

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR 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

CALL TO ORDER:

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

RECESS TO PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING:

MOTION: ROBERT / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE RECESSED AT 7:02 P.M. TO ALLOW FOR THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING, AND THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE RECONVENED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING. CARRIED.

The Meeting was recessed at 7:02 p.m. and reconvened at 7:39 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Add the City Clerk's Report – Volunteer Appreciation Night, to be brought forward under Section 13, Late Items
- Item 10(a), remove "Dancing Blades" from the list of Unpaid Business Licences to be considered at this Show Cause Hearing

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT THE OCTOBER 19, 2009 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:

- NONE

MOTION: THOMPSON / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY OCTOBER 5, 2009, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) **City Clerk's Report – Deferred Motion from October 5th, on a Building Bylaw Contravention 6929 19th Street**

MOTION: DAVIES / MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED OCTOBER 9, 2009, REGARDING A BUILDING BYLAW CONTRAVENTION AT 6929 19TH STREET, BE RECEIVED FOR DISCUSSION.

CARRIED.

MOTION: THOMPSON / DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT AFTER PROVIDING THE PROPERTY OWNERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD, COUNCIL DIRECTS STAFF TO PROCEED WITH FILING A NOTICE IN THE LAND TITLES OFFICE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 57 OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER AGAINST THE PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 2, D.L. 380, SDYD, PLAN 10223, STATING THAT AN ACCESSORY STRUCTURE HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED ON THE PROPERTY WHICH IS CONTRAVENING THE CITY'S BUILDING BYLAW.

CARRIED.

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

Councillor Wirischagin:

Councillor Wirischagin advised that he has no report this evening.

Councillor Moslin:

Councillor Moslin reported on the following items:

- Inquired as to the expected start date of the lift station project. The City Manager advised that as of this evening the project is still on schedule and is expected to be completed on time and should it not be there are penalties in the contract.
- Inquired as to the Heritage Courthouse Steps and any contemplated repair to this heritage building. City Manager advised that Staff will bring forward a report to Council on the options available for repair including the costs involved in these options.
- Inquired as to the RINC grant status. The City Manager advised that the grant only covers one third of the required funding for the project and that the City will need to identify the other two thirds of the required funding prior to the project proceeding. He stated that if all the funding is not available then the project cannot proceed.
- Congratulated the Black Train Bridge Society on the installation of the galvanized handrail on the Black Train Bridge.
- Congratulated the Boundary Women's Centre on this past weekend's performance.
- Advised that the Rivers' Edge Theater Group will have an upcoming performance

Councillor Thompson:

Councillor Thompson reported on the following items:

- Reported on her attendance at the last Phoenix Foundation Meeting, launching their Vital Signs Report. She advised that the event was well attended at the Art Gallery in conjunction with the Phoenix Foundation's Annual General Meeting. She stated that Cathy Manson and Bill Strookoff were awarded lifetime memberships in the Foundation. It was noted that the Phoenix Foundation was unable to give grants in 2009 due to the decline in funds, however it was announced that grants will be considered in 2010 for specific areas.
- Reported on an informal meeting of the boards of the Boundary Museum and the Grand Forks Art Gallery at Fructova School wherein the groups discussed how the groups can work together in the future.
- Reported that the Boundary Museum Society has made application for funding under the Job Creation Program.

Councillor Wyers:

Councillor Wyers reported on the following items:

- Reported on her attendance at the launch of the Vital Signs Project on October 6th.
- Reported on her attendance on a tour of the Gilpin Grasslands, which included the viewing of Lost Lake and the Boothman Slough. She added that the tour was joined by MLA John Slater.
- Announced that the 3rd annual Santa Clause Parade will be held on Friday November 27th.
- Announced that this is Small Business Week, October 18 – 24, 2009.
- Reported on her attendance at a Citizens on Patrol Meeting, stating that patrols will continue throughout the winter months, and that more information will be available for anyone interested in being a volunteer for this program.

- Inquired if the Mayor is considering a public meeting on the issue of medical marijuana. The Mayor responded that there is no plan for a public meeting in the near future. After some discussion it was suggested that a public meeting be held after the non-sanctioned committee of professionals and medical users reviewing this issue makes a report to Council. Mayor Taylor advised that he would consider such a meeting should such a report be forthcoming.
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Councillor Robert:

Councillor Robert reported on the following items:

