

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY NOVEMBER 2, 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
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

V. Kumar
L. Burch
C. Arnott

GALLERY

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Add City Clerk's Report, Corporate Officers Determination and Certification of the Sufficiency of the Petition in Accordance with Section 212 of the Community Charter as a Late Item under Section 12
- Add City Clerk's Report, Bylaw 1883 Local Area Service Establishment Bylaw, final reading, as a Late Item under Section 12
- Add City Clerk's Report, Bylaw 1887 Northwest 79th Avenue Local Area Service Loan Authorization Bylaw, final reading, as a Late Item under Section 12

MOTION: WYERS / ROBERT

**RESOLVED THAT THE NOVEMBER 2, 2009 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE
ADOPTED AS AMENDED. CARRIED.**

MINUTES:

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL, HELD ON
MONDAY OCTOBER 19, 2009, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.**

MOTION: ROBERT / DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2009, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

MOTION: THOMPSON / DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2009, AND ALL RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a) **City Clerk's Report – October 19th Regular Meeting – Information Item Fitzpatrick Letter**

MOTION: THOMPSON / MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED OCTOBER 23, 2009, REGARDING THE OPTIONS FOR FENCES IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS AND A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE GRAND FORKS ZONING BYLAW TO DECREASE THE MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF FENCING PERMITTED IN SIDE YARDS IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT STAFF BE DIRECTED TO PREPARE A BYLAW INTENDED TO AMEND THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS ZONING BYLAW TO DECREASE THE MAXIMUM PERMITTED "SOLID OR CLOSED" FENCE HEIGHT FOR INTERIOR SIDEYARDS IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS FROM THE CURRENT 8 FEET TO 6 FEET.

CARRIED.

Councillor Davies voted against the resolution.

- b) **City Clerk's Report – Council Request for Review of Traffic Patterns on 72nd Avenue at 5th Street**

MOTION: ROBERT / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE STAFF REPORT, DATED OCTOBER 27, 2009 REGARDING OPTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO TRAFFIC MOVEMENT AT THE INTERSECTION OF 5TH STREET AND 72ND AVENUE, BE RECEIVED.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE INSTALLATION OF A 4-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF 72ND AVENUE AND 5TH STREET.

MOTION DEFEATED.

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MOTION: THOMSPON / DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT THE STAFF REPORT, DATED OCTOBER 27, 2009, REGARDING OPTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO TRAFFIC MOVEMENT AT THE INTERSECTION OF 5TH STREET AND 72ND AVENUE, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THIS MATTER BE REFERRED BACK TO STAFF WITH THE INSTRUCTION TO REVIEW AN ALTERNATIVE OPTION OF CLOSING 5TH STREET SOUTH, FROM 72ND AVENUE TO CITY PARK, AND REPORT BACK TO COUNCIL. CARRIED.

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

Councillor Davies:

Councillor Davies reported on the following items:

- Reported on the Economic Development Task Force meeting held on October 29th. She advised that presentations of specific initiatives of the Teams will be made to the Economic Development Task Force as a whole, and consensus sought, before presenting these initiatives to Council. She further advised that Business Meetings of the EDTF will be separate from meetings at which speakers are attending. She stated that it is intended that meetings with speakers will be advertised so that the public can attend.

Councillor Robert:

Councillor Robert reported on the following items:

- Advised that seniors are requesting that benches be installed in the cemetery.

MOTION: ROBERT / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT STAFF BE REQUESTED TO DRAFT A REPORT FOR COUNCIL WITH COSTS OF INSTALLING 3 BENCHES AT THE EVERGREEN CEMETERY. CARRIED.

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- Advised that Boundary Literacy is developing and purchasing a community bulletin board and is requesting assistance from the City to install the community bulletin board.
 - Discussed transportation issues for Grand Forks residents attending medical appointments in Trail. Councillor Robert requested that Council commission a Committee with City staff, IHA representatives, and Electoral Area Directors, to investigate a regular bus service

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to Trail. The Mayor suggested that this matter be brought forward to the Boundary Economic Development Committee at their meeting on November 9, 2009. He suggested that this issue may well be a regional priority item and that a subsequent Committee could be formed.

- Requested that the phone numbers for the volunteer driver service for those having medical appointments in Trail or Kelowna be advertised in the next issue of the City's newsletter.
- Reported on his attendance at the October 21st Community Futures Open House in celebration of Small Business Week.
- Reported on his attendance at the October 22nd meeting with the President and Senior Management Staff of Selkirk College.
- Reported on his attendance at the performance by a local theatre group of "Contempt of Court" on October 24th at the Grand Forks Art Gallery.
- Advised that he attended a seminar on October 27th with Sunshine Valley Community Living.
- Encouraged interested individuals to join Citizens On Patrol by contacting the local detachment of the RCMP.

A copy of Councillor Robert's report is attached.

