

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY NOVEMBER 16, 2009

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

CITY CLERK L. Burch
ADMIN ASSIST/CONF SECRETARY D. Heinrich
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER C. Arnott

GALLERY

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Remove the scheduled Delegation of the Boundary Weed Management Committee.

MOTION: DAVIES / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2009, BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

CARRIED.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION:

- a) City Clerk's Report – Certificate of Commendation to Betty Brussel

Mayor Taylor presented a Certificate of Commendation to Betty Brussel on behalf of the City of Grand Forks recognizing Ms. Brussel's participation in the 2009 Sydney World Masters Games, and her winning of numerous medals for swimming in the 85 – 89 Age Group.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

None

OPERATIONAL DISCUSSION & PRESENTATIONS BY STAFF:

None

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

REQUESTS FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

None

PROPOSED BYLAWS FOR DISCUSSION:

- a) City Clerk's Report – Wood Stove Bylaw

MOTION: MOSLIN / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED NOVEMBER 12, 2009, REGARDING THE PROPOSED ADOPTION OF A BYLAW TO REGULATE THE USE AND INSTALLATION OF WOOD STOVES IN THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS, BE RECEIVED FOR DISCUSSION. CARRIED.

Councillor Robert voted against the motion.
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MOTION: MOSLIN / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT THE WOOD STOVE BYLAW, BE REFERRED BACK TO STAFF FOR RE-DEVELOPMENT OF THE BYLAW, AND TO FURTHER DEVELOP AN ACCOMPANYING POLICY FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE BYLAW, AS DISCUSSED AT THIS MEETING AND INCLUDING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOUNDARY AIR QUALITY COMMITTEE, TO BE PRESENTED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION. MOTION WAS DEFEATED.

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.

- **Sylvia Treptow:** Advised that she has investigated through the Interior HA what health staff professional is participating on the Medical Marijuana Task Force. She read a prepared statement outlining her correspondence with various departments, a copy of which is attached to the minutes. She presented a Petition, which has been circulating in the community, and contains approximately 150 signatures requesting that Council end all spending and discussion about medical marijuana issues that do not originate from an outside source. A copy of this petition is attached.
- **Mona Mattei** – brought forward the matter of the BAQC definition of dwelling, included in the draft Wood Stove Bylaw discussed earlier this evening, suggesting that the definition does not include home-based businesses in secondary structures or in carports. She went on to suggest that should the matter come back to Council at some time in the future, this definition should be reconsidered. In response to another inquiry, the Mayor suggested that Air Quality Advisories are communicated through numerous media formats, such as radio, websites, and email to many public authorities, and even word of mouth.

ADJOURNMENT:

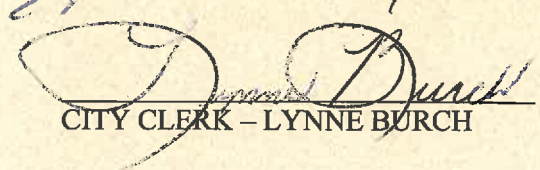
MOTION: THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT THIS PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 7:53 P.M.

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


CITY CLERK – LYNNE BURCH