- Advised of a meeting at Selkirk College with their President, Marilyn Lumscombe regarding the transition plan, scheduled for October 22.
 - Announced that Community Futures will hold an open house on Wednesday Oct 21 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. He further advised that the Small Business Award will be presented at this time.
 - Reported on his attendance at the Phoenix Foundation meeting and the launch of the Vital Signs Project on October 6th.
 - BC Transit is having forums on transit throughout the West Kootenay area but no meeting is scheduled in the Boundary area. He advised that he has contacted BC Transit to express concerns as to no meeting in the Grand Forks area. He stated that he has received a response that BC Transit will be in touch in the new year.
 - Reported that the Gallery Museum, is looking for volunteers, and further advised that individuals interested in volunteering should contact Sue Adrian to help out.
 - Announced that the Art Gallery's Annual Wine Tasting is scheduled for November 21, 2009.
 - Announced that Ann Gordon is stepping down as chair of "Citizens On Patrol". He went on to thank Ann for her contribution to our community.
 - Advised that on November 21st "Fill the Truck Day" will take place at Overwaitea Foods. He stated that the purpose of the event is to collect non-perishable food items for Christmas Food Hampers
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Councillor Davies:

Councillor Davies reported on the following items:

- Reported on her attendance at the Phoenix Foundation Vital Signs Presentation
 - Reported on her attendance at the Chamber of Commerce "Business After Business" event.
 - Advised that the Economic Development Task Force will be meeting at the Seniors Hall in City Park on October 29th.
 - Stated that the Health Canada website is not accurate in the information provided regarding medical marijuana. She went on to provide an example of a local citizen who is being denied access to medical marijuana. She stated that the Task Force is completing work on this issue.
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Mayor Taylor:

- Commented on the Thanksgiving Day Dinner that Daniel Chiu of Urban Green provided for Seniors. He expressed his appreciation for these kinds of gestures in our community.

MOTION: DAVIES / ROBERT

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 brought forward the matter of the Transition Study, stating that he has brought this matter forward to the Boundary Economic Development Committee for discussion. He advised that the next step involves the City and the BEDC coming to terms on an Implementation Strategy. He stated that in his opinion a Steering Committee is required to move the recommendations in the report forward. Council indicated their support of this, with Councillors Robert and Wyers indicating a desire to assist by sitting on the Committee.
- Advised that there were no new developments on the railway abandonment issue to report at this time.

MOTION: ROBERT / DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR'S REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY, GIVEN VERBALLY AT THIS MEETING, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:

a) City Clerk's Report – Development Variance Permit

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / ROBERTS

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED AUGUST 19, 2009, REGARDING THE APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT AFTER HEARING FROM THE PUBLIC, COUNCIL APPROVES THE ISSUANCE OF A DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT TO VARY SECTION 33(2)(e), TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM HEIGHT ALLOWED FOR AN ACCESSORY BUILDING (GARAGE) FROM 16 FEET TO 24 FEET TO ALLOW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SECOND STOREY ON AN EXISTING GARAGE, ON PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS PARCEL A, BLOCK 4, DL 585, SDYD, PLAN 52, LOCATED AT 7555 2ND STREET, IN SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE WITH THE APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY PROPERTY OWNERS, JAMES AND LORA CARPENTIER.

CARRIED.

b) City Manager's Report – FortisBC, Cost of Service Analysis – COSA

MOTION: THOMPSON / DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT, DATED OCTOBER 13TH, 2009, REGARDING THE COST OF SERVICE ANALYSIS - COSA, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZES STAFF TO PROCEED WITH THE INTERVENTION IN THE RATE DESIGN APPLICATION AT THE BC UTILITIES COMMISSION.

CARRIED.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

a) City Clerk's Report – Show Cause Hearing, Unpaid Business Licences

MOTION: THOMPSON / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL, UPON PROVIDING THE OWNERS/OPERATORS OF BUSINESSES WITH UNPAID LICENCE FEES AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD, CANCELS THE BUSINESS LICENCES FOR:

- HUCKLEBERRY SLIM.CA ALCHEMY
- PRIME TIME IRRIGATION
- SUSANNE RODELA SUPPORT SERVICES

CARRIED.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT INFORMATION ITEMS NUMBERED 11(a) TO 10(l)

- a) Letter from Emcon Services Inc, regarding a meeting on Oct 20th on pre-winter highway maintenance – Recommend it be filed, Councillor Moslin and the Mayor to attend.
- b) Letter from the Grand Forks Public Library requesting that library banners be included with the placement of banners on the Central Avenue corridor. Recommend that the Library be advised that the library is on the list for the next time that the City orders banners of this nature.
- c) Correspondence from Fortis BC “Power Sense Your Community”. Recommend it be filed.
- d) Correspondence from the Agricultural Committee of the Economic Development Task Force outlining the committee's choice of location for a community garden. Recommend that Council approves the 66th Avenue and 10th Street location for a community garden.

MOTION: DAVIES / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL INCLUDES THE COMMUNITY GARDEN INITIATIVE
IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN. CARRIED.