Councillor Wyers:

Councillor Wyers reported on the following items:

- Reported that she participated in the October 21st 2020 Challenge Light Bulb Exchange by Fortis BC.
 - Reported on her attendance at the October 21st Community Futures Open House in celebration of Small Business Week.
 - Reported on her attendance at the October 21st Library Board Meeting.
 - Advised that she attended a meeting with the President and Senior Management of Selkirk College on October 22nd.
 - Advised that she participated as a Judge at the Granola Bar Public Contest at the Grand Forks Library.
 - Advised that she volunteered at the October 22 – 24, 2009 performances of the theatrical production, "Contempt of Court", which took place in historical court room in the Grand Forks Art Gallery.
 - Reported on her attendance at the Boundary Area Arts Council Annual General Meeting on October 26th.
 - Reported on her attendance at the 200 Mile Dog Team Race meeting on October 28, 2009. She advised that brochures are circulating in the Community. The qualifying race for dog sledders is set to take place on January 15 – 17th, 2010.
 - Reported on her attendance at the October 29th Citizens On Patrol meeting. She advised that a new coordinator, Don Fraser was introduced, replacing Ann Gordon. She went on to add that planned winter patrols are being organized.
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Councillor Thompson:

Councillor Thompson reported on the following items:

- Reported on her attendance at a meeting of the Chairs of the Economic Development Task Force at Councillor Davies' home on October 20th. She stated that there was excellent discussion around the initiatives that each team is working on as well as the process for future meetings of the whole.
- Reported on her attendance at the October 22nd meeting with the President and Senior Management Staff of Selkirk College.
- Advised that she represented Council at a meeting in Colville on October 26th where the issue of the rail line abandonment was discussed. She further advised that the BEDC along with other stakeholders are continuing to work to retain the rail service in this area.
- Reported on her attendance at the Economic Development Task Force Committee of the Whole on October 29th meeting at the Seniors Centre in City Park.
- Reported on her attendance at a training session for new directors to the Phoenix Foundation which was facilitated by the Board Chair.
- Reported on her attendance at the November 2nd Board of Directors Meeting of the Boundary Museum Society. She went on to advise that the Board has appointed Cliff Schuh as a temporary director to fill a vacancy. She further advised that the Board is working the Museum's new home at Fructova School for a grand opening in the spring of 2010.

A copy of Councillor Thompson's report is attached.

Councillor Moslin:

Councillor Moslin reported on the following items:

- Brought forward the matter of the proposed South Ruckles-Perley School- Black Train Bridge wheel chair, pedestrian and bike path access. He discussed how the RiNC Grant is intended to assist in the development of the project.
- Advised that Grand Forks resident, Betty Brussel, recently competed in the 2009 World Masters Games in Sydney Australia and was awarded a gold medal in 400m Freestyle Swimming in the Women 85-89 category.

MOTION: MOSLIN / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT A LETTER OF CONGRATULATIONS BE FORWARDED TO BETTY BRUSSEL, IN RECOGNITION OF HER ACHIEVEMENT IN WINNING A GOLD MEDAL AT THE 2009 WORLD MASTERS GAMES IN SYDNEY AUSTRALIA. CARRIED.

- Advised that the Boundary Air Quality Committee will be meeting on November 12th, and topics to be discussed include the dispersion modeling and wood burning appliance bylaw.
- Referenced the City Survey, the deadline of which was October 31st. Discussed input from the survey in finalizing the financial plan. The City Manager suggested that staff will summarize the surveys next week.

- Announced that a public meeting to discussion the 2010-2014 Five Year Financial Plan will be held on Monday, November 23rd, at 6:00 p.m.
 - Announced that the new Rivers Edge production, "Trying", will be held on November 5-7.
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Councillor Wirischagin:

Councillor Wirischagin reported on the following items:

- Reported on his attendance at the October 22nd meeting with the President and Senior Management Staff of Selkirk College.
 - Attended a cheque presentation wherein the GFI made financial presentations to Babe Ruth Baseball, etc., with funding provided by the 2009 GFI champions, the Lewiston Truckers.
 - Announced that the Border Bruins next game is Saturday, November 7th.
 - Announced that the Exchange Students from Nova Scotia will play basketball against the GFSS teams.
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Councilor Davies:

- Announced that the first meeting of the group developing a Community Garden will be held at Selkirk College on November 9.
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Mayor Taylor:

- Mayor Taylor announced that Council has appointed Lynne Burch as the Chief Administrative Officer, Diane Heinrich as the Corporate Officer and Cecile Arnott as the Chief Financial Officer/Deputy CAO, effective January 1, 2010.
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MOTION: DAVIES / THOMPSON

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

CARRIED.

REPORT FROM THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY (VERBAL)

Mayor Taylor reported on the following Regional District Matters:

- Advised that he will now be chairing the Finance and Personnel Committee of the RDKB inasmuch as the existing Chair will be away for an extended period of time.
- Advised that the planned renovations to the Trail RDKB office are on hold due to the fact that the grant did not come through.
- Reported that in regards to a proposed study of the Kettle and Granby Rivers, Director Baird is moving the project forward with some government assistance.
- Advised that the RDKB is taking on historic review of buildings of the Boundary.

