

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
MONDAY JANUARY 11, 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  
FIRE CHIEF B. Macgregor

GALLERY

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

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**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/WYERS

**RESOLVED THAT THE JANUARY 11, 2010 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE  
ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.**

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**MINUTES:**

MOTION: MOSLIN/WIRISCHAGIN

**RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2009, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.**

MOTION: MOSLIN/WIRISCHAGIN

**RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF  
COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2009, AND ALL RECOMMENDATIONS  
CONTAINED THEREIN, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.**

**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 Thompson:**

Councillor Thompson reported on the following items:

- She wished everyone a Happy New Year and the best for 2010.
  - She reported that the Boundary Museum held their regular board meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010 and that Area C Director, Grace McGregor and the Recreation Commission each donated \$1000. to the Society. She further advised that the board accepted Cliff Schuh's resignation due to personal reasons.
  - Councillor Thompson took this opportunity to invite the public to attend the Economic Development Task Force Meeting on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 7:00 pm at the Senior's Centre where Bruce Whyte from the Ministry of Community and Rural Development will be speaking on the issue of Cultural Tourism.
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**Councillor Robert:**

Councillor Robert reported on the following items:

- He wished everyone a Happy New Year
  - He reported on his review of a pamphlet from the Boundary Hospital on Safe Drinking Water and talked about the role that Interior Health plays.
  - He encouraged the public to check the accuracy of their Property Tax Assessment and of their right to contact BC Assessment either through their web site or by the toll free number which both appear on the assessment form.
  - He stated that he had made an inquiry regarding the cottonwood tree located near the lift station located in City Park and advised the public that the tree will not be removed.
  - Councillor Robert gave a big thank you to the volunteers who were involved with the Community Christmas Dinner, stating that 400 people were served.
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**Councillor Wyers:**

Councillor Wyers reported on the following items:

- She began her report by welcoming in the New Year and wishing everyone a great 2010
- Councillor Wyers reported attending the January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010 meeting of the Grand Forks Public Library, and advised members of the public if they're interested in being on the library board, that there are currently three vacancies available.
- She advised that on Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010, that the Olympic Torch Relay will be coming to Grand Forks. She stated that there will be a 45 minute stop over held at City Park between 2:00-4:00 pm. She also announced that the USCC is going to provide free borscht and hot chocolate to the participants as part of the community's allotted Olympic Budget.
- She also mentioned that the Snow Sculpting Contest will be held in the City Campground on Saturday, January 23rd and urged everyone to come and compete.

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**Councillor Moslin:**

Councillor Moslin reported on the following items:

- He reported on the first year of the City's Strategic Planning goals and on the five core focus areas: Beautification, Infrastructure, Better Communication with the Public, Economic Development and Quality of Life. He commented on some of the goals which were or were not met from the five focus areas to date.
- He reported on his attendance last Sunday at another completed Habitat for Humanity home and congratulated the organization on their success.

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**Councillor Wirischagin:**

Councillor Wirischagin reported on the following items:

- He wished everyone a Happy New Year and felt 2010 was going to be the best yet
- He advised that he would like to bring back a deferred motion from August 17<sup>th</sup> with regard to a multi use playing field.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/ROBERT

**RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS PROCEED WITH THE PROPOSED MULTI-USE FIELD IN CITY PARK, FUNDING THE ESTIMATED \$25,000. FROM THE SLAG RESERVE FUND.**

MOTION: THOMPSON/MOSLIN

**RESOLVED TO DEFER THE MOTION THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS PROCEED WITH THE PROPOSED MULTI-USE FIELD IN CITY PARK, FUNDING THE ESTIMATED \$25,000. FROM THE SLAG RESERVE FUND UNTIL THE FIRST REGULAR MEETING IN FEBRUARY, 2010**  
CARRIED.

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**Mayor Taylor:**

- He reported that he will be attending the first meeting of the year with the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary on January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010
- He reported that he will be attending a meeting on Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010 with Pat Summers from Rural Economic Development Ministry.
- He reported visiting the RCMP detachment, stating that he has signed off on the local Regional priorities. He advised that these priorities will be presented to Council in the next few weeks
- The Mayor announced that the Deer Committee will be meeting on January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010 where public comments and suggestions will be addressed.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/THOMPSON

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

CARRIED.

