

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**MONDAY JANUARY 5, 2009**

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

CITY MANAGER  
CITY CLERK

V. Kumar  
L. Burch

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

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**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Move item 7(d) "City Manager's Report on the Museum Service" to be discussed with the adoption of the Primary Committee Meeting minutes.
- Add /question period just prior to adjournment

MOTION: THOMPSON / ROBERT

**RESOLVED THAT** THE JANUARY 5, 2009 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED. **CARRIED.**

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**MINUTES:**

MOTION: MOSLIN / WYERS

**RESOLVED THAT** THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY DECEMBER 15, 2008, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. **CARRIED.**

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MOTION: THOMPSON / DAVIES

**RESOLVED THAT** THE MINUTES OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY DECEMBER 15, 2008, BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

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- It was determined that the Primary Committee minutes omitted a request from the Committee to amend the Procedure Bylaw to receive Council reports earlier on in the agenda. The minutes will be amended to add this point.

THE MINUTES WERE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

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MOTION: DAVIES / MOSLIN

**RESOLVED THAT THE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT, DATED DECEMBER 22, 2008, REGARDING THE MUSEUM SERVICE: CITY OF GRAND FORKS, SPCAC, BOUNDARY MUSEUM AND BOUNDARY MUSEUM SOCIETY, BE RECEIVED.**

CARRIED.

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MOTION: DAVIES / THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS WITHDRAW ITS APPLICATION FOR A TRADE MARK FOR THE BOUNDARY MUSEUM.**

CARRIED.

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MOTION: DAVIES / THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT THE BOUNDARY MUSEUM SOCIETY BE GIVEN ALL THE ARTEFACTS FOR THEIR CARE, PROTECTION AND DISPLAY AND THE MOVING OF THESE ARTEFACTS FROM THEIR STORAGE LOCATION, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE BOUNDARY MUSEUM SOCIETY, BE PAID FOR BY THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS.**

TABLEING MOTION:

MOTION: THOMPSON / WIRISCHAGIN

**RESOLVED THAT THE PRECEDING MOTION, REGARDING THE TRANSFER OF ARTEFACTS FROM THEIR STORAGE LOCATION, TO THE BOUNDARY MUSEUM SOCIETY, BE TABLED UNTIL THE JANUARY 19, 2009 MEETING OF COUNCIL IN ORDER TO PROVIDE MAYOR TAYLOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH THE PARTIES INVOLVED.**

CARRIED.

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REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

None

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a) **City Clerk's Report – Notice of Motion, Boundary Air Quality Committee**

MOTION: MOSLIN / DAVIES

**RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, OUTLINING A NOTICE OF MOTION, PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR MOSLIN AT THE DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2008 REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL, REGARDING THE RE-FORMATION OF THE BOUNDARY AIR QUALITY COMMITTEE, BE RECEIVED.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE FORMATION OF THE BOUNDARY AIR QUALITY COMMITTEE AS A SELECT COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL.**  
CARRIED.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:**

- a) **City Clerk's Report – Removal of Charge**

MOTION: THOMPSON / MOSLIN

**RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED DECEMBER 22, 2008, REGARDING A DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT REMOVAL OF CHARGE, BE RECEIVED.**  
CARRIED.

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MOTION: ROBERT / WIRISCHAGIN

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL INSTRUCT STAFF TO REMOVE THE DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT, FROM THE TITLE OF THE PROPERTY, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT A, DISTRICT LOT 380, S.D.Y.D., PLAN KAP87391, AS THE DEVELOPMENT DID NOT PROCEED AS PROPOSED.**

CARRIED.

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- b) **City Clerk's Report – RDKB Bylaw No. 1389**

MOTION: ROBERT / THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED DECEMBER 22, 2008, REGARDING THE REQUEST FROM THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY REGARDING RDKB BYLAW NO. 1389, BE RECEIVED.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS CONSENTS TO THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS ADOPTING BYLAW NO. 1389, BEING A BYLAW TO ESTABLISH A**

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SERVICE FOR THE PROMOTION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE BOUNDARY COMMUNITIES TO BE KNOWN AS THE "BOUNDARY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICE".

CARRIED.

