

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY FEBRUARY 22, 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
CORPORATE OFFICER D. Heinrich
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER C. Arnott

GALLERY

CALL TO ORDER:

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

RECESS TO PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING:

MOTION: ROBERT/DAVIES

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 Meeting was recessed at 7:02 p.m. and reconvened at 8:08 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE FEBRUARY 22, 2010, REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: THOMPSON/WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 8, 2010, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 8, 2010, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

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

Councillor Robert:

Councillor Robert reported on the following items:

- He advised that he has received questions from the public concerning the RInC Trail regarding the location of the pathways and if existing dangerous trees are going to be cut. Councillor Moslin answered by advising that the exact location of the trail needs to be decided by the engineers and the City's technical staff, and that there will be a survey of any dangerous trees hindering the safety of the trails which will be removed.
 - He advised that the mandate of the Heritage Learning Centre located in the Heritage Courthouse is to promote and educate the Kootenay/Boundary area of the area's heritage history and is not a museum and does not collect artifacts.
 - Councillor Robert reported that on February 11, 2010, he toured as a volunteer of the Visitor's Information Centre, some of Grand Forks accommodation venues and reported that he was very impressed by what he saw.
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Councillor Thompson:

Councillor Thompson reported on the following items:

- She reported that on February 15th, she joined Councillors Davies and Wyers with some of City Staff on a tour of the proposed trail network and advised that she is looking forward to the completed project.
- She reported on her attendance at the Lord Baden Powell Annual Banquet on Tuesday, February 16th as representative for the City, and extended her praises to the leaders and parents for their participation in this most worthwhile organization.
- As Council's liaison to the Boundary Museum Society, Councillor Thompson put forth the following resolution:

MOTION: THOMPSON/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE FUNDING FROM THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY RECEIVED IN 2006 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000.00, PLUS INTEREST EARNED, BE FORWARDED TO THE BOUNDARY MUSEUM SOCIETY IN ACCORDANCE WITH CONSENSUS REACHED AT A MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 2ND, 2010, THAT INCLUDED THE DIRECTORS FROM AREAS C AND D.

CARRIED.

Councillor Davies:

Councillor Davies reported on the following items:

- She advised that she's been working with the various groups that make up the Economic Development Task Force to assist in developing their mandates, and that the Tourism Team, Arts and Culture Team and the Airport Team, will come forward with their reports within the next couple of months.

Councillor Davies announced that a grant called, "Imagine Grand Forks" in the amount of \$7,500.00 has been applied for + she also extended thanks to Pat Summers, of the rural secretariat, for her assistance. She advised that the process of this grant will be completed at the end of March + will then be presented to the public.

Councillor Wirischagin:

Councillor Wirischagin reported:

- That he had no report to give this week.

Councillor Moslin:

Councillor Moslin reported on the following items:

- Councillor Moslin provided an update to the RiNC Grant project and advised that Council is waiting for drawings from the Engineers to come forward and advised that the public will be included in the process before finalization of the project.

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MOTION: MOSLIN/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL REQUEST THAT STAFF PRESENT A DRAFT PLAN REGARDING THE RINC PROJECT FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AFTER THE ENGINEER'S REPORT HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY THE CITY.

CARRIED.

- Councillor Moslin spoke on the ~~2010~~ ²⁰¹⁰ "Spirit Trail" otherwise called the Trans Canada Trail, advising that it is going forward through the Boundary area and advised that it will eventually link to the City's proposed trails. *He advised the trail went from Castlegar to Gidabell Lake & was awarded \$2,000,000 for its development.*
- He spoke in regard to the report on the Carbon Neutral Kootenays Project and advised that Ron MacDonald from the Sheltair Group mentioned that comments are accepted until the end of March, 2010. Councillor Moslin asked if the information on this project could be made available to the public and was advised that Staff will look into the option of releasing the report in part or in whole for public information.
- He announced that the "No Boundaries" film festival is showing at the GFSS this weekend.

Councillor Wyers:

Councillor Wyers reported on the following items:

- She reported, as liaison to the Grand Forks Library, that their Annual General Meeting is this Wednesday, February 24th at 7:00 PM and encouraged members to vote for the seven candidates who will make up the new board.
 - She reported on her attendance to the Arts Cooperative Gathering and advised that the venue was well attended by local artists.
 - She reported that she proudly watched the opening Ceremonies of the 2010 Olympics on television on February 12th at 6:00 PM
 - She advised that the Kootenay Rockies Booth is one of several displays on BC Street at the Olympic venue in Richmond which demonstrates to visitors what our corner of the world is about.
 - She reported on her attendance at a February 15th meeting with the Grand Forks International who is going to be celebrating its 30 year event this year.
 - In ending her report, Councillor Wyers expressed her sadness on the passing of local resident, Wes Dockstader on Sunday, February 21st, and sent her condolences to the Dockstader family.
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Mayor Taylor:

- The Mayor advised that he wanted to bring back the motion on the multi-purpose playing field.

