

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY DECEMBER 20TH, 2010

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

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	L. Burch
CORPORATE OFFICER	D. Heinrich
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	C. Arnott
FIRE CHIEF	B. Macgregor
DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF	D. Heriot
MANAGER OF WORKS & SERVICES	W. Kopan

GALLERY

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

MOTION: MOSLIN/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD MONDAY, DECEMBER 20TH, 2010, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

- a) Corporate Officer's Report – Delegation, George Longden, President of the Grand Forks Trails Society

George Longden, President of the Grand Forks Trails Society made a presentation to Council that provided an update on trail development and of the plans for the \$50,000 Trans Canada Trail Grant. He advised that the project's scope for the grant are: Signage at Highway 3 identifying the Trans Canada Trail Crossing; benches along the CPR Right Of Way & Kettle River Dr; waste receptacles along the Right Of Way & Kettle River Drive; supplemental plants along the right-of-way; rebuilding the CPR tool shed as a historical artifact with the assistance of the Boundary

Woodworks Guild; and to construct a kiosk at the convergence of Kettle River Drive and the Trans Canada Trail north of the sidewalk and east of the trail.

Mr. Longden explained that he was asking for Council's permission for the Grand Forks Trails Society to install benches and garbage receptacles, and to use the property converging at the Trans Canada Trail and Kettle River Drive as a small plaza where a kiosk would be constructed. He further requested of Council, that the City provide a letter of authorization to accompany the Grand Forks Trails Society's application to the Ministry of Transportation for the signage at Highway 3 and the former Canadian Pacific Rail right of way.

Mr. Longden advised that time was of the essence with regard to obtaining authorization from the Ministry of Transportation. Council was advised that any resolutions carried in the Primary Committee Meeting would not be adopted until January 17, 2011, regular meeting; Council agreed that a resolution granting Mr. Longden's request for a letter of authorization to accompany their application to the Ministry of Transportation would be made during the December 20th Regular Meeting which would be reconvened later in the evening.

MOTION: THOMPSON/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO RECEIVE THE PRESENTATION FROM GEORGE LONGDEN OF THE GRAND FORKS TRAIL SOCIETY WITH REGARD TO UPDATED INFORMATION TO TRAIL DEVELOPMENT; AND FURTHER GRANTS PERMISSION FOR THE GRAND FORKS TRAIL SOCIETY TO INSTALL BENCHES AND GARBAGE RECEPTACLES IN ADDITION TO A KIOSK AS PART OF A SMALL PLAZA AT THE CONVERGANCE OF KETTLE DRIVER DRIVE AND THE TRANS CANADA TRAIL. CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

a) Chief Administrative Officer's Report – A Workplace Violence Prevention Program Policy

A policy to address the requirements of the City's Occupational Health and Safety Program's development.

MOTION: MOSLIN/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT A WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM POLICY TO BE IDENTIFIED AS POLICY NUMBERED 605A, AS ATTACHED, BE ADOPTED. CARRIED.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

None

PROPOSED BYLAWS FOR DISCUSSION:

None

LATE ITEMS:

None

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

None

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.

LES JOHNSON – Presented a giant calculator as a Christmas Gift to Mayor and Council
NIGEL JAMES – Suggested leaving snow on one side of the trail system for cross country skiers

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THIS PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 7:24 P.M. CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


CORPORATE OFFICER – DIANE HEINRICH