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**c) City Clerk's Report – Curling Club Application to change Liquor Licence**

MOTION: DAVIES / THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT** THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED DECEMBER 22, 2008, REGARDING A REQUESTED SUPPORT RESOLUTION FOR AN APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT CHANGE TO A LIQUOR LICENCE, AS SUBMITTED BY THE GRAND FORKS CURLING CLUB, BE RECEIVED.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** THE COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS SUPPORTS THE GRAND FORKS CURLING CLUB APPLICATION TO THE LIQUOR CONTROL AND LICENSING BRANCH FOR A PERMANENT CHANGE TO THEIR LIQUOR LICENCE FOR THE PREMISES LOCATED AT 7230 21<sup>ST</sup> STREET, AS OUTLINED IN THE APPLICATION.

CARRIED.

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**REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

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**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

MOTION: DAVIES / WIRISCHAGIN

**RESOLVED THAT** INFORMATION ITEMS NUMBERED 5A TO 5EE

- a) 2010 Legacies Now
- b) Mayor's Letter of Support to Community Futures
- c) Letter from Sylvia Treptow
- d) COFI Annual Convention (Council of Forest Industries)
- e) Boundary Woodlot Association
- f) Western Canada Wilderness Committee
- g) Province of BC, Office of the Premier
- h) Blair Lekstrom Minister of Community Development
- i) Minister of Community Development
- j) Minister of Community Development – Trees for Tomorrow
- k) BC Health Coalition to Councillor Robert
- l) Senator Mobina Jaffer, Q.C.
- m) David Suzuki Foundation
- n) Ministry of Healthy Living & Sport
- o) Interior Health
- p) AME BC

- q) Phoenix Foundation of the Boundary Communities
- r) Coast Mental health Foundation – Courage to Come Back Awards
- s) Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust (SIDIT)
- t) Memo from Manager of Works & Services re: Anti-icing solutions
- u) Environment Canada
- v) Ministry of Public Safety
- w) Ministry of Community Development News Release
- x) Civicinfo BC – New Home Registry
- y) AKBLG Memo – AGM
- z) UBCM – Memorandum
- aa) UBCM – Executive Release
- bb) UBCM – Local Government Program Services
- cc) West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital Board Meeting
- dd) School District 51 Boundary Meeting of Dec 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008
- ee) Regional District of Kootenay Boundary – minutes of Board of Directors Meeting of December 11, 2008.

BE RECEIVED AND ACTED UPON AS RECOMMENDED.

CARRIED.

Prior to Adoption the following discussion took place on specific items in the Information Summary.

- 5(c) Councillor Davies spoke in regards to a letter from a taxpayer, requesting that it come forward at the Strategic Planning session.
- 5(d) Mayor Taylor advised that he would like to attend the COFI convention in April.

MOTION: DAVIES / ROBERT

**RESOLVED THAT** MAYOR TAYLOR BE AUTHORIZED TO ATTEND THE COUNCIL OF FOREST INDUSTRIES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD IN APRIL, 2009 IN PRINCE GEORGE, BC, ON BEHALF OF COUNCIL.

CARRIED.

- 5(q) Phoenix Foundation request for funding for a proposal Vital Signs Project.

MOTION: MOSLIN / WIRISCHAGIN

**RESOLVED THAT** COUNCIL REQUESTS THAT CITY STAFF BRING FORWARD A REPORT ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A GRANTS-IN-AID POLICY, FOR COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION.

CARRIED.

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MOTION: ROBERT / MOSLIN

**RESOLVED THAT** COUNCIL INVITE THE DIRECTORS OF THE PHOENIX FOUNDATION FOR THE BOUNDARY COMMUNITIES TO MAKE A PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL ON THE FOUNDATION IN GENERAL, AND FURTHER TO MAKE A PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL ON THE VITAL SIGNS PROJECT.

CARRIED.

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MOTION: DAVIES / WIRISCHAGIN

**RESOLVED THAT** STAFF BE INSTRUCTED TO RESEARCH THE VITAL SIGNS PROJECT BY CONTACTING THE TORONTO BASED VITAL SIGNS ORGANIZATION.

CARRIED.