MOTION: THOMPSON/DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT UPON THE REQUEST OF THE MAYOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 131 OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER, TO RECONSIDER THE FOLLOWING MOTION THAT WAS ADOPTED AT THE FEBRUARY 8TH, 2010, REGULAR MEETING:

“RESOLVED THAT THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER’S REPORT DATED FEBRUARY 3RD, 2010, REGARDING THE DEFERRED MOTION FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 11TH, 2010, THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS PROCEED WITH THE INSTALLATION OF A MULTI-USE PLAYING FIELD IN CITY PARK, FUNDING THE ESTIMATED \$25,000. FROM THE SLAG SALES REVENUE RESERVE FUND UNTIL THE FIRST REGULAR MEETING IN FEBRUARY 2010, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL MOVE FORWARD WITH THE PROJECT AND THAT IT BE FUNDED FROM THE PRIOR YEARS’ SURPLUS, AT A COST OF APPROXIMATELY \$25,000. “

Councillor Wirischagin spoke against the decision to bring back the motion on the multi-purpose playing field.

MOTION: THOMPSON/DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL, AFTER RECONSIDERING THE MATTER OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MULTI-USE PLAYING FIELD IN CITY PARK REFERS THE MATTER BACK TO STAFF FOR REVIEW AND FURTHER OPTIONS FOR COUNCIL TO CONSIDER.

CARRIED.

- The Mayor advised that he will be absent for the March 8th Meeting of Council and that Councillor Moslin who is acting Mayor for February and March will chair the meeting.
- The Mayor reported that he will also be unable to attend the Grand Forks Curling Club Masters Championship Celebrations on March 4th, and Councillor Moslin, as acting Mayor, advised that he will attend the event in the Mayor’s absence.

MOTION: ROBERT/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT ALL REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, GIVEN VERBALLY AT THIS MEETING, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED.

The meeting was recessed at 8:53 pm and reconvened at 9:04 pm.

REPORT FROM THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY (VERBAL)

- The Mayor reported that he now has a full set of the Regional District Financial Reports for Council perusal.
- He reported that the Kettle River Water Study now has funding and will begin its research this summer on water rights and who's using these water rights. He advised that the study will include the Granby Water Shed all the way to Big White.
- Due to his absence next week, the Mayor has requested that the City's second representative of the Regional District Board, Councillor Robert, attend the Boundary Economic Development Committee (BEDC) meeting this coming Tuesday, March 2nd, 2010, at 9:30 AM at the Regional District Board Office in Grand Forks.
- He reported that he brought forward the cat control issue to the Regional District as suggested by Council at the February 8th meeting, and advised that the City can control anything with fur, but as a Regional District, they are unable to enforce cat control.
- The Mayor advised that the Regional District is working on a Park Service function that may help out the City.
- He updated Council on the Railway Abandonment issue stating that the purchase plan that is currently on the table is not designed to solve the problem. The Mayor advised that he's waiting for some word back from the user groups. He was questioned by Council if the City could call a meeting of the Shippers, and the Mayor advised that the City would need to see a resolution from the shipper's meeting with Omnitrax first.

MOTION: ROBERT/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR'S REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY, GIVEN VERBALLY AT THIS MEETING, BE RECEIVED. CARRIED.

The meeting was recessed at 9:20 PM and reconvened at 9:32 PM

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:

- a) **Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Application for Heritage Alteration Permit for eastern exterior of the Historic Courthouse**

MOTION: ROBERT/WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT DATED FEBRUARY 17TH, 2010, REGARDING THE APPROVAL OF A HERITAGE ALTERATION PERMIT TO RENOVATE THE EASTERN EXTERIOR WALL OF THE HISTORIC COURTHOUSE BE RECEIVED, AND THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE HERITAGE ALTERATION PERMIT APPLICATION, ISSUING THE HERITAGE ALTERATION PERMIT TO FACILITATE THE PLANNED RENOVATION OF THE EASTERN SIDE OF THE HISTORIC COURTHOUSE BUILDING, LOCATED AT 524 CENTRAL AVENUE, IN SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE WITH THE PLANS PRESENTED WITH THE APPLICATION.

CARRIED.

b) **Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Cancellation and removal of notice on Title of Residential Property owned by Sean and Debbie Payne**

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT DATED FEBRUARY 17TH, 2010, REGARDING THE REMOVAL OF A NOTICE ON TITLE OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY OWNED BY SEAN AND DEBBLIE PAYNE, BE RECEIVED, AND THAT COUNCIL DIRECT STAFF TO NOTIFY THE KAMLOOPS LAND TITLES OFFICE TO REMOVE THE NOTICE FROM TITLE OF PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 2, D.L. 520, SDYD, PLAN KAP 51844, OWNED BY SEAN AND DEBBIE PAYNE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 58 OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER.

