

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR 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
CORPORATE OFFICER
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
MANAGER OF WORKS & SERVICES
FIRE CHIEF
DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF

L. Burch
D. Heinrich
C. Arnott
W. Kopan
B. Macgregor
D. Heriot

GALLERY

CALL TO ORDER:

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

RECESS TO PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING:

MOTION: ROBERT/MOSLIN

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 regular meeting reconvened at 7:24 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION: WYERS/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT THE DECEMBER 20TH, 2010, REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: ROBERT/WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY DECEMBER 6TH, 2010, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY DECEMBER 6TH, 2010, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/WYERS

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

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Chief Financial Officer's Presentation – 2011-2015 Five Year Financial Plan

The Chief Financial Officer presented the 2011-2015 Five Year Financial Plan and advised that this is the third presentation in the public process. The CFO advised that the Capital Focus for 2011 is planning and that studies for Asset Management on all operations will be paramount in the planning process. The CFO advised that studies for Asset Management costs will be approximately \$150,000 in 2011 and \$150,000 in 2012. The Chief Financial Officer's presentation further outlined the future infrastructure projects as identified in the Kerr Wood Leidal Report.

The CFO further advised that the proposed Five Year Plan would see service levels consistent with 2010; but also included Council's consideration of recouped funding in the amount of \$30,000 should the City decide not to accept Credit Cards for Utility and Tax payment transactions commencing in 2011 and further to consider the proposal not to offer Grants in Aid for 2012 and subsequent years.

Questions Posed at the Conclusion of the Chief Financial Officer's Presentation

SYLVIA TREPTOW – Inquired on Council's plan for City's garbage and recycling contract. She was advised that the City's residential garbage is going to be a part of the Regional District's tender and that information is expected to come in January, 2011.

Ms. Treptow inquired if the "Studies and Planning" portion of the Five Year Plan were part of the 36 million dollar borrowing process as proposed by Kerr Wood Leidal, and was advised that some of the studies are identified in the KWL Report but that the proposed borrowing process is intended for infrastructure. Ms. Treptow further asked if there is to be a referendum with regard to the borrowing authorization, if this is binding on future Councils, and was advised that because it would be a borrowing or loan authorization process, that it would be binding on future Councils.

Councillor Moslin inquired with regard to Parcel Taxes, and the roll they would be playing in the repayment of the proposed infrastructure loan, and was advised the Parcel Taxes would be playing a major role in repaying the debt and that every infrastructure project would have to stand alone when determining the parcel tax charges. Councillor Moslin made note of the large transfer from reserves and surplus and inquired as to what these amounts included, and was advised that the amounts included all of proposed studies and minor capital programs.

Councillor Robert inquired with regard to success rates measured from previous work plans and if Management was effective in developing the current plan; whereas, he was advised by the Director of Operations that the City refines the work plan every year. Councillor Robert asked how the City compares to other communities with regard to taxes and users fees and if they are going to steadily increase. He was advised that the City is compared to other communities, and that, yes, taxes and users fees will continue to increase.

MOTION: THOMPSON/WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVE THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER'S PRESENTATION OF THE 2011-2015 FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN. CARRIED.

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

Councillor Wirischagin:

Councillor Wirischagin reported on the following items:

- He wished to congratulate the boys basketball team on their placements at their last two tournaments and on games well played
- He spoke to his disappointment with Interior Health Association with regard to lack of services for expectant families in the area
- He wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Councillor Moslin:

Councillor Moslin reported on the following items:

- He reported his attendance to a Woodworker's Guild Open House on December 11th, 2010 in the former SPCA building
- He reported that he has received positive response for participation on the new environment committee and that the deadline for RSVP's was December 17th. He reported responses for

- the request for volunteers from the community as well, and that the first meeting is on January 20th at the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary at 11:00 AM
- He spoke with regard to the Special Meeting held today at 4:00 PM with regard to proposed opinion poll referendum questions addressing funding for both organizations where representatives from the Grand Forks Art Gallery Society and the Boundary Museum Society were invited to provide input and suggestions. He reported that Council is anticipating feedback solutions from both organizations once these organizations have gotten together to discuss their actual funding needs, so that the City can put these cultural institutions in a stable place. The proposal for referendum questions, he further advised, will be put on hold.
 - He wished the community of Grand Forks a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
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Councillor Wyers:

Councillor Wyers reported on the following items:

- She reported her attendance, as liaison to the Grand Forks Library, at a Christmas Dinner for staff and board members
 - Councillor Wyers wished a very Merry Christmas to the community
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Councillor Robert:

Councillor Robert reported on the following items:

- He spoke with regard to a Visa/MasterCard scam that was evident in the community and warned everyone against giving out their numbers that appear on the back of their credit cards
 - He wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and great New Year
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Councillor Thompson:

Councillor Thompson reported on the following items:

- She wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year
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Mayor Taylor:

The Mayor reported on the following items:

- He spoke with regard to initiatives that the City will be involved in next year and that he feels that Grand Forks will have a prosperous New year
- He wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/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)

- Announced that Marguerite Rotvold is the new chairperson for the Boundary Economic Development Committee
- The Mayor advised that he is remaining on the Regional District Environment Committee and on the Policy and Procedure Committee and further advised that he wishes to look at the Grants in Aid process from the Regional Level.

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.

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Councillor Thompson suggested that the motion to support the Grand Forks Trails Society be brought forward at this time.

