

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY AUGUST 16TH, 2010

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

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER L. Burch
REVENUE CLERK B. Porter

GALLERY

CALL TO ORDER:

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

RECESS TO PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING:

MOTION: ROBERTS / DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE RECESSED AT 7:03 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 reconvened at 7:40p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION: ROBERT / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE AUGUST 16TH, 2010, REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY JULY 19TH, 2010, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

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MOTION: WYERS / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY JULY 19TH, 2010, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

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MOTION: THOMPSON / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 19TH, 2010, AND ALL RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Corporate Officer's Report – To bring forward recommendations from the Economic Development task force relative to the Grand Forks Airport

Councillor Wyers stated her intention to vacate Council Chambers for the discussion and any subsequent vote on issues pertaining to the Grand Forks Airport inasmuch as she and her husband have a lease of airport land with the City of Grand Forks and own a hangar at the Grand Forks Airport and could potentially be perceived to be in a conflict of interest on the following matters. She vacated Council Chambers at 7:43 p.m.

MOTION: MOSLIN / DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE CORPORATE OFFICER'S REPORT REGARDING THE FIVE NOTICES OF MOTION REGARDING THE AIRPORT DATED AUGUST 10TH, AND FURTHER RESOLVES THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS BEGIN DIALOGUE WITH THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY, RELATIVE TO:

- I) PROPOSED LAND USE HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS FOR FUTURE/EXISTING STRUCTURES AND TREES OUTSIDE OF THE AIRPORT PERIMETER;
- II) DETERMINE THE STATUS OF THE CLEAR ZONE BYLAW, AND
- III) SHARING THE COST OF FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AIRPORT.

TABLING MOTION: THOMPSON / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE RESOLUTIONS DEALING WITH THE AIRPORT BE TABLED UNTIL STAFF HAS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO INVESTIGATE THE COSTS RELATED TO EACH RESOLUTION.

ON THE VOTE:

THE MOTION TO TABLE THE ORIGINAL MOTION WAS DEFEATED.
THE ORIGINAL MOTION WAS CARRIED.

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MOTION: MOSLIN / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS INITIATE DIALOGUE WITH SELKIRK COLLEGE TO DETERMINE THEIR REQUIREMENTS IN ORDER TO RELOCATE THAT PORTION OF THEIR PILOT TRAINING PROGRAM FROM ABBOTSFORD AIRPORT TO THE GRAND FORKS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT. CARRIED.

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Councillor Wyers returned to Council Chambers at 8:08 p.m.

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- b) Corporate Officer's Report – Notion of Motion to install a railing at the North Side of the stairs to the entrance at City Hall on 4th Street

The Mayor referred to the Corporate Officer's Report, wherein the Corporate Officer advised that the proposal for a railing to be installed on the north side of the stairs leading to the 4th Street entrance to City Hall, was being acted upon by Staff inasmuch as this was deemed to be a safety issue. Staff advised that the railing is due to be completed by the end of the week.

MOTION: ROBERT / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT STAFF BE REQUESTED TO INSPECT THE HANDICAP RAMP LEADING TO THE 4TH STREET ENTRANCE TO CITY HALL AND TO FURTHER INVESTIGATE HOW THE WIDTH AND ACCESSIBILITY OF THIS RAMP COULD BETTER ACCOMMODATE SCOOTERS. CARRIED.

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

Councillor Robert:

Councillor Robert reported on the following items:

- Reported on his attendance at the BMX Provincials held on July 24th.
- Brought forward the matter of the use of city park campground washrooms and inquired if Staff could determine if campground washrooms could be made accessible to everyone during City Park events.

- Reported on his attendance at the RDKB meeting as the City's Alternate in place of Mayor Taylor. Advised that the RDKB Board has now given final approval of the lease agreement between the City and the RDKB for the use of the old SPCA building for the animal control function.
 - Commented on his attendance at the "Firebells and Fanfare" Antique Fire Truck display, July 31st.
 - Commented on his attendance at a public meeting held regarding the Proposed Rail Abandonment issue on August 9, 2010.
 - Reported on his attendance at the Boundary Museum Society's Fructova School Members Tea.
 - Reported that the Boundary Restorative Justice Society is planning a restorative justice workshop in September and requires a minimum of 10 participants to go ahead.
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Councillor Thompson:

Councillor Thompson reported on the following items:

- Reported on her attendance at the monthly meeting of the Boundary Museum Society Board of Directors.
 - Reported on her attendance at a public meeting on the rail issue on August 9, 2010, and the proposal for the development of a business case.
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Councillor Davies:

Councillor Davies reported on the following items:

- She thanked local business for their promotion of the Economic Development Task Force Solar Team's projects.
 - Reported on her attendance at the Boundary Museum Society's Tea at Fructova School Members' Tea.
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Councillor Wirischagin:

No report

Councillor Moslin:

- Reported on a successful BMX event in City Park and the Grand Forks Cycling Club event held the same weekend of July 24th.
- Congratulated Fire Chief Blair Macgregor and Deputy Fire Chief Dale Heriot on a most successful Firebells and Fanfare weekend here in Grand Forks on July 30th and 31st.
- Brought forward the matter of the BAQC's Dispersion Modeling draft, suggesting that the draft is being reviewed by the committee, who will comment on it at their September meeting and then it will be circulated to Council.

- Advised that the City Park Stage is nearing completion, and landscape plans are being finalized. He advised that on Thursday, August 19th, he is meeting with performing arts groups and city staff in the park and the tour will look briefly on how the lift station works, but also on lighting and landscaping of the stage facility.

Councillor Wyers:

No report.

Mayor Taylor:

The Mayor reported on his attendance at a UBCM meeting last Friday in Richmond regarding the province wide local government issue of industrial taxation. He advised that the meeting was attended by a cross section of local government people from across the province. He stated that some Communities advised that industrial taxation revenue is critical, others not so critical. The Mayor reported that he pressed for the province to take those communities who are transition or those facing severe industrial taxation revenue cuts to be treated in the fashion as the Community First Agreement and expand it, as opposed to looking for a single solution for all communities across the province.

MOTION: ROBERT / WIRISCHAGIN

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)

The minutes from the June 24th, 2010, Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Meeting are attached to this report.

- The Mayor reported that the Boundary Economic Development Committee has chosen a winner of the branding competition, which will be tied into the development of the BEDC website.
- He advised that the RDKB has taken the lead on the water study of the Kettle River, congratulating the forward thinking of the RDKB directors from Electoral Areas C, D, and E.

MOTION: ROBERT / WYERS

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) **Corporate Officer's Report – Municipal Insurance Association Appointment of Voting and Alternate Delegates for Annual Meeting for 2010 UBCM Convention**

MOTION: MOSLIN / DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE CORPORATE OFFICER'S REPORT DATED AUGUST 4TH, 2010 WITH REGARD TO THE APPOINTMENT OF THE VOTING DELEGATE AND TWO ALTERNATE DELEGATES FOR THE MUNICIPAL INSURANCE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING HELD AT THE 2010 UBCM CONVENTION IN WHISTLER, AND COUNCIL FURTHER RESOLVES TO FULFILL IT'S OBLIGATION UNDER THE RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT BY APPOINTING COUNCILLOR CHRISTINE THOMPSON AS THE VOTING DELEGATE AT THE 2010 MIA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, AND APPOINTING MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR AND LYNNE BURCH, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AS THE ALTERNATES. CARRIED

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- b) **Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Proposed Abandonment of the Kettle Falls International Railway**

MOTION: THOMPSON / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT REGARDING THE PROPOSED ABANDONMENT OF THE KETTLE FALLS INTERNATIONAL RAILWAY, DATED AUGUST 11TH, 2010, AND FURTHER DETERMINES TO PROCEED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE BUSINESS CASE AS PROPOSED BY DAVIES TRANSPORTATION CONSULTING INC., AND DIRECTS STAFF TO CONTACT DAVIES TRANSPORTATION CONSULTING, AUTHORIZING THE CONSULTANT TO PROCEED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE BUSINESS CASE. CARRIED.

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- c) **Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Solar Energy Systems for City Owned Buildings**

MOTION: DAVIES / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT, DATED JULY 21, 2010, REGARDING THE PROPOSAL FOR RETROFITTING OF FIVE CITY OWNED BUILDINGS WITH SOLAR HOT WATER SYSTEMS.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE INSTALLATION OF INTEGRATED SOLAR COLLECTORS IN THE CITY PARK CAMPGROUND WASHROOMS, IN ORDER TO INITIATE REDUCTIONS IN NATURAL GAS AND ELECTRICAL CONSUMPTION.

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AND BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT THE PROJECT BE FINANCED USING GAS TAX FUNDS RECEIVED BY THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS, IF THEY ARE AVAILABLE.
CARRIED.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / ROBERT

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

CARRIED.

