

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

MONDAY APRIL 19, 2010

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

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER L. Burch  
CORPORATE OFFICER D. Heinrich  
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER C. Arnott

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CALL TO ORDER:

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

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RECESS TO PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING:

MOTION: WYERS/THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE RECESSED AT 7:01 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.

After a short recess following the Primary Committee Meeting, the regular meeting was reconvened at 9:23 pm.

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ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION: THOMPSON/WYERS

**RESOLVED THAT THE APRIL 19TH, 2010, REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.**

CARRIED.

**MINUTES:**

MOTION: THOMPSON/MOSLIN

**RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY APRIL 6TH, 2010, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.**

**CARRIED.**

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**REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:**

None

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

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

**Councillor Davies:**

Councillor Davies reported on the following items:

MOTION: DAVIES/MOSLIN

**RESOLVED THAT STAFF BE DIRECTED TO PREPARE A DRAFT TENDER PACKAGE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW CITY OF GRAND FORKS WEBSITE FOR COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION AT A FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING. CARRIED.**

- She reported on her attendance to the AKBLG Conference on April 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> in Castlegar with Mayor Taylor, Councillor Thompson & Councillor Wyers. She reported her attendance at forums on Solar Energy and Geothermal Initiatives, in addition to witnessing the wonderful entertainment which was provided. In addition, she spoke about the numerous speakers and networking opportunities, and also about her visit to the Trade Show to see “what’s new” for municipalities.
- She reported that Solar Days for Grand Forks is on Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at the Seniors' Centre in City Park, tentatively between 11:00 AM and 6:00 PM. She advised that tours will be available to homes that currently utilize solar power, and that the Elementary Schools will be participating in solar car races at the Selkirk College parking lot. She advised that the Solar Days Team is meeting this Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> to finalize the program and encouraged everyone to check out SolarBC.com website where all the activities will be listed in the province, including ours.

**Councillor Thompson:**

Councillor Thompson reported on the following items:

- She reported her attendance to a meeting of the Phoenix Foundation and advised that \$10,000 in grants were approved by the Board, including a \$1,000 grant from the Animal Welfare Fund for the Dog Park.
  - She reported her attendance to the Association of Kootenay Boundary Local Government (AKBLG) Annual General Meeting and Conference last week along with Mayor Taylor and Councillors Davies and Wyers, and stated that the City of Castlegar did a great job as host. She reported that the three resolutions put forward by the City were all passed as presented which were 1) Support for Ministry of Environment in dealing with urban wildlife; 2) Expanded timeframes for infrastructure construction spending; and 3) Lottery/Gaming funds for non-profits. In addition, she reported her attendance at sessions regarding solar energy, funding for green initiatives/governance and ownership, and a workshop on social media.
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**Councillor Robert:**

Councillor Robert reported on the following items:

- He talked about a complaint by a local citizen regarding the disposal of used oil, and that no one in town is accepting it. Councillor Robert stated that a recent policy change has forced local recyclers not to accept used oil anymore. He asked the Mayor if he would take this issue forward to next Regional District of Kootenay Boundary meeting and the Mayor advised that he would
  - He reported that a Student Survey was done at the Walker Development Centre to evaluate the location of their current building and proximity to the courthouse and advised that the consensus was that the location was good but experienced increased traffic when court was in session.
  - He reported his attendance to a Seminar titled the "Ground Up". He advised that some of the issues discussed were in regard to people living on the edge of homelessness and how levels of government are assuming responsibility for affordable housing
  - He reported his attendance to a three day training program at the Visitor Information Centre last week. The purpose of this program is to become a Visitor Information Counselor upon receipt of a passing grade. Further, Councillor Robert spoke on the importance of Tourism to the community.
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**Councillor Wyers:**

Councillor Wyers reported on the following items:

- She reported her attendance to the AKBLG last week with her colleagues.
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**Councillor Moslin:**

Councillor Moslin reported on the following items:

- He talked with regard to the presentations on the Overton Creek issue and put forward the following motion:

MOTION: MOSLIN/ROBERT

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL INVITE REPRESENTATION FROM THE MINISTRY OF FORESTS & RANGE , THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND THE CATTLEMAN'S ASSOCIATION TO DISCUSS E-COLI LEVELS AS FOUND IN THE REPORT REGARDING THE OVERTON CREEK AREA AND THE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES INVOLVED THAT MIGHT REMEDY THE SOLUTION. CARRIED.**

- He spoke on the River's Edge- Brown Bag Theatre Group who is putting on short plays during lunch hours.
- He reported his attendance at a Watershed Management Meeting on March 23rd and stated that there are many stakeholders involved in the management plan. He suggested that the City Pilot a Water Meter Project. The Chief Administrative Officer suggested pulling the feasibility study which was done on such a project approximately 8 years ago and that she will bring a proposal back to Council
- Councillor Moslin spoke on the Habitat for Humanity plan to partner with Sunshine Community to create homes for disabled citizens. He advised that the organization will be asking for tax exemptions for vacant properties and possible donations for other city lands. Councillor Moslin advised that he may seek Council dedication with regard to additional City land to suit Habitat for Humanity's required needs.

