

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY JULY 20, 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
CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY

V. Kumar
D. Heinrich

CALL TO ORDER:

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

RECESS TO PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING:

MOTION: ROBERT/DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE RECESSED AT 7:03 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 7:01 p.m. and reconvened at 9:12 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

- Late Item – City Manager’s Report - Recreational Infrastructure Canada Program – Resolution on Funding

MOTION: THOMPSON/WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE JULY 20, 2009 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED. CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/WYERS

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY JUNE 29, 2009, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

MOTION: THOMPSON/WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL, HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2009, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:

- Remove duplication of resolution to receive the Manager of Works and Services Report.

MOTION: WYERS/MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY JUNE 29, 2009, AND ALL RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN, BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

CARRIED

Councillor Davies stated that she had neglected to put forward a motion at the June 29, 2009 Primary Committee Meeting to receive David Janzen's report on a Community Garden and to include this initiative as part of the City's Economic Plan.

MOTION: ROBERT/DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT PRESENTATION BY DAVID JANZEN RELATIVE TO COMMUNITY GARDENS BE RECEIVED AND INCLUDED IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

CARRIED

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a) City Manager's Report – Sunshine Valley Community Services – Work Program within the City. This issue was dealt with in the Primary Committee Meeting.

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

Councillor Wirischagin:

Councillor Wirischagin reported on the following:

- He attended the Canada Day Celebrations in Gyro Park on July 1st, 2009 and commended Cher Wyers on organizing the event
- He had a chance to tour the Gilpin Grasslands with Barry and Midge Brandow
- He attended the BMX Races and commented on his disappointment with the state of City Park.
- After attending the Grand Forks International Meeting, there are now eleven confirmed teams on board
- After talking to the Boundary Wonderers Rugby Club, they have expressed an interest in having a playing field in City Park.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT CITY STAFF PREPARE A REPORT ON THE FEASIBILITY IN DEVELOPING A MULTI-PURPOSE PLAYING FIELD EAST OF THE BMX TRACK AND TO THE SOUTH OF THE CAMPGROUND IN CITY PARK.

CARRIED.

Councillor Moslin:

Councillor Moslin reported on the following:

- He expressed his concerns in the marketing of Grand Forks. After checking with the Visitor's Information Centre, he received a print out of visitors coming to BC and to Grand Forks. The numbers are up over BC; however, for Grand Forks, it's significantly reduced. Councillor Moslin also inquired as to where the large guide to the Boundary Country went. Councillor Wyers advised that the Chamber of Commerce started with funding from previous Council in 2005 and concluded at the 3 year point. She stated that next year, the City may have the option of using the "Visitor's Choice" option contingent on advertising dollars. Councillor Robert suggested that Jennifer Wetmore be a contact through the Boundary Economic Development Coalition to obtaining funding for a promotional guidebook.
- Councillor Moslin also commented on concerns regarding City Campground pricing. He stated that upon doing some research on municipal campgrounds, it appears that some are charging less than we are.

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MOTION: MOSLIN/WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT RATES FOR MUNICIPAL CAMPGROUND BE SET AT THE AVERAGE RATE OF OTHER MUNICIPAL CAMPGROUNDS FOR NEXT YEAR.

THE MOTION WAS DEFEATED.

Councillor Thompson:

Councillor Thompson reported on the following:

- That she walked in Canada Day parade & commended Councillor Wyers on organizing the event
- She attended a meeting of the Restorative Justice Society
- On July 9th, 2009, she participated in a tour by the Brandows of Sand Creek – Gilpin Grassland area. She stated that she was appalled by how the natural watering areas had been adversely impacted by cattle grazing in the area. She also commented that she was even more appalled by the damage done to Lost Lake by mudboggers who had penetrated the clay bed resulting in the lake being drained.
- On July 16th, she attended a meeting of the Boundary Museum Society. She advised that artifacts which will be moved from the Market Street site by end of July 31st, and that the Boundary Museum Society's executive wants to meet with the executive of the Grand Forks Art Gallery Society, including City liaisons for both organizations, to discuss ways that they can begin working together.

Councillor Wyers:

Councillor Wyers reported on the following:

- She commented on enjoying the summer in Grand Forks and swimming in the Granby
- She attended a meeting on June 20 with Blair Macgregor and KD Air Carrier stationed out of Qualicum Beach who toured the airport facilities. Their web address is: www.kdair.com. Councillor Wyers also presented examples to Council on the company's' air tour capabilities.
- She thanked ^{all} participating Council members for joining in the July 1st festivities and also for helping with the set up. Councillor Wyers also thanked Councillor Davies for helping with the Custom House Grand Opening as "Queen Victoria".
- Councillor Wyers also attended a Stakeholder meeting at Community Futures regarding proposed abandonment of rail Omnitrax at Laurier. The date for abandonment is October 31, 2009.
- She ~~attended~~ ^{will be attending} a meeting on July 22nd, 2009, with Heather Buzzell, the new library director.

