

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY JUNE 29, 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

GALLERY

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. in Council Chambers.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- None.

MOTION: ROBERT / DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2009, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

a) City Clerk's Report – Delegation, Economic Development Task Force

Presentation by the Agriculture Initiative on a proposal for a Community Garden

David Janzen was welcomed to the meeting by Mayor Taylor. Mr. Janzen began by stating that world food prices are going to continue to rise, and that one answer would be to start a Community Garden. He advised that two private property owners in the City have offered to donate land, however it is not conveniently located and requested that the City assist in finding a plot a of land, centrally located, that can be used for a community garden. He outlined all the positive spin-offs that a community garden will provide the City. He concluded by suggesting that there are sources

of funding available for community gardens and the jobs created such as fencing, irrigation and plot managers are an added benefit.

MOTION: ROBERT / DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE OPEN THE FLOOR UP TO QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AT THIS TIME. CARRIED.

The Mayor allowed for numerous questions from Councillors and those in the gallery to be fielded by the presenter.

MOTION: ROBERT / DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT THE PRESENTATION MADE BY DAVID JANZEN ON BEHALF OF THE AGRICULTURE INITIATIVE OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE, BE RECEIVED. CARRIED.

OPERATIONAL DISCUSSION & PRESENTATIONS BY STAFF:

a) Manager of Works & Services' Report – Roads and Sidewalks Department Presentation

Wayne Kopan, Manager of Works & Services addressed the Committee at this time. By way of a PowerPoint presentation, he began by advising that the departments are running this season with reduced Staff, without the assistance of temporary employees and students. He went on to add that the department activities are about a month behind the normal schedule due to the colder winter and late spring.

MOTION: ROBERT / DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT THE MANAGER OF WORKS & SERVICES' REPORT, DATED JUNE 23, 2009, REGARDING A STAFF PRESENTATION ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ROADS AND SIDEWALKS DEPARTMENT, BE RECEIVED. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT THE MANAGER OF WORKS & SERVICES' PRESENTATION ON THE ROADS AND SIDEWALKS DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES FOR 2009, BE RECEIVED. CARRIED.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

a) City Clerk's Report – Land and Development Policies

MOTION: DAVIES / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED JUNE 23, 2009, REGARDING LAND AND DEVELOPMENT POLICIES, BE RECEIVED. .../ continued on next page
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT LAND AND DEVELOPMENT POLICIES NUMBERED 1501 AND 1502, BE APPROVED, AND IMPLEMENTED NO LATER THAN JULY 31, 2009.

CARRIED.

b) City Clerk's Report – Amendments to the Zoning Bylaw and the OCP

MOTION: DAVIES / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED JUNE 23, 2009, REGARDING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE GRAND FORKS ZONING BYLAW, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT THE APPLICATION TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN AND THE ZONING BYLAW, BY RE-DESIGNATING PROPERTY ON 68TH AVENUE, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 1, DL 380, S.D.Y.D. PLAN KAP74754, FROM LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL AND TO INCLUDE THIS PROPERTY IN THE MULTI-FAMILY DEVELOPMENT PERMIT AREA, AND TO AMEND THE ZONING BYLAW FOR PROPERTY ON 68TH AVENUE REZONING IT FROM SINGLE AND TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL BE PERMITTED TO PROCEED TO PUBLIC HEARING.

CARRIED.

REQUESTS FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

None

LATE ITEMS:

None

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

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

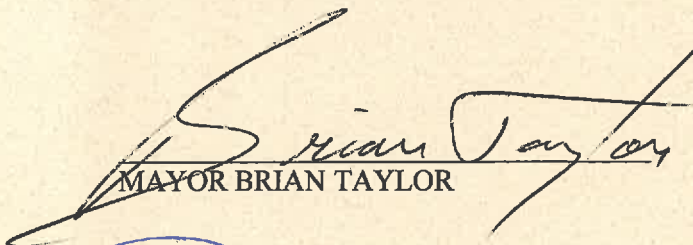
- An individual in the gallery questioned a circus performance scheduled to play at the Grand Forks arena on July 11, 2009. She stated her concerns that the circus performance would include exotic animals. The Mayor advised that he would look into this.
- Aaron Doncaster added his concerns regarding the upcoming circus performance, and requested that Council obtain more information, suggesting that a lot of people are against the circus performing with live animals.
- Nigel James a new resident to Grand Forks shared his comments about the community with Committee Members.
- Sylvia Treptow referred to article in the Gazette about Medical Marijuana, and expressed her concerns about grow ops for medical marijuana. She suggested that if the medical marijuana issue comes before Council for support, that a public meeting be held for citizens to express their views, similar to that which was scheduled for the Golden Heights purchase.
- David Janzen suggested that there are arguments on both sides of the medical marijuana issue. Committee members suggested that a public meeting be held should the issue come before Council.
- Jason Zwaal, Services Manager for Sunshine Valley Community Services addressed the issues outlined in his letter submitted to Council regarding employment of individuals in the City Park Campground. It was determined that this matter would be further discussed in the Regular Meeting of Council as it has been included on the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN

**RESOLVED THAT THIS PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING BE ADJOURNED 7:55 P.M.
CARRIED.**

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


CITY CLERK - LYNNE BURCH