

MOTION: ROBERT / DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER BE INVITED TO A MEETING OF COUNCIL TO DISCUSS THE OPERATION OF RECREATION FACILITIES IN THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS.
CARRIED.

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MOTION: THOMPSON / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE MOTION, ADOPTED AT THE JANUARY 19TH, 2009 REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL, AND WHICH IS OUTLINED BELOW:
"RESOLVED THAT THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY RECREATION DIRECTOR BE INVITED TO A MEETING OF COUNCIL TO DISCUSS THE OPERATION OF RECREATION FACILITIES IN THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS."
BE RESCINDED IN ITS ENTIRETY.
CARRIED.

MOTION: THOMPSON / DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY JANUARY 19, 2009, AND ALL RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN, EXCEPT FOR THE RECOMMENDATION REGARDING LEGISLATIVE POLICIES, BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.
CARRIED.

It was pointed out that the minutes contained an error on 09-02 wherein the word "accessed" was used in correctly. The minutes were corrected to use the word "assessed".

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

a) **City Clerk's Report – Gilpin Grasslands Ad Hoc Committee**

Barry Brandow of the Gilpin Grasslands Ad Hoc Committee outlined his position regarding the management of the Gilpin Grasslands, stating his Committee's desire that the property be designated as a wildlife area, which requires a management area plan. He stated that the Committee feels that wildlife should be given a higher priority in land use of the property, allowing for rehabilitation of the grasslands.

MOTION: MOSLIN / DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT BE INVITED TO MAKE A PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL ON THE GILPIN GRASSLANDS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA PLAN.
CARRIED.

MOTION: MOSLIN / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED JANUARY 27, 2009, REGARDING A DELEGATION OF THE GILPIN GRASSLANDS AD HOC COMMITTEE, BE RECEIVED. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE DELEGATION OF BARRY BRANDOW, ON BEHALF OF THE GILPIN GRASSLANDS AD HOC COMMITTEE, REQUESTING COUNCIL'S SUPPORT OF A WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA DESIGNATION FOR THE GILPIN GRASSLANDS, BE RECEIVED,

CARRIED.

b) City Clerk's Report – Delegation of Library Employees

Leanne Strang and Renee Milaney, representing the Grand Forks Public Library employees, advised that they, the employees, were locked out of the library workplace on January 20, 2009. She outlined the negotiation process which has taken place to date. She requested that Council send a letter to the Library Board requesting that they go back to the bargaining table.

MOTION: DAVIES / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED JANUARY 28, 2009, REGARDING A DELEGATION OF THE EMPLOYEES OF THE GRAND FORKS & DISTRICT PUBLIC LIBRARY, BE RECEIVED. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE DELEGATION OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE GRAND FORKS & DISTRICT PUBLIC LIBRARY AND THEIR PROPOSAL THAT COUNCIL CONSIDER REQUESTING THAT THE LIBRARY BOARD RETURN TO THE BARGAINING TABLE, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED.

c) City Clerk's Report – Society for the Preservation of Community Arts and Culture

Christy Luke Chair of the Society for the Preservation and Community Arts and Culture and Sue Adrian, Museum Worker of the SPCAC outlined the process of inventorying the museum collection using PastPerfect software, by way of a powerpoint presentation. Ms Luke recognized workers, Sally Butterfield and Sue Adrian. She advised that the representatives from the Boundary Museum Society and the representatives of the SPCAC have met and agreed that the completed inventory of the collection is in the best interest of the public. She circulated a proposed budget to see this plan through. In conclusion she stated that it was the goal of the organizations to ensure transparency and they would welcome anyone in the community to come and view the process at any time.

MOTION: DAVIES / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED JANUARY 28, 2009, REGARDING A DELEGATION OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF COMMUNITY ARTS AND CULTURE, BE RECEIVED. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE DELEGATION OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE SOCIETY FOR THE

PRESERVATION OF COMMUNITY ARTS AND CULTURE, AND THEIR PRESENTATION ON THE MUSEUM ARTIFACT INVENTORY ON PASTPERFECT, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:

a) City Clerk's Report – Application for a Development Permit, Rock Candy Cafe

MOTION: ROBERT / DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED JANUARY 28, 2009, REGARDING AN APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT FOR THE RE-DEVELOPMENT OF MARKET STREET PROPERTY AS A RESTAURANT, BE RECEIVED. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT TO RE-DEVELOP PROPERTY LOCATED AT 327 MARKET AVENUE, FROM THE CURRENT RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT TO AN 82 SEAT RESTAURANT, ON PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 2, BLOCK 11, DL 108, SDYD, PLAN 23, AS SUBMITTED BY THE PROPERTY OWNERS, BARRY BECKER AND BREE DOYLE, BE APPROVED IN SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE WITH THE PLANS ATTACHED TO THE APPLICATION.