MOTION: THOMPSON/MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL PROVIDE A LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION IN SUPPORT OF THE GRAND FORKS TRAILS SOCIETY TO ACCOMPANY THE SOCIETY'S APPLICATION TO THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE'S APPROVAL FOR THE PROPOSED SIGNAGE AT HIGHWAY 3 AND THE FORMER CPR RIGHT OF WAY ON THE TRANS CANADA TRAIL. CARRIED.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:

None

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION: ROBERT/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT INFORMATION ITEMS NUMBERED 11(a) TO 11(n)

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

CARRIED.

- a) Correspondence regarding "Small Towns-Big Risks" Manual that is available for sale. **Recommend that the City purchase the Small Town-Big Risks Manual to be placed in Council Lounge for reference.**
- b) Correspondence from the Grand Forks Secondary School requesting City funding partnership with Solar BC and School District 51 in the amount of \$1,600.00. **Recommend to support School District 51 and Solar BC.**

MOTION: THOMPSON/MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS SUPPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT 51 AND SOLAR BC IN A FUNDING PARTNERSHIP FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$1,600 FOR THE GRAND FORKS SECONDARY SCHOOL'S QUEST TO GO SOLAR.

CARRIED.

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- c) Correspondence from the Community Christmas Dinner requesting donations throughout the community. **Recommend that the City send a donation to the Community Christmas Dinner.**

MOTION: ROBERT/WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS SEND A DONATION TOWARDS THE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500.00.

CARRIED.

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- d) Correspondence from the AKBLG – Notice of Annual General Meeting in April and the first call for Resolutions for 2011. **Recommend to receive for information.**
 - e) Invitation to the Mayor and Council from the Whispers of Hope to attend their open house on December 22nd and 23rd from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. **Receive for information – members of Council may wish to drop into the open house on those two days.**
 - f) Correspondence from the City of Greenwood regarding concerns over long term care beds sent to the Interior Health Office. **Recommend to receive for information.**
 - g) Information from Heritage BC – Posters supplied on information regarding Heritage Week 2011 – Feb 21-27. **Recommend to receive for information – Poster to be placed on City Hall bulletin board.**

- h) From UBCM – Highlights of the UBCM Executive Meeting from November 25-26, 2010. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- i) Interior Health News Release – Announcing their request for proposal for new residential care beds for the Grand Forks area. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- j) Correspondence from Alex Atamanenko, MP regarding a letter to the Minister of Health on the need for long term health care beds for the area and of correspondence from the Grand Forks Senior Centre to the MP. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- k) UBCM Correspondence regarding Benefit Plan for Volunteer Fire Fighters. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- l) From UBCM – Gas Tax Agreement Community Works Fund Payment. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- m) December 6th Task List of Completed and In-Progress Tasks. **Recommend to file.**
- n) Grand Forks Deer Committee Minutes from December 3rd Meeting. **Recommendations to Council as per the following motions.**

MOTION: MOSLIN/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL WRITE A LETTER TO THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT ENDORSING THE DEER COMMITTEE’S INVITATION TO THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT REQUESTING THAT THE MINISTRY USE THE GRAND FORKS’ COMMUNITY IN A PILOT PROGRAM FOR TRAPPING AND RELOCATING URBAN DEER.
CARRIED.

Councillor Robert voted against the motion

MOTION: MOSLIN/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL WRITE A LETTER TO THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY REQUESTING THAT RESOURCES BE ALLOCATED TO EMPOWER THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER, THE CAPABILITY TO PUT DOWN SUFFERING ANIMALS.
CARRIED.

BYLAWS:

- a) **Corporate Officer’s Report – Bylaw 1905 – Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Official Community Plan Bylaw**

MOTION: MOSLIN/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1905, CITED AS “Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Official Community Plan Designation Bylaw No. 1905, 2010”, BE GIVEN THIRD READING.
CARRIED.

b) Corporate Officer's Report – Bylaw 1906 – Amendments to the City of Grand Forks Zoning Bylaw

MOTION: THOMPSON/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1906, CITED AS “Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Zoning Bylaw No. 1906, 2010”, BE GIVEN THIRD READING.

CARRIED.

c) Chief Financial Officer's Report – Bylaw 1907 - The City of Grand Forks 2011-2015 Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw

MOTION: THOMPSON/WYERS

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1907, CITED AS “The City of Grand Forks 2011-2015 Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1907, 2010”, BE GIVEN FIRST READING.

CARRIED.

Councillor Robert & Councillor Wirischagin voted against the motion

MOTION: WYERS/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1907, CITED AS “The City of Grand Forks 2011-2015 Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1907, 2010”, BE GIVEN SECOND READING.

CARRIED.

Councillor Robert & Councillor Wirischagin voted against the motion

LATE ITEMS:

None

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA:

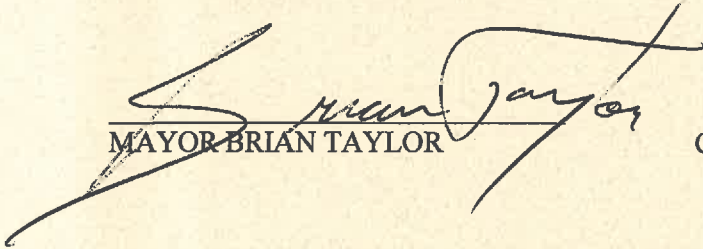
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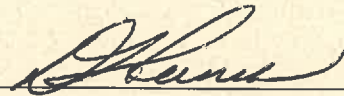
MOTION: THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 8:54 P.M.

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


CORPORATE OFFICER- DIANE HEINRICH