- a) Gas Tax Agreement- Community Works First of Two Fund Payments for fiscal year 2010. **Recommend to file.**
- b) Correspondence from Grand Forks & District Fall Fair asking if the City would like to enter a float in the parade. **Mayor and Council to advise if wishing to participate in the parade this year.**

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MOTION: THOMPSON / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE FALL FAIR COMMITTEE BE ADVISED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS WILL ENTER A FLOAT IN THE FALL FAIR PARADE. CARRIED.

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- c) Correspondence from S. Perwal regarding the deer population and deer aggression safety concerns. **Recommend to refer correspondence to the Deer Committee.**
 - d) Correspondence from BC Recreation & Parks Association requesting support for renewed recreational infrastructure. **Recommend that Council send a letter of support, in principle, to the BC Recreation & Parks Association in their endeavours.**
 - e) Thank you letter to the Mayor & Council from Community Futures for providing \$10,000 in seed funding to support the Regional Chamber of Commerce project. **Recommend to file.**
 - f) Correspondence from PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) with concerns on the trapping and slaughtering of deer. **Recommend that the Mayor respond to their correspondence and that a copy of the PETA correspondence to go the Deer Committee.**
 - g) Correspondence from Alan Stanley, Director of Environmental Services for the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary regarding recycled oil stewardship hosting considerations. **Recommend to receive for discussion.**

MOTION: ROBERT / MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS WRITE A LETTER TO THE BC USED OIL MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION REQUESTING BETTER SERVICE WITH THE USED OIL STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM, WITH A COPY TO THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY. CARRIED.

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- h) Strategic Community Investment Funds Plan and Progress Report. **Recommend to file.**
- i) From Regional District of Kootenay Boundary – 2010 Budget of \$30,000 for the Boundary Museum. **Recommend to file.**
- j) Thank you letter from the Boundary Museum for the City's prompt attention to securing Gyro Park compound. **Recommend to file.**
- k) Corporation of Delta to Premier Gordon Campbell and BC Federation of Labour request to the Corporation of Delta requesting an increase to BC's minimum wage to \$10.00 per hour. **Recommend to receive for information.**

MOTION: ROBERT / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS SEND A LETTER IN SUPPORT OF THE CORPORATION OF DELTA'S PROPOSAL TO THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA TO INCREASE BC'S MINIMUM WAGE TO \$10.00 PER HOUR. CARRIED.

- l) Comments from J. Clifton regarding the no playing field decision at City Park. **Recommend to file.**
 - m) Grand Forks Art Gallery Budget for April 2010 to March 2011. **Recommend to receive for information.**
 - n) Strategic Community Investment (SCI) Funds – Final installment payment of \$138,684. **Recommend to file.**
 - o) Correspondence from the City of Burnaby with concerns of changes to Liquor Control and Licence Application. **Recommend to receive for information**
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MOTION: ROBERT / DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS SUPPORT THE CITY OF BURNABY IN EXPRESSING CONCERNS OF CHANGES MADE BY THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA TO THE LIQUOR CONTROL AND LICENCE APPLICATION, REGARDING REQUIRED LOCAL GOVERNMENT INPUT INTO THE ISSUING OR AMENDING OF LIQUOR LICENCES. CARRIED.

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- p) Correspondence from the Ministry of Housing & Social Development – Information regarding Local Government input on Liquor Licence Applications. **Recommend to receive for information.**

- q) UBCM Convention 2010 – Meeting request for appointments from Ministry of Community & Rural Development. Meeting request form is available on-line. It was determined that Councillor Moslin will work with the Chief Administrative Officer in putting together the brief required for the proposed meeting at UBCM with the Ministry of Environment to discuss urban wildlife issues.
- r) UBCM Convention Topic – CETA (Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement). BC Federation of Labour regarding CETA Agreement is looking for support. Recommend to receive for information.
- s) July 19th Task List – List of Completed and In Progress Tasks. Recommend to file.

BYLAWS:

- a) Corporate Officer's Report – Bylaw 1879 City of Grand Forks Wood Burning Appliance Bylaw consideration of final adoption.

MOTION: MOSLIN / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1879, CITED AS “THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS WOOD BURNING APPLIANCE BYLAW NO. 1879, 2010”, BE GIVEN FINAL READING.

CARRIED.

Councillor Robert voted against motion.

LATE ITEMS:

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA:

ADJOURNMENT:

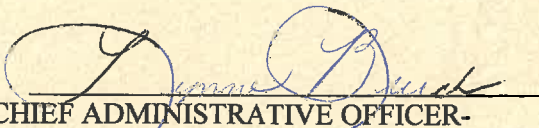
MOTION: ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 9:35 P.M.

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER-
LYNNE BURCH