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**Mayor Taylor:**

The Mayor reported on the following items:

- The Mayor offered his compliments to the City of Castlegar for doing a great hosting job with this year's AKBLG. He advised that the BC Lotteries Commission grosses over \$2.5 million in profits and that only a small percentage is returned to the casinos, bars, etc that supply gaming in their establishments.
- He reported his attendance to the Peace Initiative Seminar which was organized by Laura Savinkoff. He stated how well attended the Initiative was and how important this initiative is to Grand Forks' identity regarding our culture and roots.

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)**

Attached to the report, are the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Minutes for Dec, 2009, January, February and March, 2010 which just became available.

- Councillor Moslin asked that the Mayor bring forward to the next Regional District meeting the issue regarding the delay of the City's receipt of the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Minutes.
- Councillor Robert questioned what the New Regional Service Arrangement Bylaw was and the Mayor advised that it was a review which is the responsibility of the Financial Committee for Regional District.
- Councillor Robert spoke on the Regional District's letter of approval for the Border Bruins to have Beer Gardens to make additional necessary money.
- The Mayor reported on the Regional District's Youth involvement as they are including Youth in various committees, to sit in on meetings as non-voting members, and are creating ways to involve youth in running for office.

MOTION: THOMPSON/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.**

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**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:**

**a) Corporate Officer's Report – Application for a Development Variance Permit**

The Mayor asked if any member of the public wished to speak in regard to this permit application and it was noted that no one came forward.

MOTION: DAVIES/THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT THE CORPORATE OFFICER'S REPORT DATED APRIL 12TH, 2010, REGARDING THE APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT BY THE PROPERTY OWNERS, KEITH & KRISTY KUROMI FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7923 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, BE RECEIVED, AND THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT, THEREBY VARYING SECTION 33(2)(f)(ii), ALLOWING FOR THE PROPOSED RE-CONSTRUCTION OF THE EXISTING RESIDENCE ON THE EXISTING FOUNDATION LOCATED AT 7923 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 3, 4 AND 5, BLOCK 9, D.L. 585, SDYD, PLAN 52 AS SUBMITTED BY THE PROPERTY OWNERS. CARRIED.**

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**b) Corporate Officer's Report – Show Cause Hearing – Unpaid Business Licences**

MOTION: THOMPSON/DAVIES

**RESOLVED THAT THE CORPORATE OFFICER'S REPORT DATED APRIL 12TH, 2010, REGARDING THE SHOW CAUSE HEARING WITH REGARD TO OWNERS/OPERATORS OF BUSINESSES WITH UNPAID BUSINESS LICENCES, BE RECEIVED, AND THAT COUNCIL, UPON HEARING FROM THE OWNERS/OPERATORS OF BUSINESSES WITH UNPAID LICENCE FEES, CANCELS THE BUSINESS LICENCES OF THOSE INDICATED IN THE ATTACHED LIST WHICH FORM A PART OF THESE MINUTES. CARRIED.**

MOTION: THOMPSON/

**RESOLVED THAT STAFF BRING FORWARD A REPORT FOR A SEPTEMBER MEETING REGARDING THE COSTS OF GENERATING BUSINESS LICENCES.**

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**c) Corporate Officer's Report – 2010 Grant In Aid Applications**

MOTION: THOMPSON/ROBERT

**RESOLVED THAT THE CORPORATE OFFICER'S REPORT DATED APRIL 12TH, 2010, REGARDING THE 2010 GRANT IN AID APPLICATIONS, BE RECEIVED, AND THAT COUNCIL DIRECTS STAFF TO DISTRIBUTE GRANT IN AID FUNDS AS FOLLOWS: AIR CADET LEAGUE OF CANADA 841-\$3000; GRAND FORKS & BOUNDARY REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY-\$4700; GRAND FORKS SENIOR'S SOCIETY, BRANCH #68-\$5,000; PERLEY PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL-\$1000; BOUNDARY DISTRICT ARTS COUNCIL-\$4500; BOUNDARY MUSEUM SOCIETY-\$13,800; GRAND FORKS INTERNATIONAL-\$10,000; GRAND FORKS COMMUNITY TRAILS SOCIETY-\$1700; PHEONIX MOUNTAIN APLINE SKI SOCIETY-\$10,000 FOR A TOTAL OF \$53,700. CARRIED.**

MOTION: WYERS/ROBERT

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DIRECT STAFF TO INCLUDE THE BOUNDARY HORSE ASSOCIATION REQUEST FOR \$5000 IN THE 2010 GRANT IN AID DISTRIBUTION. CARRIED.**

MOTION: MOSLIN/DAVIES

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DIRECT STAFF TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS AS LISTED IN NO SUBMISSIONS PORTION OF THE GRANT IN AID REPORT AS FOLLOWS: BORDER BRUINS-\$1000; ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION POPPY FUND-\$100; CANADA DAY FUNDING-\$700; GRAND FORKS SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS-\$1000; BC SENIOR GAMES ADVERTISING-\$750.00. CARRIED.**

Councillor Thompson, as a member of the Public Restorative Justice Society, removed herself from the meeting at 10:37 PM.