Councillor Robert:

Councillor Robert reported on the following:

- Councillor Robert bid a sad goodbye to Gus and Betty Barry who are moving away.
- He commented on concerns from some Citizens regarding 22nd Street by the Hospital as the road is in need of upgrade. Pot holes pose a potential danger with ambulance travel.

- Concerns – 66th Avenue and 14th Street – two abandoned cars have been parked there for 2 years.
- Councillor Robert also reported concerns regarding congestion and traffic in the lane behind the Harmony Flowers building
- Expressed concerns on behalf of the Whispers of Hope regarding the need for a Garbage Dumpster. Garbage is piling up.
- Reported on his involvement as a volunteer at the BMX Provincials.
- He reported on attending a tour with the Brandows at the Gilpin Grasslands. He stated that there is a lack of proper range enforcement.
- Councillor Robert expressed his concern on the abandonment of Omnitrax rail line and stated that an extension from October. 31st is a necessity. Pacific Abrasives will be forced to close and a \$130,000 a year in slag sales royalties for the City will be lost.

Councillor Davies:

Councillor Davies reported on the following:

- Her Canada Day activities, including how much fun she had being Queen Victoria
- Reported on her attendance at the Breakfast for the BMX Races
- On her attendance with KD Air Charters as per Council Cher Wyers' report.
- Report on a conference session she attended at the FCM regarding ways to prevent cancer in communities
- Councillor Davies reported that she is speaking on behalf of citizens regarding Medical Marijuana, and that these citizens need help to find a solution to obtain their medicine in a safe and legal manner. She then asked the Mayor to strike a volunteer task force as outlined in the proposal below:

**TASK FORCE ON LEGAL, LOCAL, SAFE ACCESS
TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA**

PURPOSE of this volunteer Task Force would be:

- (i) To recommend a system that would provide LEGAL, local, safe access to medical marijuana.
- (ii) Recommend regulations to ensure all fire and safety requirements are met;
- (iii) To recommend a distribution method(s)
- (iv) To recommend a location for the distribution that meets the needs of the medical users & the community;
- (v) To recommend a legal structure, (ie. Co-op, private, or government), to ensure easy access to medical users;
- (vi) To lobby the provincial and federal governments with the recommended model

TIME FRAME of the committee's operation would be 4 months

BUDGET REQUIREMENTS: As the use of email and other electronic methods will be used for most meetings, minimal meeting rooms, minimal occasional staff. Members of the committee would fund their own travel & other expenses.

Participants to the committee would be:

1. Two members of council
2. Member of Parliament, Alex Atamanenko
3. Member of the Legislative Assembly, John Slater
4. A doctor
5. A counselor/psychologist
6. A medical user
7. Fire chief
8. Law enforcement officer or lawyer
9. Senior's Representative
10. Hospital Representative
11. IHA Representative
12. Representative of the Doukhobor community
13. Master Grower

1. A report to council will be made before the first meeting in September, 2009 verifying the members of the Task Force.
2. The Task Force may go to the public for input before finalizing their recommendations.
3. When the work is completed a report to be made to City Council.

After presenting her report, Councillor Davies asked Council to consider creating a committee and that the Mayor to bring a vote to a Notice of Motion asking permission to contact person's mentioned in her proposal. She wants to approach individual's to see if there is an interest in developing a committee.

NOTICE OF MOTION: DAVIES/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZE COUNCILLOR DAVIES TO APPROACH PERSONS OUTLINED IN HER PROPOSAL TO DETERMINE INTEREST IN DEVELOPING A TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDED SYSTEMS FOR LEGAL, LOCAL, SAFE ACCESS TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA AND TO REPORT BACK TO COUNCIL AT THEIR REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 17, 2009.

CARRIED.

Councillors Wirischagin, Wyers & Robert voted against the motion.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/ROBERT

RESOLVED TO TABLE THE NOTICE OF MOTION TO AUGUST 17TH.

MOTION DEFEATED.

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL RECESSED AT 10:45 P.M. AND RECONVENED AT 9:03 AM, JULY 21ST, 2009.

COUNCILLOR DAVIES ARRIVED AT THE MEETING AT 9:23 A.M.

