

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
MONDAY JANUARY 25, 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

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

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**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 Meeting was recessed at 7:02 p.m. and reconvened at 8:11 p.m.

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**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/ROBERT

**RESOLVED THAT THE JANUARY 25TH, 2010, REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.**

**MINUTES:**

MOTION: DAVIES/WIRISCHAGIN

**RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY JANUARY 11, 2010, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.**

CARRIED.

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**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 Wirischagin:**

Councillor Wirischagin reported on the following items:

- He advised that he did not have a report for this week, but urged everyone to attend the Border Bruins home game this weekend.

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**Councillor Moslin:**

Councillor Moslin reported on the following items:

- Councillor Moslin spoke on the RInC grant and offered a short history of the project. He went on to say that \$1.6 million dollars in grants are at stake.
- He expressed his thanks to Councillor Wyers on her hard work organizing the Olympic Torch Relay event on Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>.

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**Councillor Wyers:**

Councillor Wyers reported on the following items:

- She reported on her attendance at the Community Futures Tourism Meeting on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

- She reported that she will be attending the East-West Kootenay Rockies Event at the Coast in conjunction with Olympics in February, 2010, and advised that the Kootenay Rockies Project group is looking for 10-12 representatives from each region if anyone is interested in attending.
  - She reported her attendance to a meeting on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010, with the Grand Forks Library Board and mentioned that there are four positions coming open should anyone wish to put their name in.
  - Councillor Wyers thanked all of the volunteers involved in the successful arrival of the Olympic Torch on Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, and especially thanked the USCC ladies who served over 800 cups of borscht and over 1100 cups of hot chocolate at the event.
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**Councillor Robert:**

Councillor Robert reported on the following items:

- He reported watching the free concert put on by Canadians for the Haiti effort, and informed everyone that every dollar donated will be matched by the Federal Government.
  - He reported that he was pleased that the City will take the lead in the Rail Abandonment argument and went on to talk about the economics at stake.
  - He reported on the large number of casual workers that do 2 or 3 casual jobs as opposed to full time jobs in Grand Forks and throughout the province of British Columbia.
  - He reported his attendance at a meeting on January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010, with the Grand Forks Restorative Justice Society.
  - On January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010, he attended a workshop on Cultural Tourism at the Seniors Centre.
  - Councillor Robert reported on his attendance at a Community Futures Board Meeting and learned about a partnership between Selkirk College and Community Futures promoting the restoration of the Heritage Building Project.
  - He thanked Les Johnson for his idea of snow sculpturing that was celebrated in conjunction with the Olympic Torch Relay event last Sunday, and also thanked Councillor Wyers and her husband, Ron, for all their hard work towards making the event a success.
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**Councillor Thompson:**

Councillor Thompson reported on the following items:

- Councillor Thompson reported that the Boundary Museum Board met at Fructova School on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010, to finalize plans for exhibits expected to open this May at that site.
- On January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010, the Economic Development Task Force sponsored guest speaker, Bruce Whyte, who is the Cultural Tourism Advisor with the Ministry.
- She reported that the Fall Fair Society had their regular meeting on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010, and that plans are being firmed up for their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary event.
- Councillor Thompson expressed her congratulations to Les Johnson on organizing the snow sculpting contest on Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, and reported that she and Councillors Moslin, Robert along with Councillor Robert's grandchildren and Councillor Wyer's niece had a lot of fun creating their version of the "Inukshuk".
- She praised Councillor Wyers on doing such an outstanding job organizing the Olympic Torch Relay celebrations on Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

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**Councillor Davies:**

Councillor Davies reported on the following items.

- She commented that her first year in Council was very interesting, and went on to report her attendance to a number of Council conferences including UBCM and Towns in Transition. She stated that her Primary focus has been on Economic Development and the goals of the Economic Development Task Force which was created in 2009. She stated that year two of the task force will focus on implementing the plans put in place, and she wished to thank all the volunteers who are involved in the task force.

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**Mayor Taylor:**

- He reported on his attendance to the Annual General Meeting of the Woodlot Association and advised that two new woodlots have been assigned in the Phoenix Mountain area.
- As liaison with the Boundary Regional Hospital Board, he reported that he had the opportunity to look at their resources for community input.
- He stated that it was a great opportunity to have a Provincial representative working with us in the Community Centered Agreement. The Mayor advised that this agreement, when complete, will be brought forward to Council.
- The Mayor took this opportunity to recognize Grace Macgregor, Area C Director, for her efforts with regard to the Rail abandonment situation.
- He wished to make a final comment with regard to the Olympic Torch Relay festivities and its success -- that there was a need for a new stage for our local entertainers.
- The Mayor made an announcement that the Women's Centre was putting on a Valentine's Dance on February 13<sup>th</sup> and urged everyone to participate.

MOTION: DAVIES/ROBERT

**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

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

The Mayor advised that the following resolution will be forwarded to the February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Regular Meeting as part of the report which will then be presented to the AKBLG call for resolutions at this year's conference.