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- 5(y) AKBLG call for Resolutions

Councillor Thompson brought forward the matter of the condition of several different highways throughout the Province, suggesting that Council propose a resolution through the Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments to petition the Ministry of Transportation to increase the funding for highway maintenance contracts throughout the Province in order to better maintain highways. It was determined that Councillor Thompson will draft a resolution for Council's consideration.

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Meeting recessed at 8:40 p.m. reconvened at 8:50 p.m.

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**BYLAWS:**

**a) Chief Financial Officer's Report – Bylaw 1888 Revenue Anticipation Bylaw**

MOTION: THOMPSON / DAVIES

**RESOLVED THAT** BYLAW NO. 1888, CITED AS "CITY OF GRAND FORKS REVENUE ANTICIPATION BORROWING BYLAW - 2009", BE FINALLY ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

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

A lengthy discussion ensued as to the draft Procedure Bylaw. Individual Members of Council provided in-pu-t to be included in the next draft of the bylaw.

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MOTION: DAVIES / ROBERT

**RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK BE INSTRUCTED TO RE-DRAFT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS COUNCIL PROCEDURES BYLAW NO. 1889 TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

- THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE MAYOR AND THE ACTING MAYOR TO REVIEW THE AGENDA WITH THE CITY MANAGER PRIOR TO IT BEING CIRCULATED.
- THE AGENDA ITEM "REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL" BE MOVED TO FOLLOW "UNFINISHED BUSINESS" IN THE COUNCIL AGENDA.
- AN AGENDA ITEM "QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA" BE SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE JUST BEFORE ADJOURNMENT.

CARRIED.

Council further determined their preference to post the entire agenda on the website, at the same time as it is circulated to Council, and directed that hard copies be made available to the public on Thursdays prior to the Council meetings.

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

**Councillor Davies:**

No report

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**Councillor Wyers:**

No Report

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**Councillor Thompson:**

Councillor Thompson reported on the following items:

- Wished everyone a happy new year.
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**Councillor Moslin:**

Councillor Moslin reported on the following items:

- Advised that the Habitat for Humanity application for a Development Variance Permit to reduce the front yard setback will be presented once again to Council at the next Regular Meeting. He further advised that Staff will be bringing forward a Report on the options for the "Cowpath" roadway, including possible land swaps.
  - Advised that Council will going forward into strategic planning next weekend, and requested Council members to think about what they want to accomplish in the next three years.
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**Councillor Robert:**

Councillor Robert reported on the following items:

- Proposed that Council support the Association of Kootenay Boundary Local Governments in petitioning local MP's to support the Federation of Canadian Municipalities in partnering with the federal government to help create 100,000 immediate new jobs.

MOTION: ROBERT / THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS SUPPORTS THE ASSOCIATION OF KOOTENAY AND BOUNDARY MUNICIPALITIES IN PETITIONING THE LOCAL MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT TO SUPPORT THE FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES PROPOSAL TO PARTNER WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN CREATING 100,000 IMMEDIATE NEW JOBS. CARRIED.**

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- AKBLG resolutions need to be presented to AKBLG prior to February 13th.
- Reported on his actions on the party and drug houses issues.

MOTION: ROBERT / DAVIES

**RESOLVED THAT STAFF BE INSTRUCTED TO CONTACT THE RCMP AND INVESTIGATE A PILOT PROJECT INVOLVING CSO OFFICERS OF THE RCMP WHO DEAL WITH PARTY AND DRUG HOUSES. CARRIED.**

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**Councillor Wirischagin:**

- Wished everyone a happy new year.
  - Brought forward the matter of branding of Grand Forks. Discussed the matter of signage.
  - Brought forward the matter of errors he has noticed in agenda packages and the website, as well as signage located in the area of the cowpath roadway .
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**Mayor Taylor:**

Mayor Taylor reported on the following items.

- Advised that he and other Members of Council will be attending a Meeting with Regional District of Kootenay Boundary on Friday January 9<sup>th</sup> in Trail.
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MOTION: ROBERT / THOMPSON

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

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**QUESTION PERIOD**

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: DAVIES

**RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 9:33  
P.M. CARRIED.**

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**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

  
MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR

  
CITY CLERK - LYNNE BURCH