Mayor Taylor:

Mayor Taylor reported on the following:

- Mayor Taylor reported on the Overton Creek and cows in the bush issues. The Mayor said he will take the initiative to talk with the area ranchers to see what can be done to clean up the area.
- The Mayor mentioned the July 24th – Moonlight Madness function organized by the downtown business group that will go until 10:00 pm
- The Mayor reported that the current state of artisan's market is that it is still suspended until he has had an opportunity to meet with the downtown business merchants. Currently the Artisan's Market is operating on the sidewalk outside of Copycat with permission of owner

MOTION: THOMPSON/MOSLIN

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

REPORT – REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY

Mayor Taylor, the City's representative to the Board of Directors for the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary reported on the following Regional District matters:

- He stated that the RDKB has enthusiasm for Wood Stove Program, and that there may be an appetite for crafting an open burning bylaw in areas of higher density within Area D.
- He also reported that the Regional District will initiate a Kettle River Study.

MOTION: MOSLIN/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY VERBAL REPORT FROM THE CITY'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE RDKB, MAYOR TAYLOR, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DECISIONS:

a) City Clerk's Report – Alternative Approval Process Petition. Corporate officer determination and certification of the sufficiency of the Petition in accordance with Section 86 of the Community Charter.

MOTION: MOSLIN/WYERS

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED JULY 9, 2009, REGARDING THE CORPORATE OFFICER CERTIFICATION OF THE SUFFICIENCY OF THE PETITION FOR THE ALTERNATE APPROVAL PROCESS PETITION FOR BYLAW NO. 1873 2009 SEWER IMPROVEMENTS LOAN AUTHORIZATION BYLAW IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 86 OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER BE RECEIVED. CARRIED

b) City Clerk's Report – Building Bylaw Contravention

MOTION: THOMPSON/ WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED JULY 7TH, 2009, REGARDING THE BUILDING BYLAW CONTRAVENTION REQUEST TO CONSIDER FILING NOTICE ON TITLE UNDER SECTION 57 OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER ON 1665-68TH AVENUE, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT, DATED JULY 6TH, 2009, RELATING TO PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT A, D.L. 380, S.D.Y.D., PLAN KAP82583, OWNED BY ARLENA AND MATTHEW WALLACE, AND INVITES THE PROPERTY OWNERS TO APPEAR BEFORE COUNCIL AT THEIR REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, AUGUST 17TH, 2009 TO MAKE A PRESENTATION RELATIVE TO FILING A NOTICE IN THE LAND TITLE OFFICE UNDER SECTION 57 OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER AGAINST THE PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED ABOVE, STATING THAT A COVERED DECK ADDITION HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING A BUILDING PERMIT AND IS IN CONTRAVENTION OF THE BUILDING BYLAW REQUIREMENTS.

CARRIED.

c) City Manager's Report – School Community Connectivity Program- Resolution to support grant funding.

MOTION: THOMPSON/WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT, DATED JULY 14TH, 2009, REGARDING THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS PROGRAM JOINT FUNDING APPLICATION FOR PHASE III, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES AND SUPPORTS THE JOINT FUNDING GRANT APPLICATION FOR PHASE III UNDER THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS PROGRAM.

CARRIED.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION: DAVIES/MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT INFORMATION ITEMS NUMBERED 11A TO 11U, BE RECEIVED AND ACTED UPON AS RECOMMENDED OR AS AMENDED.

CARRIED

- a) Association of BC Forest Professional to nominate your community to be 2010 Forest Capital of BC. Recommend to file.

- b) Correspondence from Tom Hinter & Shirley Schuh – letters in regard to Medical Marijuana. Recommend to file.

- c) Annual “Incarceration of Mayors” to raise funds for the Kidney Foundation on October 16, 2009. Recommend to send it attached response form if planning on participating.

MOTION: THOMPSON/DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL, STAFF AND COMMUNITY INCARCERATE THE MAYOR.

CARRIED

- d) From Mayor’s Office – City of Penticton regarding Youth Write Camp-Carbon Footprint Contest Challenge to Grand Forks. Recommend write a letter to them accepting the challenge to review contest submissions from Grand Forks.

- e) Alex Atamanenko message to BC Southern Interior – Saying “No” to Greyhound Service Reduction. Recommend file – Mayor has submitted letter on behalf of Council’s concerns.

- f) From Office of the Premier – 2009 UBCM Convention Meetings. Council may request a meeting with any Minister on a Council approved specific issue during the convention. Recommend file. Mayor to place this matter to Regional District. Omnitrax, Kettle River Study, Greyhound Service are all part of the Regional District decisions.

- g) From Boundary Air Quality Committee – Letter Awarding Dispersion Modeling for airshed to SNC Lavalin. Recommend file.

