

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY JANUARY 25TH, 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
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER C. Arnott
CORPORATE OFFICER D. Heinrich

GALLERY

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION: ROBERT/WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2010, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

a) Corporate Officer's Report – Delegation for Columbia Alliance for Literacy

Sheila Dobie, of the Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy, made a presentation to the Committee requesting the provision of space on the side of a City Building (Grand Forks Library) and for City labour to install a prebuilt Community Bulletin Board. The proposal suggests that a Community Bulletin Board would represent a central source of community information which would be accessible to everyone. She went on to say that the proposed board is 4 feet by 16 feet and that the Woodworkers guild has volunteered their carpentry services to build the board. She advised that other volunteers would be involved in the graphics, and ongoing maintenance. Ms. Dobie mentioned that she has already talked to the library members and that they're on board with the project as well.

MOTION: ROBERT/DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT THE PRESENTATION MADE BY SHEILA DOBIE ON BEHALF OF THE COLUMBIA BASIN ALLIANCE FOR LITERACY BE RECEIVED, AND SHOULD THE COMMITTEE DETERMINE THAT THE PROPOSAL IS ACCEPTABLE, RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL, TO LIAISE WITH THE LIBRARY BOARD ON THE PROPOSAL AND TO REFER TO STAFF TO WORK OUT THE DETAILS OF INSTALLATION. CARRIED.

b) Corporate Officer's Report – Delegation from Regional District of Kootenay Boundary

John Maclean, Chief Administrative Officer for the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary, made a presentation to the Committee on the Regional District's proposed 2010 – 2014 5-year financial plan. He advised that the new financial plan will show a total increase of approximately 1.98% (\$23,000) which is mostly related to the Grand Forks Arena and the Recreational Programming services. He went on to highlight the areas where some costs have gone down such as building inspections, planning and development as those services are based on activity, whereas services such as Economic Development Boundary, went up slightly as this represents a very active program in the Boundary area. Mr. MacLean invited Council to attend Town Hall meetings on February 8th, 2010 at Christina Lake and on February 22nd for Area D at the Regional Board office.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT THE PRESENTATION MADE BY JOHN MACLEAN, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY, BE RECEIVED. CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a) Corporate Officer's Report – Bows and Arrows in the City of Grand Forks

The Grand Forks Wildlife Association and the RCMP were invited to provide input with regard to the topic of bows and arrows.

Frank Usselman, Secretary of the Grand Forks Wildlife Association advised that there are already laws in place that are enforced and that he felt that a new bylaw may be geared to anti-hunting as opposed to safety issues. He went on to say that in hunting regulations, to hunt or to trap on private land is an offense, and hunters need to be aware of the status of the land on which they hunt. He then spoke to the Trespass Act, which states that it is an offense to shoot bows and arrows within 100 meters of schools, churches, regional district parks, and dwellings. Mr. Usselman suggested that the Wildlife Association could compile a list of properties that would be large enough to allow hunting within the City, and would help to coordinate the hunters involved in deer control. Mr. Usselman asked if he could be included in the deer committee meetings, and the Mayor advised that he would be invited to the next meeting.

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Corporal Kim Hall from the RCMP added that no hunting can take place within 200 meters from a public place which would mean that no hunting is allowed within the City limits because of the perspective. Corporal Hall went on to advise that rules and regulations for bow hunting are already in place, and if offences are witnessed, the RCMP need to be contacted.

MOTION: DAVIES/WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT THE CORPORATE OFFICER'S REPORT DATED, JANUARY 18TH, 2010, BE RECEIVED, AND FURTHER RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO TAKE, UNDER ADVISEMENT FOR DISCUSSION, ANY SUGGESTIONS, INPUT, COMMENTS OR CONCERNS FROM THE PUBLIC, PRIOR TO ADOPTING OR AMENDING THE BYLAW EITHER IN ITS PRESENT FORM OR AS AMENDED. CARRIED.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

a) *Corporate Officer's Report – Wood Champion Wood First Policy*

By becoming a wood champion, the City would support the BC Forest Industry by requiring the use of wood as the primary material in all new provincially and municipally funded buildings, in a manner consistent with the British Columbia Building Code.

MOTION: MOSLIN/DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT THE CORPORATE OFFICER'S REPORT DATED, JANUARY 18TH, 2010, BE RECEIVED, AND THAT THE WOOD CHAMPION WOOD FIRST POLICY BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED FOR IMPLEMENTATION NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 28, 2010. CARRIED.

OPERATIONAL DISCUSSION & PRESENTATIONS BY STAFF:

None

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.

Prior to the question period being open to the public, the Mayor announced that the City is going to look at a contract extension with Alpine on a short term basis. During this extension, the City is going to research all of their options to best suit the community's future garbage and recycling needs and will take into account all of the questions and concerns from community input. The Mayor thanked the public for all of their suggestions and concerns.

- **Rob Stevenson** – He asked if the Wood First Policy would apply to Canadian purchasing as opposed to buying wood from the US.
 - **Becky Deane:** - She spoke in favour of the Trails Project for the community.
 - **Les Johnson:** Mr. Johnson thanked the City and Emcon for delivering the snow for the sculpting contest held on Saturday, January 23rd.
 - **Christy Luke:** She spoke in favour of the Trails project and wanted to encourage Council to look at other options should the Alternative Approval Process fail.
 - **Frank Usselman:** Inquired if there was going to be any more discussion on a bows and arrows bylaw, and asked if the Wildlife Association could be included in the process.
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ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: WIRISHCHAGIN/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT THIS PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 8:10 P.M.

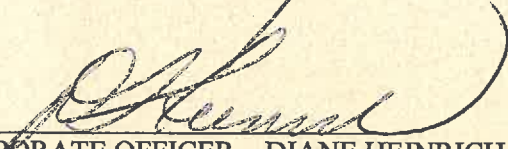
CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Primary Committee Meeting of Council
JANUARY 25, 2010



MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR



CORPORATE OFFICER - DIANE HEINRICH