AND BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT THE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT CONTAIN THE PROVISION TO WAIVE SECTION 25 OF THE GRAND FORKS ZONING BYLAW, THE REQUIREMENT FOR OFF-STREET PARKING, THEREBY ALLOWING THE RE-DEVELOPMENT TO OCCUR WITHOUT THE PROVISION OF 27 OFF-STREET PARKING SPACES OR THE EQUIVALENT CASH-IN-LIEU CONTRIBUTION. CARRIED.

Councillor Moslin voted against the resolution

MOTION: DAVIES / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT STAFF BE DIRECTED TO PREPARE A REPORT ON SECTION 25 OF BYLAW NO. 1606, OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS OF THE GRAND FORKS ZONING BYLAW, WITH A VIEW OF REMOVING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR OFF-STREET PARKING. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THIS REPORT BE BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE MARCH 16TH, 2009 REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL. CARRIED.

b) City Clerk's Report – Proposed Resolutions to the Association of Kootenay Boundary Local Governments Conference

Prior to the discussion on the proposed 6 resolutions to be forwarded onto the Association of Kootenay Boundary Local Governments Conference, Council members indicated their preference

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to discuss each resolution individually.

MOTION: MOSLIN / DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT RESOLUTION #1, OUTLINED IN THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED JANUARY 20, 2009, REGARDING A PROPOSED BENEFIT PLAN FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS, BE FORWARDED ON TO THE ASSOCIATION OF KOOTENAY AND BOUNDARY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION AT THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN APRIL, 2009.

CARRIED.

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MOTION: THOMPSON / DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT RESOLUTION #2, OUTLINED IN THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED JANUARY 20, 2009, REGARDING A PROPOSED SEPARATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION ACT, BE FORWARDED ON TO THE ASSOCIATION OF KOOTENAY AND BOUNDARY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION AT THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN APRIL, 2009.

CARRIED.

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MOTION: ROBERT / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT RESOLUTION #3, OUTLINED IN THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED JANUARY 20, 2009, CALLING ON THE UNION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA MUNICIPALITIES TO PROPOSE THAT THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA CONDUCT A REVIEW OF PROVINCIAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT DOWNLOADED SERVICES, BE FORWARDED ON TO THE ASSOCIATION OF KOOTENAY AND BOUNDARY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION AT THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN APRIL 2009.

TABLEING MOTION:

MOTION: DAVIES / MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT THE FOREGOING MOTION, IDENTIFIED AS AKBLG RESOLUTION #3 IN THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT DATED JANUARY 20, 2009, BE TABLED, PENDING FURTHER CLARIFICATION OF THE INTENT OF THE REVIEW.

CARRIED.

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MOTION: MOSLIN / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT RESOLUTION #4, OUTLINED IN THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED JANUARY 20, 2009, PROPOSING THAT AKBLG AND UBCM REQUEST THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA ESTABLISH, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF

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CANADA, A PROTOCOL ON RAIL LINE ABANDONMENT THAT AFFECTS CANADA AND THE USA, BE FORWARDED ONTO THE ASSOCIATION OF KOOTENAY AND BOUNDARY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION AT THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN APRIL, 2009. CARRIED.

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MOTION: DAVIES / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT RESOLUTION #5, OUTLINED IN THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED JANUARY 20, 2009, PROPOSING THAT SECTION 147 OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER BE AMENDED TO BE CONSISTENT WITH SECTIONS 148 AND 149, OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER, BE FORWARDED ONTO THE ASSOCIATION OF KOOTENAY AND BOUNDARY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION AT THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN APRIL, 2009.

THE RESOLUTION WAS DEFEATED.

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MOTION: ROBERT / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT RESOLUTION #6, OUTLINED IN THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED JANUARY 20, 2009, PROPOSING AKBLG THROUGH UBCM REQUEST THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION INCREASE THE FUNDING FOR HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE, BE FORWARDED ONTO THE ASSOCIATION OF KOOTENAY AND BOUNDARY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION AT THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN APRIL, 2009.

TABLEING MOTION:

MOTION: MOSLIN / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT THE FOREGOING MOTION, IDENTIFIED AS RESOLUTION #6 IN THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED JANUARY 20, 2009, BE TABLED UNTIL COUNCIL HAS HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT WITH EMCON SERVICES LTD. CARRIED.