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**REPORT FROM THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY (VERBAL)**

- The Mayor reported his attendance at a Strategic Planning session with the Boundary Economic Development Commission. He stated that the BEDC are stepping back from the Rail Issue and have referred this issue to Council. The Mayor advised that he and Councillor Thompson are in the process of getting responses from the Federal and Provincial Governments, and in the meantime, the rail continues to operate.

MOTION: THOMPSON/MOSLIN

**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 – Alternative Approval Process Petition for entering into a Lease/Purchase Borrowing Method to acquire equipment over a 15 year term.**

MOTION: THOMPSON/ROBERT

**RESOLVED THAT THE CORPORATE OFFICER'S REPORT DATED JANUARY 6, 2010, REGARDING THE ALTERNATIVE APPROVAL PROCESS PETITION FOR ENTERING INTO A LEASE/PURCHASE BORROWING METHOD TO ACQUIRE EQUIPMENT OVER A 15 YEAR TERM, BE RECEIVED.**

CARRIED

**REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

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**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

MOTION: MOSLIN/THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT INFORMATION ITEMS NUMBERED 10(a) TO 10(k)  
BE RECEIVED AND ACTED UPON AS RECOMMENDED AND/OR AS AMENDED.**

**CARRIED.**

- a) South Fraser Family Court & Youth Justice Committee - Looking for support in their letter writing campaign to help Youth resisting substance abuse treatment to receive help – **Recommend that Council, under the Mayor’s signature send support letters as requested.**
- b) Liza Makortoff Correspondence – Regarding snow removal concerns. **Recommend that the Mayor respond by letter regarding her concerns.**
- c) Email from Citizen offering a Deer solution. **Recommend to refer suggestion to the Deer Committee.**
- d) Heritage Building Conservation Certificate Program. Correspondence from Mayor as an endorsement proposed by Community Futures Boundary & Selkirk College. **Recommend to receive and confirm correspondence from the Mayor.**
- e) Correspondence from Phoenix Mountain requesting a letter of reference for their application for free automated defibrillator. **Recommend to receive and confirm correspondence from the Mayor.**
- f) Pitch-in Participants List for 2009 on the program. **Receive for information.**
- g) UBCM Member Notice regarding cosmetic pesticide consultation. **Receive for information.**
- h) UBCM Member Notice regarding controlled alien species regulation. **Receive for information.**
- i) AKBLG Notice on date change for Annual Conference in April and second call for Resolutions. Please note that the deadline for resolutions is February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010. **Recommend to advise Diane if attending.**
- j) UBCM Members correspondence regarding a new tourism resource available for Local Governments. **Receive for information – publication placed in Council lounge.**
- k) December 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting Task List either completed or in progress. **Recommend to Receive and File.**

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**BYLAWS:**

**a) Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Bylaw 1875 – Kohn Lane Closure Bylaw**

MOTION: ROBERT/THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT** BYLAW NO. 1875, CITED AS “THE KOHN LANE CLOSURE BYLAW NO. 1875, 2010”, BE GIVEN FIRST READING.

CARRIED.

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MOTION: THOMPSON/MOSLIN

**RESOLVED THAT** BYLAW NO. 1875, CITED AS “THE KOHN LANE CLOSURE BYLAW NO. 1875, 2010”, BE GIVEN SECOND READING.

CARRIED.

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MOTION: WYERS/WIRISCHAGIN

**RESOLVED THAT** BYLAW NO. 1875, CITED AS “THE KOHN LANE CLOSURE BYLAW NO. 1875, 2010”, BE GIVEN THIRD READING.

CARRIED.

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**b) Chief Financial Officer's Report – Bylaw 1892 – City of Grand Forks Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw 2010**

MOTION: THOMPSON/ROBERT

**RESOLVED THAT** BYLAW NO. 1892, CITED AS “CITY OF GRAND FORKS REVENUE ANTICIPATION BORROWING BYLAW NO. 1892, 2010”, BE GIVEN FINAL READING.

CARRIED.

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**c) Corporate Officer's Report – Bylaw 1888 – City of Grand Forks Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2009**

MOTION: ROBERT/WIRISCHAGIN

**RESOLVED THAT** BYLAW NO. 1888, CITED AS “CITY OF GRAND FORKS ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1888, 2009, BE GIVEN FINAL READING.

CARRIED.

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**LATE ITEMS: None**

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

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: ROBERT

**RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 8:22 P.M.**

CARRIED.

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**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

  
MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR

  
CORPORATE OFFICER- DIANE HEINRICH