

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL  
MONDAY OCTOBER 19, 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

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

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**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- None.

MOTION: THOMPSON / WYERS

**RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2009, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.**

CARRIED.

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**REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:**

None

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**OPERATIONAL DISCUSSION & PRESENTATIONS BY STAFF:**

None

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**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

a) City Manager's Report – FortisBC, 2009 Preliminary 2010 FortisBC Revenue Requirement

MOTION: THOMPSON / DAVIES

**RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT STAFF BE AUTHORIZED TO INTERVENE IN THE 2010 PRELIMINARY REVENUE REQUIREMENT WORKSHOP AND THE NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT PROCESS (NSP).**  
CARRIED.

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**REQUESTS FROM CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

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**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

None

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**PROPOSED BYLAWS FOR DISCUSSION:**

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**LATE ITEMS:**

None

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

Councillor Moslin brought forward the matter of deer management, stating that Council heard from the public on suggestions as follows:

MOTION: DAVIES / THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT THE MATTER OF DEER MANAGEMENT AND INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC ON SUGGESTIONS TO CONTROL THE DEER, BE RECEIVED FOR DISCUSSION.**  
CARRIED.

During the discussion on deer management the following three points were brought forward and discussed.

1. DEMONSTRATION GARDENS – City flowerbeds seem to be deer resistant, City to produce brochure on what plants are deer resistant.
2. FENCING BYLAWS – options for higher fences, such as see through fences as opposed to opaque fences –
3. SIGNAGE – 2 areas where riparian areas intersect the highway.

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The Mayor stated that he will initiate a community committee with Councillor Moslin as chair to deal with the issue. He and Councillor Moslin along with Councillor Davies will work together to make a formal presentation.

MOTION: THOMPSON / DAVIES

**RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT THE MAYOR BE AUTHORIZED TO FORM A COMMITTEE TO MANAGE THE DEER.**

CARRIED.

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**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.

- **Bernard Draper – of 7129 Riverside Drive, Unit 203.** Expressed his concern that in walking on Riverside Drive he has been bitten by a pit bull which is running at large most of the time. He requested that Council review and “tighten up” the bylaw which would allow the Animal Control Officer to apprehend the dog, as opposed to just levying a fine.

The Mayor advised that the bylaw in question is a Regional District bylaw. He stated that Council will move as quickly as possible to work with the RDKB to resolve the issue.

MOTION: ROBERT / DAVIES

**RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT COUNCIL EXPRESS A FULL STATEMENT OF MR. DRAPER’S COMPLAINT AS TO THE CONTROL OF DANGEROUS DOGS AND REQUEST A REVIEW OF THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY BYLAW AS TO DANGEROUS DOGS RUNNING AT LARGE.**

CARRIED.

- **Sylvia Treptow** inquired as to what local access to medical marijuana means. Councillor Davies advised that, in her opinion, this means access to legal medical marijuana by prescription from local physicians and through a local legal dispensary. She elaborated on her meeting regarding this issue at UBCM.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

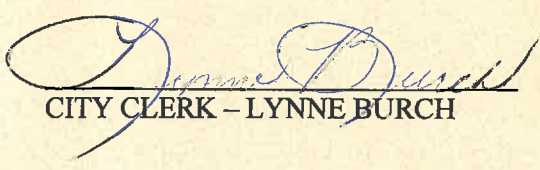
MOTION: DAVIES

**RESOLVED THAT THIS PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING BE ADJOURNED 7:39 P.M.**

CARRIED.

**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

  
MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR

  
CITY CLERK - LYNNE BURCH