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MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR'S REPORT ON REGIONAL DISTRICT MATTERS, GIVEN VERBALLY AT THIS MEETING BE RECEIVED. CARRIED.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:

a) City Manager's Report – In-house service delivery of waste collection and recycling

MOTION: ROBERT / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT, DATED OCTOBER 28TH, 2009, REGARDING WASTE COLLECTION, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZES STAFF TO PROVIDE NOTICE TO THE RDKB AND ALPINE DISPOSAL THAT EFFECTIVE JULY 1ST, 2010, THE CITY WILL ASSUME THE COLLECTION OF SANITARY (HOUSEHOLD) GARBAGE, RECYCLING AND YARD WASTE WITHIN THE CITY AND FURTHER THE CITY MANAGER IS AUTHORIZED TO NEGOTIATE WITH RDKB STAFF TO REACH AN AGREEMENT ON THE DELIVERY OF RECYCLING SERVICE WITHIN THE CITY UNDER THE CITY'S UMBRELLA OF WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE.

AND BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT STAFF IS AUTHORIZED TO PROCEED WITH THE ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT AND BINS IN A TIMELY MANNER.

CARRIED.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION: DAVIES / MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT INFORMATION ITEMS NUMBERED 10)(a) TO 10)(h)

- a) Letter from Royal Canadian Legion Branch 59 requesting permission for Remembrance Day activities. **Recommend that Council grant permission to hold the parade and service, forward the City's donation to the Remembrance Wreath Fund, permission for the provision of power, Mayor and Council to participate as requested in the letter.**
- b) Letter from Investment Agriculture Foundation of BC. **Recommended it be Referred to the EDTF Agriculture Team.**

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- c) Email letter from the President of BC Assessment advising that the Penticton and Vernon offices are being consolidated with the Kelowna office as of December 31, 2010. **Recommendation to file.**
- d) Letter from Terasen Gas to the Mayor acknowledging his attendance at the UBCM Tradeshow Booth. **Recommendation to File.**
- e) Letter from the Passenger Transportation Board regarding the Preliminary Application Decision for Greyhound Canada Transportation. **Recommendation to File; it was noted that the service reductions have been modified due to the successful lobbying of the Community.**
- f) Letter from School District 51 Boundary to the City Manager advising that the Board of Education has committed \$250,000 as their share of the joint fibre project. **Recommendation to File.**
- g) Public Safety Focus Group, Minutes of the October 22, 2009 Meeting. **Recommendation to File.**
- h) October 19, 2009 Meeting Task List. **Recommendation to file.**

BE RECEIVED AND ACTED UPON AS RECOMMENDED AND/OR AS AMENDED.

CARRIED.

BYLAWS:

- a) **City Clerk's Report – Bylaw 1885 – Wild or Exotic Animal Prohibition Bylaw**

MOTION: ROBERT / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1885, CITED AS “City of Grand Forks Wild or Exotic Animal Prohibition Bylaw No. 1885”, BE FINALLY ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

LATE ITEMS:

- a) **City Clerk's Report – Northwest 79th Avenue Local Area Service Corporate Officer Determination and Certification of the Sufficiency of the Petition**

MOTION: ROBERT / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED NOVEMBER 2, 2009, REGARDING THE NORTHWEST 79TH AVENUE LOCAL AREA SERVICE ESTABLISHMENT AND NORTHWEST 79TH AVENUE LOCAL AREA SERVICE LOAN AUTHORIZATION BYLAW, AND THE CORPORATE OFFICER DETERMINATION AND

CERTIFICATION OF THE SUFFICIENCY OF THE PETITION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 212 OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED.

b) City Clerk's Report – Bylaw 1883 – Local Area Service Establishment Bylaw

MOTION: ROBERT / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1883, CITED AS “NORTHWEST 79TH AVENUE LOCAL AREA SERVICE ESTABLISHMENT BYLAW, 2009”, BE FINALLY ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

c) City Clerk's Report – Bylaw 1887 – Northwest 79th Avenue Local Area Service Loan Authorization Bylaw

MOTION: ROBERT / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1887, CITED AS “NORTHWEST 79TH AVENUE LOCAL AREA SERVICE LOAN AUTHORIZATION BYLAW NO. 1887”, BE FINALLY ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA:

ADJOURNMENT:

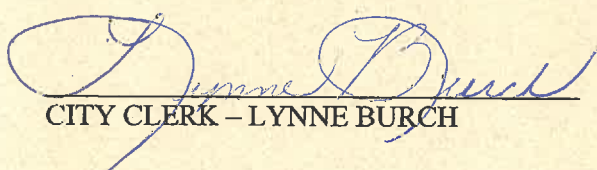
MOTION: ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 8:25 P.M.

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


CITY CLERK – LYNNE BURCH