

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL  
MONDAY FEBRUARY 16, 2009

PRESENT: MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR  
COUNCILLOR JOY DAVIES  
COUNCILLOR CHRIS MOSLIN  
COUNCILLOR GENE ROBERT  
COUNCILLOR CHRISTINE THOMPSON

CITY MANAGER V. Kumar  
CITY CLERK L. Burch

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The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. in Council Chambers.

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**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

MOTION: MOSLIN / THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2009, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.**

CARRIED.

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**REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:**

*a) City Clerk's Report – Presentation by the Boundary District Teachers' Association*

**The Delegation did not appear in Council Chambers.**

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*b) City Manager's Report – Presentation by the RCMP Local Detachment*

Staff Sgt Jim Harrison of the local RCMP Detachment presented the service activities of the Grand Forks detachment and outlined the focus areas for future services. Sgt Harrison advised that Boundary Area detachment is part of the Kootenay Integrated Policing Region. He went on to add that the Boundary regional detachment consists of 1 Staff Sgt, 2 Corporals, and 11 Constables, bringing the detachment to full strength for the first time in many years. He advised that this detachment will be contributing resources to the security for the 2010 Olympics. Sgt Harrison advised that there was a small increase in calls for service in 2008, stating that the crime rate for boundary is 83 as compared to the provincial average of 104.

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He discussed new programs, such as Citizens on Patrol and Restorative Justice, stating that the department is also involved in the Boundary Youth Table. He advised that the detachment will be reinstating DARE program in the elementary schools, as two constables in the region are trained to deliver the Drug Awareness Resistance Education program.

MOTION: THOMPSON / ROBERT

**RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT THE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT, DATED FEBRUARY 10, 2009, OUTLINING THE DELEGATION OF THE LOCAL DETACHMENT OF THE RCMP, BE RECEIVED.**

CARRIED.

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*c) City Manager's Report – Presentation by the Citizens on Patrol*

Ann Gordon made a presentation to Council on the newly formed group Citizens on Patrol. She stated that the group will be the eyes and ears of the community and would form a partnership with the RCMP. She stated that Corporal Kim Hall provided the initial training, following the required security check. Ms. Gordon stated that a base station has been set up at Boundary Hospital, and a number of volunteers will be participating. She requested that the City of Grand Forks participate in this program by providing a city vehicle, with fuel, for the use of Citizens on Patrol. She advised that the RCMP will set the areas of concern for the group to patrol, probably from May until Thanksgiving.

MOTION: ROBERT / DAVIES

**RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT THE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT, DATED FEBRUARY 10, 2009, OUTLINING THE DELEGATION OF THE CITIZENS ON PATROL, BE RECEIVED. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE USE OF A CITY UNMARKED VEHICLE, COMPLETE WITH FUEL, FOR THE USE OF THE GROUP CITIZENS ON PATROL.**

CARRIED.

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**OPERATIONAL DISCUSSION & PRESENTATIONS BY STAFF:**

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**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

**a) City Clerk's Report – Legislative Policies**

MOTION: ROBERT / DAVIES

**RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED FEBRUARY 9, 2009, REGARDING THE LEGISLATIVE: COMMUNITY AND ELECTED OFFICIAL POLICIES, BE RECEIVED FOR DISCUSSION.**

CARRIED.

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Committee members discussed the proposed existing policies and focused on the following points:

- Policy 201 half masting of the Canadian Flag, to include the existing Member of Parliament.
- Policy 109 media relations – omit the word trick in the second to the last sentence in the policy.
- Policy 203 other types of memorial donations clause 4, Recognition be “The City shall give recognition”. The words “of some type” are to be removed.
- Policy 304 – Council benefits policy. No changes
- Policy 305 – Council Indemnity Review policy – Suggested that the policy read that the Committee will make recommendations to Council not later than Feb 15<sup>th</sup> “in the year of a general local election”.

**AND BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT THE LEGISLATIVE: COMMUNITY AND ELECTED OFFICIALS GOVERNANCE POLICIES, NUMBERED 201 – 203, AND 301 - 305 BE APPROVED AS AMENDED AT THIS PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING, FOR IMPLEMENTATION NO LATER THAN MARCH 31, 2009.**

CARRIED.

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**REQUESTS FROM CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

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**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

None

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**LATE ITEMS:**

None

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

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**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

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Council has set up some parameters to follow, and the normal rules apply.

There were no questions from the public.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: THOMPSON

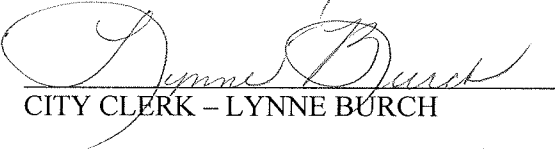
**RESOLVED THAT THIS PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING BE ADJOURNED 8:27 P.M.  
CARRIED.**

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**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

  
MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR

  
CITY CLERK - LYNNE BURCH