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- h) From Ministry of Environment to RDKB Chairperson regarding the Kettle River Study Response. Recommendation that the RDKB to act on this.
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- i) Thank-you from Grand Forks Secondary School for City support in 2009 Grad in the ceremonies and Scholarship. Recommend File
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- j) From Yue Wang regarding the MuPing Government of China looking to be a sister City with Grand Forks. Some funding from the Province to advance this relationship. Recommend to develop a sister city relationship.
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- k) From Jackie Laine regarding City Weed Control Concern. Recommend to respond via email that weed control is considered a lower priority in tough economic times.
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- l) From Danco Transport (Geoff Danish) including correspondence of last year. Recommend to advise Mr. Danish that the City send him a letter last year advising that he has first opportunity to enter into a business arrangement if he wishes to do so before the City acts to renew the lease and that the City is prohibited from providing direct or indirect financial assistance to a commercial or an industrial undertaking.
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- m) Canadian Union of Postal Workers regarding a postal report that says no to deregulation but threatens rural and small post offices and rural delivery – Federal Government decides what happens. Recommend to write a letter to ensure postal service in Grand Forks is maintained.
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- n) UBCM Member Notice – Police Services: Cost and Accountability Survey. Recommend File - Survey has now been filled out by staff and sent
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- o) FCM Communication via email regarding increasing women’s participation in Government by elected official mentoring. Recommend that any member of Council may join the mentorship program.
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- p) UBCM Member Notice – Federal Infrastructure Funding Update – Recommend to file as applications have already been made
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- q) UBCM Convention in Vancouver from September 28th to October 2nd, 2009. Recommend Council approve to attend and advise Staff who is attending the conference. Councillor Robert won’t be attending – everyone else has advised they are attending.
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- r) Selkirk Collage Regional Innovation Chair for Rural Economic Development – Annual Report to December 31, 2008. Recommend File
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s) From Regional District of Kootenay Boundary – Permits to the end of June, 2009.
Recommend to file

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t) June 29th Meeting Task Progress Report from Staff. Recommend to file
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u) Boundary Air Quality Committee Minutes of June 25th, 2009 Meeting. Recommend to file

BE RECEIVED AND ACTED UPON AS RECOMMENDED OR AS AMENDED.

CARRIED.

BYLAWS:

a) **City Clerk's Report – Bylaw No. 1873 - 2009 Sewer Utility Improvement Loan Authorization Bylaw**

MOTION: THOMPSON/MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1873, CITED AS “2009 SEWER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS LOAN AUTHORIZATION BYLAW” BE FINALLY ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

b) **City Clerk's Report – Bylaw No. 1877 – Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Official Community Plan Bylaw**

MOTION: DAVIES/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1877, CITED AS “AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN” BE GIVEN FIRST READING.

CARRIED.

MOTION: THOMPSON/DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1877, CITED AS “AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN” BE GIVEN SECOND READING.

CARRIED.

**b) City Clerk's Report – Bylaw No. 1878 – Amendment to the City of Grand Forks
Zoning Bylaw**

MOTION: WIRISHCHAGIN/MOSLIN

**RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1878, CITED AS “AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF
GRAND FORKS ZONING BYLAW” BE GIVEN FIRST READING.**

CARRIED.

MOTION: MOSLIN/WIRISCHAGIN

**RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1878, CITED AS “AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF
GRAND FORKS ZONING BYLAW” BE GIVEN SECOND READING.**

CARRIED.

LATE ITEMS:

a) City Manager's Report – Recreational Infrastructure Canada Program – Resolution on Funding

MOTION: THOMPSON/DAVIES

**RESOLVED THAT THE CITY MANGER'S REPORT, DATED JULY 16, 2009, REGARDING
RECREATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE CANADA PROGRAM FUNDING, BE RECEIVED.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE FOR GRANT PURPOSES
ONLY “IN SUPPORT OF PROJECT #8215 UNDER RInC, A FUNDING COMMITMENT OF
\$702,667 AND BC FLOOD PROTECTION BACK STOP FUNDING OF \$462,000. IS
PROVIDED BY THE CITY SUBJECT TO RInC GRANT IS APPROVED AT \$933,333.”**

CARRIED.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA:

Les Johnson – Thank you to City works for fountain in front of Value Drug Mart

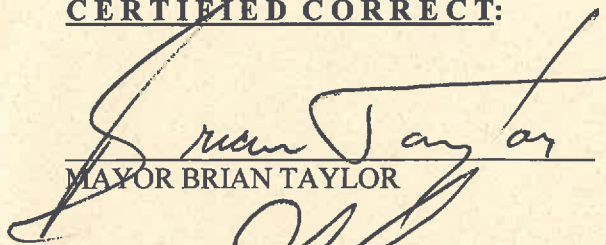
ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: DAVIES

**RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 10:05
A.M.**

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY - DIANE HEINRICH