CARRIED.

c) **Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Proposal to Remove an Encroaching Tree on 73rd Avenue, west of 8th Street; and Trees on 19th Street and 66th Avenue**

MOTION: THOMPSON/DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT DATED FEBRUARY 16, 2010, REGARDING THE PROPOSAL TO REMOVE TREES ON CITY BOULEVARDS AS OUTLINED, BE RECEIVED, AND THAT COUNCIL DIRECTS STAFF TO PROCEED WITH THE REMOVAL OF THE TWO IDENTIFIED OLD BLUE SPRUCE TREES ON 19TH STREET AT 66TH AVENUE WHICH ARE CONFLICTING WITH ELECTRICAL AND TELEPHONE LINES, AND ALSO THE BLACK LOCUST TREE ON THE NORTH EDGE OF 73RD AVENUE JUST WEST OF 8TH STREET WHICH IS ENCROACHING INTO THE TRAVELED PORTION OF ROADWA

CARRIED.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION: ROBERT/MOSLIN

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

CARRIED.

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- a) Correspondence from Interior Health regarding Radon Gas Information and Educational Flyers. **Recommend receive for information – publication placed in Council Lounge and educational flyers are available at City Hall front counter.**

- b) Correspondence from Nigel James – Offering his suggestions to boost the economy and solving part of the deer problem. **Receive for information and refer correspondence to the Deer Committee. The Mayor advised that he has already talked to Mr. James.**
- c) Correspondence from the Grand Forks Curling Club. Invitation to the Mayor to attend their Centennial Celebration and to say a few words. **The Mayor has advised that he will attend.**
- d) Child Find Information, Statistics and Posters. Receive for information – **Poster has been placed at City Hall and the City has been registered with Child Find regarding future developments.**
- e) Canadian Home & Property Inspectors giving updated information regarding homes and properties that were formerly Growops or Drug Labs. **Receive for information.**
- f) BC Lions Society for Children with Disabilities advising that March is their Easter Seal Campaign month. **Recognize donors who will be out canvassing – the City does not issue proclamations.**
- g) Copy of correspondence from Florence Barisoff to CRTC on Local TV Matters – She’s requesting the CRTC to intervene with Shaw Cable regarding losing local TV (CHBC). **Receive for information. Councillor Thompson advised that anyone else who is concerned on local TV matters to send their concerns to CRTC as well.**
- h) From Ministry of Community and Rural Development –Review of Local Government Election Issues. **Provide any comments on the process to staff by April 15th, 2010. Councillor Moslin suggested that there are some issues that could be commented upon and he asked if this matter could appear on the next Primary Committee Meeting Agenda.**
- i) Grant in Aid request from the Boundary Restorative Justice Program- Application from the organization for Council’s consideration. **Council to discuss after the adoption of 2010-2014 Five Year Financial Plan. Staff to bring forward in March.**
- j) West Coast Amusements requesting permission to hold the annual spring carnival in April west of Dick Bartlett Park. **Council to grant permission and direct Staff to forward property use contract to West Coast Amusements.**
- k) Email from Jennifer Wetmore – Boundary Community Futures regarding City advertising in The Boundary Country Tourism Guide. Benefit distribution is province-wide with 25% to 30% in Provincial VICS, airports and ferries. **Council grant permission to include a full page, full colour ad for the City of Grand Forks. Other electoral areas are expected to take similar action.**

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MOTION: THOMPSON/DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL GRANT PERMISSION TO INCLUDE A FULL PAGE, FULL COLOUR AD FOR THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS IN THE BOUNDARY COUNTRY TOURISM GUIDE. CARRIED.

- l) 2010 Provincial Edition BC Communities in Bloom registration and information for communities wishing to apply. **Receive for information. Final registration deadline is April 9th; Showcase deadline is May 31st. Councillor Davies advised that she will bring this matter forward to Agricultural Committee of the Economic Development Task Force.**
- m) Celebrate Canada 2010 Funding Application-Funding Grant for Canada Day Celebrations. **Original Grant Application has been forwarded to the Chamber of Commerce. Councillor Wyers advised that the Grant has been applied for by Chamber of Commerce.**
- n) AKBLG (Association of Kootenay Boundary Local Government) – Executive Meeting in Castlegar on March 6th. **Receive for information.**
- o) FCM 73rd Annual Conference – held in Toronto this year from May 28th to May 31st. **Early Bird Deadline is March 31st, 2010. Councillor Robert and Councillor Wirischagin have requested to attend.**
- p) Task List from February 8th, 2010, Council Meeting – List of completed and in progress tasks. **File.**

BYLAWS:

- a) **Chief Financial Officer's Report – Bylaw 1894 – City of Grand Forks 2010-2014 Financial Plan Bylaw**

MOTION: THOMPSON/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1894, CITED AS “THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS 2010-2014 FINANCIAL PLAN BYLAW NO. 1894, 2010”, BE GIVEN FIRST READING.

CARRIED.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1894, CITED AS “THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS 2010-2014 FINANCIAL PLAN BYLAW NO. 1894, 2010”, BE GIVEN SECOND READING.

CARRIED.

MOTION: WYERS/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1894, CITED AS "THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS 2010-2014 FINANCIAL PLAN BYLAW NO. 1894, 2010", BE GIVEN THIRD READING.

CARRIED.

LATE ITEMS:

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA:

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 10:18 P.M.

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


CORPORATE OFFICER- DIANE HEINRICH