MOTION: ROBERT/MOSLIN

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DIRECT STAFF TO INCLUDE THE BOUNDARY RESTORATIVE JUSTICE SOCIETY IN THE 2010 GRANT IN AID APPLICATIONS FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$500. CARRIED.**

Councillor Thompson returned to the meeting at 10:39PM

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d) **Chief Financial Officer's Report – First Quarter Report**

MOTION: THOMPSON/DAVIES

**RESOLVED THAT THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT DATED, APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2010, REGARDING THE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FROM JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> TO MARCH 31, 2010, BE RECEIVED. CARRIED.**

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e) **Chief Financial Officer's Report – 2010 Campground Rates Options**

MOTION: MOSLIN/ROBERT

**RESOLVED THAT THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT DATED, APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2010, REGARDING THE 2010 CAMPGROUND RATES, BE RECEIVED AND THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZES STAFF TO BRING A RATE BYLAW FORWARD FOR MAY 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2010 REFLECTING THE RATES AS PRESENTED IN OPTION TWO OF THE ATTACHED ANALYSIS. CARRIED.**

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**REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

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**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

MOTION: ROBERT/THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT INFORMATION ITEMS NUMBERED 11(a) TO 11(i) BE RECEIVED AND ACTED UPON AS RECOMMENDED AND/OR AS AMENDED. CARRIED.**

- a) Correspondence from the Recreation Commission of the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary – two letters with a recommendation that the City improves and maintains the condition of fields at Dick Bartlett Park. **Recommend that Staff do a cost estimate to improve and maintain the condition of fields at Dick Bartlett Park and report back to Council.**

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- b) Correspondence from Nigel James offering views and suggestions with regard to location of proposed multi-purpose field. **Correspondence to be considered when Staff report on multi-purpose playing field is presented to Council.**
- c) Grand Forks Public Library Financial Statements to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009 and Annual Report. **Receive for information.**
- d) Trash to Treasure Flyer for Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- e) Correspondence from Scott Fraser, MLA – Opposition Critic for Community & Rural Development expressing concerns regarding the Elections Task Force Process. **Receive for information.**
- f) Correspondence from Minister Bill Bennett – Response regarding Scott Fraser, MLA correspondence on Elections Task Force. **Receive for information.**
- g) UBCM – Member Notice – Local Government Awareness Week in May. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- h) April 6<sup>th</sup> Task List of Completed and In-Progress Tasks. **Recommend to file.**
- i) Public Safety Focus Meeting Minutes from April 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting. **Recommend to file.**

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**BYLAWS:**

- a) **Chief Financial Officer's Report – Bylaw 1896 – Electrical Utility Regulatory Amendment Bylaw**

**MOTION:** THOMPSON/ROBERT

**RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1896, CITED AS “THE ELECTRICAL UTILITY REGULATORY AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1896, 2010”, BE GIVEN FINAL READING.**  
CARRIED.

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- b) **Chief Financial Officer's Report – Bylaw 1897 – A Bylaw to Amend the City of Grand Forks Water Regulations and Rates Bylaw No. 1501**

**MOTION:** THOMPSON/MOSLIN

**RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1897, CITED AS “THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS WATER REGULATIONS AND RATES AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1897, 2010”, BE GIVEN FIRST READING.**

CARRIED.

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**MOTION:** ROBERT/THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT** BYLAW NO. 1897, CITED AS "THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS WATER REGULATIONS AND RATES AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1897, 2010", BE GIVEN SECOND READING.

CARRIED.

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**MOTION:** WYERS/ROBERT

**RESOLVED THAT** BYLAW NO. 1897, CITED AS "THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS WATER REGULATIONS AND RATES AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1897, 2010", BE GIVEN THIRD READING.

CARRIED.

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- c) **Chief Financial Officer's Report – Bylaw 1898 – A Bylaw to Amend the City of Grand Forks Sewer Regulations and Rates Bylaw No. 1500**

**MOTION:** THOMPSON/ROBERT

**RESOLVED THAT** BYLAW NO. 1898, CITED AS "THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS SEWER REGULATIONS AND RATES AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1898, 2010", BE GIVEN FIRST READING.

CARRIED.

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**MOTION:** ROBERT/MOSLIN

**RESOLVED THAT** BYLAW NO. 1898, CITED AS "THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS SEWER REGULATIONS AND RATES AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1898, 2010", BE GIVEN SECOND READING.

CARRIED.

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**MOTION:** WYERS/THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT** BYLAW NO. 1898, CITED AS "THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS SEWER REGULATIONS AND RATES AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1898, 2010", BE GIVEN THIRD READING.

CARRIED.

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**LATE ITEMS:**

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MOTION: ROBERT/TAYLOR

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL AGREES TO EXTEND THE MEETING BEYOND 11:00 PM.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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**QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA:**

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 11:01  
P.M. CARRIED.**

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**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

  
MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR

  
CORPORATE OFFICER- DIANE HEINRICH