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MOTION: ROBERT / DAVIES

WHEREAS THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA HAS OFFERED A TAX CREDIT FOR HOME RENOVATIONS;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ASSOCIATION OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS BE REQUESTED TO RESEARCH AND DEVELOP A CHECKLIST FOR HOME RENOVATION CONSUMERS, WITH THE VIEW OF PROTECTING THEM FROM UNLICENSED CONTRACTORS. CARRIED.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION: THOMPSON / DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT INFORMATION ITEMS NUMBERED 5A TO 5P

- a) David Suzuki Foundation – Doing Business in a New Climate
- b) Interior Health request for a meeting with Council
- c) Recycling Council of British Columbia Request for Membership
- d) Senior Citizens Branch 68 request for Meeting
- e) Minister of Finance response to City's request for assistance regarding Pope & Talbot Pension Plan
- f) Black Train Bridge Society request for donation of assets
- g) Chamber of Commerce proposed partnership with the Art Gallery for the operation of the VIC
- h) Community Transition Agreement between the City of Grand Forks and CTQ Consultants Ltd.
- i) Email request for Anti-Idling bylaw information
- j) Emergency Management BC annual volunteer awards
- k) Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron request for financial sponsorship
- l) Chamber of Commerce 2008- 09 Membership Renewal
- m) Grand Forks Public Library request for space in the old Art Gallery for book storage
- n) UBCM 104th Year
- o) UBCM Welcome Minister Kevin Krueger
- p) School District 51 Boundary January 13th Agenda Package

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEMS 5(b), 5(d), 5(e), 5(g), and 5(k), BE RECEIVED AND ACTED UPON AS RECOMMENDED.

CARRIED.

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- 5(b) Interior Health request for a meeting with Council.

MOTION: ROBERT / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT STAFF BE DIRECTED TO SET UP A MEETING WITH THE INTERIOR HEALTH AUTHORITY AS REQUESTED IN THEIR CORRESPONDENCE TO COUNCIL, DATED JANUARY 9, 2009.

CARRIED.

- 5(d) Senior Citizens Branch 68 Request for a Meeting

MOTION: ROBERT / DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT THE INVITATION FROM THE SENIOR CITIZENS BRANCH NO. 68 TO MEET TO DISCUSS WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE CITY, BE ACCEPTED, AND THAT STAFF BE DIRECTED TO SET UP A MEETING THAT INCLUDES ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL AS WELL AS THE MAYOR. CARRIED.

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- 5(e) Minister of Finance response to City's request for assistance regarding Pope & Talbot Pension Plan

MOTION: ROBERT / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE LETTER FROM THE MINISTER OF FINANCE, IDENTIFIED AS ITEM 5(e) ON THE LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS, RESPONDING TO THE CITY'S LETTER CONCERNING THE WIND-UP OF THE POPE & TALBOT PENSION PLAN, BE FORWARDED ONTO THE POPE & TALBOT LTD. EMPLOYEES GROUP, C/O RANDY WATEROUS. CARRIED

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Prior to discussion on the letter received from the Grand Forks Chamber of Commerce regarding the Grand Forks Visitor Centre, Councillor Wyers declared her intention to vacate Council Chambers due to her potential conflict of interest inasmuch as she is the Manager of the Grand Forks Chamber of Commerce. Councillor Wyers vacated Council Chambers at 8:58 p.m.

On an inquiry from members of Council, the Mayor advised that should this proposal for the Grand Forks Art Gallery to take over the operation of the Visitors Information Centre, outlined in the Chamber's letter, become a reality, Council will need to re-negotiate the City's service contract with the Art Gallery, prior to April 30th. He further stated that the matter is coming forward at this time in order to respond to the Tourism BC Membership Agreement request, prior to the deadline.

MOTION: DAVIES / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE LETTER FROM THE GRAND FORKS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, DATED JANUARY 19, 2009, PROPOSING THAT THE OPERATION OF THE GRAND FORKS VISITOR CENTRE BECOME THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GRAND FORKS ART GALLERY, BE RECEIVED FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.

CARRIED.

Councillor Wyers returned to Council Chambers at 9:05 p.m.

- 5(k) Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron's Sponsorship Committee request for financial assistance.

MOTION: THOMPSON / DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT THE LETTER, DATED JANUARY 19, 2009, FROM THE FUNDRAISING CHAIR OF THE 841 CITY OF GRAND FORKS ROYAL CANADIAN AIR CADET SQUADRON, REQUESTING THE CITY'S FINANCIAL SUPPORT, BE RECEIVED AND DEFERRED UNTIL STAFF BRINGS FORWARD A GRANT-IN-AID POLICY FOR COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION.