- e) Correspondence from Brian and Kelly Fitzpatrick expressing concerns over 8 foot fences on interior property lines. Recommend that the issue be referred to Staff to review and do a report for Council on the options for fence regulations.
- f) Letter from the Grand Forks Public Library requesting space in the basement of the library building for storage. Recommend that the library be advised that the library building basement does not meet code and that the City does not have the funds to do the required upgrades which would allow for the space to be occupied at this time, and that this issue will be referred to the 2010-2014 Financial Plan discussions.
- g) Email letter from Jason Harshenin on behalf of Parent's Advisory Council requesting financial assistance. Recommend that the PAC be advised that there is no funding available at this time; however, the matter is being referred to the 2010-2014 Financial Plan discussions.
- h) Minutes of the September 22nd Meeting of the Public Safety Focus Group. Recommend they be filed.
- i) Minutes of the September 24th Meeting of the Boundary Air Quality Committee. Recommend they be filed.
- j) Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting held April 2, 2009 of the City of Grand Forks Economic Development Task Force. Recommend they be filed.
- k) Minutes of the May 28th meeting of the City of Grand Forks Economic Development Task Force. Recommend they be filed.
- l) October 5, 2009 Meeting Task List that are completed and in progress be filed.

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

CARRIED.

BYLAWS:

a) City Clerk's Report – Bylaw 1886 – Annual Tax Exemption Bylaw

Councillor Wirischagin stated his intention to vacate Council Chambers at this time due to the fact that his wife, Jessica, is the president of the Grand Forks Child Care Society, which organization is included in the 2010 Annual Tax Exemption Bylaw, and that in participating in the matter he may be perceived to be in a conflict of interest. Councillor Wirischagin left Council Chambers at 9:01 p.m.

MOTION: ROBERT / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED OCTOBER 13, 2009, REGARDING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ANNUAL TAX EXEMPTION BYLAW, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THIRD READING OF BYLAW NO. 1886, CITED AS "YEAR 2010 ANNUAL TAX EXEMPTION BYLAW NO. 1886", BE RESCINDED.

CARRIED.

MOTION: ROBERT / DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1886, CTIED AS "YEAR 2010 ANNUAL TAX EXEMPTION BYLAW NO. 1886", BE AMENDED TO INCLUDED LAND AND IMPROVEMENTS, FOR PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT A, DISTRICT LOT 108, SDYD, PLAN 29781.

CARRIED.

MOTION: ROBERT / DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1886, CITED AS "YEAR 2010 ANNUAL TAX EXEMPTION BYLAW NO. 1886", BE GIVEN THIRD READING AS AMENDED.

CARRIED.

Councillor Wirischagin returned to Council Chambers at 9:03 p.m.

b) City Clerk's Report – Bylaw 1885 – Wild or Exotic Animal Prohibition Bylaw

MOTION: RIBERT / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1885, CITED AS "CITY OF GRAND FORKS WILD OR EXOTIC ANIMAL PROHIBITION BYLAW NO. 1885", BE GIVEN FIRST READING.

CARRIED.

MOTION: WYERS / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1885, CITED AS "CITY OF GRAND FORKS WILD OR EXOTIC ANIMAL PROHIBITION BYLAW NO. 1885", BE GIVEN SECOND READING.

CARRIED.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1885, CITED AS "CITY OF GRAND FORKS WILD OR EXOTIC ANIMAL PROHIBITION BYLAW NO. 1885", BE GIVEN THIRD READING.

CARRIED.

LATE ITEMS:

a) City Clerk's Report – Volunteer Appreciation Night

MOTION: ROBERT / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED OCTOBER 19, 2009, REGARDING VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL PROVIDES NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC CALLING FOR NOMINATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC FOR EXCEPTIONAL VOLUNTEER SERVICE IN THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL POLICY #204. CARRIED.

b) Councillor Davies Report Items:

- Offered congratulations to the Boundary Womens' Resource Centre acknowledging them for their initiative in fund raising over this past weekend.
 - Advised that the Boundary Museum Society needs volunteers.
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QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA:

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: ROBERT

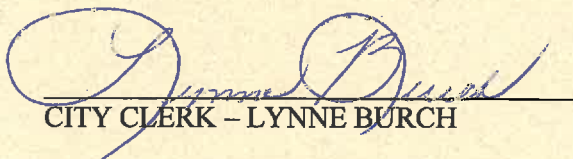
RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 9:10 P.M.

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR



CITY CLERK – LYNNE BURCH

COUNCILLOR CHRISTINE THOMPSON
REPORT TO REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
OCTOBER 19, 2009

The Phoenix Foundation launched their Vital Signs report on October 6th. This was a very well attended event held in the Art Gallery in conjunction with the Phoenix Foundation's Annual General Meeting. Cathy Manson and Bill Strookoff were awarded lifetime memberships in the Foundation as a token of the Board's appreciation of their 12 years of dedicated service to this organization. Committee chairs presented reports, and of note was the inability of the Phoenix Foundation to give grants in 2009 due to the decline in the funds. However, it was announced that grants will be considered in 2010 for specific areas, and that further information regarding the criteria will be announced early in the new year.

