

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 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
CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY

V. Kumar
D. Heinrich

GALLERY

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- None.

MOTION: DAVIES/MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2009, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

a) City Clerk's Report – Fortis BC

Ian Dyck, Project Manager Resource Plan of Fortis BC made a presentation on the Company's 2009 Resource Plan via a PowerPoint Presentation. He spoke of the Fortis BC's intended upgrades to their system which would enable them to generate enough power to meet capacity demands rather than having to purchase additional power from other generators at market prices.

Councillor Moslin thanked Ian Dyck for his presentation and inquired about the pump storage facility that would be built around an existing body of water. Ian Dyck advised that when they

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need additional energy, water would be pumped out of this source and used to generate electricity. The water would then be recycled into the original source. Councillor Moslin asked where this facility is to be located and was advised that Fortis BC is looking at a number of different sites within or near their service territory.

Councillor Davies asked Mr. Dyck if residents using solar energy would be able to sell any excess electricity to Fortis BC. Mr. Dyck responded that Fortis BC would consider buying back from their customer base only and that this would include only the Ruckles Addition area in the City.

Councillor Robert thanked Ian Dyck for his presentation. He also inquired about Fortis BC's position regarding "run of the river projects". Mr. Dyck stated that Fortis BC has no interest in "run of the river projects". Councillor Robert also asked about the perspective of the consumer and their power costs especially those on a fixed income, and if it cost less money on a planned resource demand as opposed to a demand that's needed "on the dime". The response was that it does cost less on a planned demand. Councillor Robert then asked how Fortis will impact to the Climate Action Charter for which City has responsibilities. The reply was that if Fortis does nothing, the thermal resources will remain high for green house gas emissions especially coal and gas production south of the border.

Councillor Thompson inquired if there were any contingencies in Fortis BC's financial plans, and if not, what would the impact be on the municipal wholesale customer in relation to the residential consumer. Mr. Dyck advised that there were no contingencies and that the impact over 20 years (2028) will be approximately 25.75% greater overall than the cost is now. The average is for all customer classes; rate increases will be across the board equally to both wholesale and residential consumers.

Councillor Davies asked what Fortis is paying for the "peak load"? The reply was that it is about 1.3 over above planned demand price. Councillor Davies asked if more people were going to solar energy, how would this affect Fortis BC. The response was that as of October 1st 2009, Fortis BC would purchase only their consumer's excess power.

Mayor thanked Ian Dyck for his presentation.

MOTION: THOMPSON/ DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT THE PRESENTATION MADE BY IAN DYCK ON BEHALF OF FORTIS BC, ON THE COMPANY'S 2009 RESOURCE PLAN BE RECEIVED. CARRIED.

OPERATIONAL DISCUSSION & PRESENTATIONS BY STAFF:

None

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

None

REQUESTS FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

None

PROPOSED BYLAWS FOR DISCUSSION:

a) City Clerk's Report – Wood Stove Bylaw

At the Primary Committee Meeting on August 17, 2009, the Committee reviewed a report from the City Clerk with the first draft of the proposed Wood Stove Bylaw. After reviewing the draft bylaw on August 17th, 2009, the Committee referred the bylaw back to Staff with a request that the bylaw be redrafted to include more definitions, including "constant plume", "seasoned firewood", and "proper storage", as well as an appropriate penalty clause. The bylaw has now been completely re-drafted and includes a penalty section, definitions of "constant visible plume", "officer", and "permitted woodburning appliance fuel", as well as some additional clauses relating to inspection and orders, cost recovery, offences and penalties, severability and liability. The bylaw was drafted based on a bylaw from the District of Salmon Arm.

Noted amendments to the bylaw that are of a clerical nature:

- Clauses 6.1 should read any firm not "form", second line on Section 6.1 should have a comma after the word cause;"
- Clause 5.2 needs to added the word "section" before 6;
- Item 3.1- the word "stored" should be inserted before the word "completely".

MOTION: THOMPSON/DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED AUGUST 27, 2009, REGARDING WOOD STOVES IN THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT BYLAW NO. 1879, CITED AS CITY OF GRAND FORKS WOOD STOVE BYLAW NO. 1879, 2009, BE PRESENTED AS AMENDED FOR THREE READINGS.

MOTION DEFEATED.

MOTION: MOSLIN/THOMPSON

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT BYLAW NO. 1879, CITED AS CITY OF GRAND FORKS WOOD STOVE BYLAW NO. 1879, 2009, BE REFERRED BACK TO THE BOUNDARY AIR QUALITY SUB-COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION.

CARRIED

Councillor Robert, Wirischagin voted against the motion.

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

During the question period at the Regular Meeting of Council on September 8th, 2009, Council heard from a group of concerned citizens regarding the use of wild or exotic animals in entertainment venues within the City, specifically a circus, public show, exhibition or carnival. Council heard from the public representation that other municipalities have adopted bylaws prohibiting the use of exotic animals in entertainment venues within the boundaries of their respective municipalities. To that end, Staff was requested to research bylaws intended to prohibit these entertainment venues from using these exotic animals within municipal boundaries. Attached to the report was a draft bylaw, based on a bylaw from the City of Castlegar.

MOTION: ROBERT/WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED SEPTEMBER 10th, 2009, REGARDING THE PROHIBITION OF WILD OR EXOTIC ANIMALS IN ENTERTAINMENT VENUES IN THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT BYLAW NO. 1885, CITED AS "CITY OF GRAND FORKS WILD OR EXOTIC ANIMAL PROHIBITION BYLAW NO. 1885, 2009, PROCEED TO REGULAR MEETING FOR CONSIDERATION.

CARRIED.

AMENDMENT TO MOTION: THOMPSON/DAVIES

RESOLVE THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT BYLAW NO. 1885, CITED AS "CITY OF GRAND FORKS WILD OR EXOTIC ANIMAL PROHIBITION BYLAW NO. 1885, 2009, BE RECEIVED FOR DISCUSSION OF THIS BYLAW PRIOR FOR PRESENTATION FOR THREE READINGS. MOTION 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.

- Michele Caskey – of 7247-8th Street – She stated that she is coming forward to lend support of the wood stove bylaw in City of Grand Forks.
- Paul Menard – Expressed City Campground Fees concerns. He stated that our amenities don't justify the fees charged. He suggested that the campground needs a swimming pool, shade, 24/7 security & sheltered dining to charge top fees.
- Laura Savinkoff – Regarding exotic animals – She felt the process starts here by passing the bylaw at the municipal level and then to move forward to higher levels of government
- Sylvia Treptow - Extended congratulations to Council on holding a Public Deer Management Meeting; expressed her wish for Council to conduct such a meeting regarding Medical marijuana; and, also suggested the installation of a sound proof door to the washrooms adjoining coffee room as conversation can be heard through the door.
- Les Johnson – Regarding exotic animals – Inquired as to what people do that have exotic animals as pets. The response was that the bylaw is geared at the entertainment services as a public display and not for private pet owners.

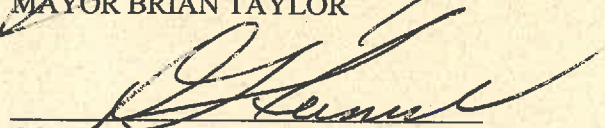
ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT THIS PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING BE ADJOURNED 8:25 P.M.
CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


CONF. SECRETARY – DIANE HEINRICH