Bylaw**

MOTION: THOMPSON/WIRISCHAGIN

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

MOTION: DAVIES/WYERS

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

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/ROBERT

**RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1891, CITED AS "THE GRAND FORKS HERITAGE REVITALIZATION REPEAL BYLAW NO. 1891, 2009", BE GIVEN THIRD READING.**

CARRIED.

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The meeting was recessed at 9:06 PM and reconvened at 9:10 pm

LATE ITEMS: None

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

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IN-CAMERA RESOLUTION:

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/MOSLIN

**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 SUBJECT TO 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: MOSLIN

**RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 10:12 P.M.**

CARRIED.

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CERTIFIED CORRECT:

  
MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR

  
CORPORATE OFFICER- DIANE HEINRICH