On October 7th, an informal meeting of the Boards of the Grand Forks Art Gallery and the Boundary Museum was held at Fructova School. We discussed ways in which we can work together, including encouraging visitors to go on a "circle tour" of all historic venues in our area.

The Boundary Museum Society has made application for funding under the Job Creation Program. If successful in the application, it is hoped that employees will be hired to do, among other things, some ground work, painting and minor repair work to display areas, assisting in the setting up of displays, and marketing. The Board anticipates the grand opening of the Museum in the spring.

COUNCIL REPORT FOR OCT 19/09

10/6/2009 8:57:00 PM

MEETING MARY LASCOMBE AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT OF SELKIRK COLLEGE OCT 22- 9:30-11:00AM AT SELKIRK—

COMMUNITY FUTURES 5:00PM-7:00PM—OPEN HOUSE—AT 6:00PM AWARDS-WHO WILL WIN THE SMALL BUSINESS REWARD FOR 2009.

2) THE PHOENIX FOUNDATION "VITAL SIGNS" PROJECT-
LEARNING C+

GETTING AROUND C-

ENVIROMENT C-

HEALTH # WELLNESS C-

HOUSING C-

ARTS AND CULTURE C+

THE GAP BETWEEN RICH AND POOR C

SAFETY C

FOOD SECURITY C+

BELONGING # LEADERSHIP C+

WORK C-

3) THE BC TRANSIT FORUM-A REQUEST TO COME TO GRAND FORKS

From: Gene Robert <councillorRobert@telus.net>

Date: October 6, 2009 9:24:13 PM PDT

To: Kealey_Pringle@BCTransit.Com

Subject: Please consider a forum in Grand Forks

Grand Forks and area have huge Transit issues. We have lost one trip a day by Greyhound. All specialist medical appointments are either in Trail or Kelowna. We have to rely on volunteer drivers. I would like you to consider holding a Transit Forum in Grand Forks. My name is Gene Robert. I am a City Councillor and chair of the Public Safety Focus group that meets to work on quality of Life issues for everyone. I can be contacted at 250-442-5707. I am more than willing to help with planning. I encourage you to set up a forum in Grand Forks and I believe you will be surprised by the interest. Remember the total population of Grand Forks and surrounding area is 12000-15000 people and I am encouraging you to consider our community. Thank you Gene Robert

From: "Nuber, Dixon"

<Dixon_Nuber@BCTransit.Com>

Date: October 8, 2009 10:13:09 AM PDT

To: <councillorRobert@telus.net>

Subject: Grand Forks request

Hi Mr. Robert,

Thank you for your note regarding bringing a public input session to Grand Forks.

The scope of this service review had been established several months back and does not include Grand Forks because there are some unique qualities to the service provided as well as the needs identified to date in Grand Forks.

I will be glad to visit Grand Forks early in the New Year to meet with you to discuss transit needs, desires and options for the future.

Sincerely,

Dixon Nuber

Dixon A. Nuber, MSc

Regional Transit Manager,
North/Central BC & Kootenays,
BC Transit

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TWO IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS FOR TRANSIT WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY-HANDI DART 250-443-2179, A \$1.50 FOR DOOR TO DOOR SERVICE INCLUDING A TRIP TO GREENWOOD ONCE A WEEK
A VOLUNTEER DRIVER NETWORK-443-2162, TRIPS TO TRAIL OR KELOWNA, YOUR COST THE PRICE OF GAS

4) SUE ADRIAN-IS LOOKING FOR HELP IN THE GALLERY MUSEUM.

5) THE ART GALLERY ANNUAL WINE TASTE IS SCHEDULED FOR NOV 21/09—I HAVE TICKETS FOR SALE. \$40 FOR MEMBERS \$50 FOR NON MEMBERS-10 WINERIES, 1 BREWERY AND A EXCELLENT MEAL

6) OCT 17/09 ANN GORDON IS STEPPING DOWN AS CHAIR OF "CITIZEN'S ON PATROL. THANK YOU ANN FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO OUR COMMUNITY

7) Good afternoon Gene;

On Nov. 21 there will be a "Fill the Truck Day" at Overwaitea. The purpose of this is to collect food items for the Community Christmas Hamper Program.

The food bank no longer provides Christmas hampers for the community and has passed the task on to Blessings Boutique.

I would like to invite you to be part of the team at Overwaitea on Nov. 21.

We will be selling hot dogs as well as accepting food donations.

Thank you.

Karren Donald

Community Care Coordinator

Gospel Chapel

250-443-1295