

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY MAY 25, 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 7:01 p.m. in Council Chambers.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- None.

MOTION: ROBERT / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF MONDAY, MAY 25, 2009, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

a) City Clerk's Report – Delegation, Boundary Restorative Justice Society

Delegation – Laura Savinkoff and Staff Sgt Jim Harrison on behalf of the Restorative Justice Society

Ms. Savinkoff and S/Sgt Harrison were welcomed to the meeting by Mayor Taylor. Ms Savinkoff began by stating Restorative Justice is based on an old aboriginal custom. She went on to outline

the difference between this system vs the legal system. She stated that the Society is seeking Council's support of the program, and a formal Council appointed Liaison. She advised that there will be an information session for the public on June 3rd at Selkirk College and a training session at Selkirk on June 19 – June 21. S/Sgt Harrison advised that the RCMP fully endorses the program, and that the RCMP recognizes that through the Restorative Justice program, offenders can be dealt with within 2 weeks, as opposed to the legal system which may take up to 2 years.

MOTION: ROBERT / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED MAY 20, 2009, OUTLINING THE DELEGATION OF THE BOUNDARY RESTORATIVE JUSTICE SOCIETY, BE RECEIVED. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR OFFER A LETTER, IN SUPPORT OF THE UNDERTAKINGS OF THE BOUNDARY RESTORATIVE JUSTICE SOCIETY.

CARRIED.

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MOTION: ROBERT / DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT THE PRESENTATION MADE BY LAURA SAVINKOFF AND RCMP S/SGT JIM HARRISON ON BEHALF OF THE BOUNDARY RESTORATIVE JUSTICE SOCIETY, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED.

OPERATIONAL DISCUSSION & PRESENTATIONS BY STAFF:

a) City Clerk's Report – Fire Department Presentation

Fire Chief Blair Macgregor addressed Council at this time. By way of a PowerPoint presentation, he began by advising that in 2006, the City and the Rural Fire Protection District entered into a contract for the City to provide the fire protection service for both the City and the Rural Fire Protection District. He stated that the department currently has 45 volunteer firefighters with experience that ranges from 2 months to 29 years. He explained some of the training of volunteers for the First Responder program is not a large expense for the City as there are 3 First Responder trainers within the department. He stated that HazMat, as well as Swift water rescue training is taking place. He stated that the Superior Tanker Shuttle Accreditation provides residences not near fire hydrants the same fire rating as those near fire hydrants, as long as the fire fighting crew can prove they can provide 200 gal per minute, continuous for 2 hours. He stated that Grand Forks Fire Rescue Service is one of only two departments in BC, and one of only 4 departments in western Canada that has this accreditation. The Fire Chief advised that department members restore antique fire equipment and promote the department by displaying this equipment in parades throughout the region. In conclusion, he advised that the 2011 provincial spring training session for volunteer fire fighters will be held in Grand Forks, and that fire fighters from all over BC are expected to attend. He also stated that the Volunteers make the department stand out.

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MOTION: ROBERT / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED MAY 20, 2009, REGARDING A STAFF PRESENTATION ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, BE RECEIVED. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT THE FIRE CHIEF'S PRESENTATION ON THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES FOR 2009, BE RECEIVED. CARRIED.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

a) City Clerk's Report – General Government and Public Works Policies

Prior to considering recommending the policies outlined in the Clerk's Report, Staff requested that Policy 802 and Policy 1202 be removed from the package, and will be presented to Council in the future pending further review.

MOTION: Thompson / Davies

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED MAY 20, 2009, REGARDING GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS POLICIES, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS POLICIES IN THE 700, 800, 1100, AND 1200 SERIES AS ATTACHED, BE APPROVED, OR AMENDED AS OUTLINED, AND IMPLEMENTED NO LATER THAN JUNE 30, 2009.

CARRIED.

801 – under **Procedure** the word municipalities, should be "Municipality's".

1101 - Banner display – change approval authority from the Public Works Superintendent to the Manager of Works & Services

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.

- Bill Campbell inquired as to what is happening with the testing of the water. He stated that his previous requests involved testing the City's water supply for herbicides and pesticides, specifically. Mr. Campbell was advised that the water is tested thoroughly including chemical and bacterial analysis and meets the standards of Health Canada. Council advised that they would make inquiries about testing for herbicides and pesticides and the associated costs to do so.
- Les Johnson added his support to Mr. Campbell's request for further testing of the water.

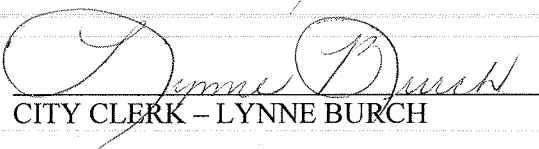
ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: DAVIES

**RESOLVED THAT THIS PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING BE ADJOURNED 8:17 P.M.
CARRIED.**

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


CITY CLERK - LYNNE BURCH