CARRIED.

This Regular Meeting of Council was recessed at 9:08 p.m. and reconvened at 9:18 p.m..

BYLAWS:

- a) **City Clerk's Report – Bylaw 1889 – City of Grand Forks Council Procedure Bylaw No. 1889, 2009**

MOTION: DAVIES / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1889, CITED AS "CITY OF GRAND FORKS COUNCIL PROCEDURE BYLAW NO. 1889, 2009", BE FINALLY ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY REPORT:

Mayor Taylor, the City's representative to the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary, reported on his attendance at a recent RDKB Board of Directors meeting:

- Advised that he has received coded access to the RKDB agenda online and that he intends to make this available to all members of Council. Councillor Moslin suggested that Council's Mac computers will not open this particular document, and that a windows application is required.
- Advised that certain public accesses at Christina Lake are being pursued and developed.
- Reported that the Appointment of Committees has begun at the RDKB level.
- Reported that the Gilpin Grassland issue was brought forward at the RDKB meeting, but received and filed. The Mayor advised that he will take the issue back to the RDKB table at the next meeting.
- Reported that the Boundary Economic Development Committee meets tomorrow morning at 10:00 a.m.

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

Councillor Davies:

Councillor Davies reported on the following items:

- Proposed a Grand Forks Economic Development Planning Committee – intended to put together a grass roots economic development plan and when completed to be presented to the BEDC to put in their Economic Development Plan. Committee will go for one year. Councillor Davies suggested that it is her intention to advertise for committee members in the Grand Forks Gazette.
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Councillor Robert:

- Reported on his attendance at the re-opening of the Grand Forks Aquatic Centre
- Brought forward the matter of the recent federal budget, highlighting the funding provided for infrastructure projects.

Councillor Wyers:

- Reported on her attendance at the Art Gallery meeting on January 26th, 2009.
 - Reported on her meeting with Member of Parliament David Anderson on January 31st, wherein she stated that she provided Mr. Anderson input on regional issues impacting our community economically, highlighting the proposed removal of Burlington Northern railway.
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Councillor Thompson:

Councillor Thompson reported on the following items:

- Advised that she has been appointed the Council Liaison to the Boundary Museum Society.
 - Commented on her attendance at the Council / Staff strategic planning session held last week.
 - Advised that she, along with Councillor Robert, will be attending a meeting on restorative justice on Wednesday of this week.
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Councillor Moslin:

Councillor Moslin reported on the following items:

- Reported his attendance at a meeting on planned Olympic torch parade in Grand Forks.
- Reported on his attendance at a meeting of the Community Youth Committee.
- Advised that the Boundary Air Quality Committee is starting up again with the first meeting schedule to be held this Thursday. He advised many of the previous members of .../ report continued on next page

- the Committee will be returning. He commented on the lack of response from individual residents to sit on the Committee.
 - Reported that Wood Stove Exchange Program will expand into Electoral Area E.
 - Stated that Council needs to get on board with the grant-in-aid policy.
 - Inquired as to the status of the planned Neighborhood Meeting relating to the closure of the Cowpath Road. He was advised by Staff that there are no firm arrangements at this time.
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Councillor Wirischagin:

- Reported his attendance at a meeting on the planned Olympic torch parade in Grand Forks, providing information to the public on how an individual may become a torch bearer.
 - Commented on his viewing of President Barack Obama's inauguration.
 - Commented on his attendance at the Council / Staff strategic planning session held last week.
 - Spoke to the issue of "branding" advising that the City of Castlegar will be unveiling their "branding" report shortly.
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Mayor Taylor:

Mayor Taylor reported on the following items.

- Commented on his attendance at the Council / Staff strategic planning session held last week.
 - Reported on a discussion held earlier this evening on defined responsibilities for Councillors. He stated that he have a report on the defined responsibilities of each member of Council next week.
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MOTION: ROBERT / WIRISCHAGIN

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

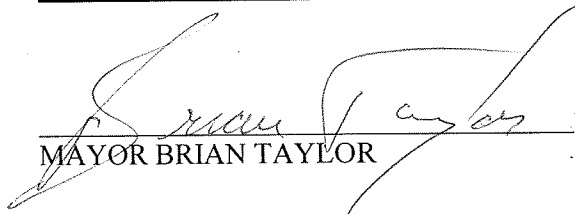
QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 10:08 P.M. CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


CITY CLERK - LYNNE BURCH