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MOTION: TAYLOR/ROBERT

**RESOLVED THAT WHEREAS THE BC GOVERNMENT HAS REMOVED GAMING FUNDING FROM MANY LOCAL NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, AND WHEREAS THE BC GAMING COMMISSION CONTINUES TO DRAW MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FROM LOCAL COMMUNITIES THROUGH SCRATCH & WIN/649/KENO AND INTERNET GAMING, THAT GAMING REVENUES BE RETURNED TO COMMUNITIES THROUGH GRANTS TO LOCAL SPORTS, CULTURAL, HEALTH AND SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS.**

CARRIED

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/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

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**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:**

- a) **Corporate Officer's Report – Grand Forks Border Bruins requesting permission to host four beer gardens at the Grand Forks Arena and permission to obtain a Special Occasion Liquor Licence**

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/MOSLIN

**RESOLVED THAT THE CORPORATE OFFICER'S REPORT DATED JANUARY 18, 2010, REGARDING THE BORDER BRUINS REQUEST TO HOLD FOUR BEER GARDENS BE RECEIVED.**

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL GRANT PERMISSION FOR THE GRAND FORKS BORDER BRUINS TO HOST FOUR SEPARATE BEER GARDENS AT THE GRAND FORKS ARENA ON JANUARY 29<sup>TH</sup>, FEBRUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>, FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup> AND FEBRUARY 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2010, AND FURTHER APPROVES THE ISSUING OF A SPECIAL OCCASION LIQUOR LICENCE TO THE ORGANIZATION, SUBJECT TO THE BORDER BRUINS OBTAINING APPROVAL FROM THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY, PROPERTY OWNER.**

CARRIED.

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- b) **Corporate Officer's Report – Restoration of Heritage Courthouse Façade. Options presented to repair the fallen wall and steps on the east side of the Heritage Courthouse Building**

MOTION: ROBERT/THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT THE CORPORATE OFFICER'S REPORT DATED JANUARY 19, 2010, REGARDING THE RESTORATION OF THE HERITAGE COURTHOUSE FAÇADE, BE RECEIVED.**

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**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE HAVING THE EXISTING MATERIAL REMOVED FROM THE SITE OF THE EAST SIDE OF THE HERITAGE COURTHOUSE AND REPLACING THE DOORWAY WITH A WINDOW TO BLEND WITH THE EXTERIOR OF THE FACILITY. CARRIED.**

Councillor Robert suggested that it would be helpful to see a drawing indicating the blending before the repairs commence, and he also inquired if a Heritage Alteration Permit was needed. He was advised that in compliance with the Bylaw, a Heritage Alteration Permit is necessary, and that Staff will look into get a drawing of the altered façade.

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- c) Chief Financial Officer's Report – Western Economic Diversification (WED) – RInC (Recreational Infrastructure Canada Program) Grant Funded Project request for decision on proceeding the RInC Funded Project**

MOTION: MOSLIN/DAVIES

**RESOLVED THAT THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT DATED JANUARY 25, 2010, REGARDING THE WESTERN ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION – RINC GRANT FUNDED PROJECT, BE RECEIVED.**

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL PROCEEDS IMMEDIATELY WITH THE ALTERNATE TRANSPORTATION PATHWAY NETWORK PROJECT AS SCOPED IN THE RINC GRANT APPLICATION. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL FUNDS THE CITY'S SHARE OF THE PROJECT, UP TO \$712,000, FROM THE SLAG SALES REVENUE RESERVE FUND. AND BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZES STAFF TO ADVISE WESTERN ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION (WED) OF THE REVISED TOTAL PROJECT COST ESTIMATE OF \$2.136 MILLION AND THAT THE CITY WILL AGREE TO THE WED AMENDED TERMS OF FUNDING, AND ALSO ADVISE WED AS TO THE AMENDED CASH FLOW NEEDS, SPECIFICALLY THE CASH FLOW REQUIRED FROM WED OF \$246,000 (UP TO 100% OF SPENDING) BY MARCH 31, 2010 AND \$466,666. BY MARCH 31, 2011. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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**REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

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**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

MOTION: DAVIES/MOSLIN

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

**CARRIED.**

- a) Correspondence from the Mayor to Heritage BC and Community Futures Boundary regarding the Heritage BC Application for Funding for a Heritage Planning Consultant. **Recommend to file.**
- b) Email from Mike Hill regarding Local Government borrowing from the Bank of Canada to finance infrastructure under Article 18. **Receive for information.**
- c) UBCM Member Notice – Species at Risk Act – Invitation to comment on proposed additions. **Deadline for comments is March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010.**

MOTION: ROBERT/MOSLIN

**RESOLVED THAT** Council directs Staff to include the Lewis Woodpecker to the list if they're not already on it. CARRIED.

- d) Task List for January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Regular Meeting of completed and in-progress items. **Recommend to file.**

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**BYLAWS:**

None

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**LATE ITEMS:**

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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 9:35 P.M.** CARRIED.

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**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

  
MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR

  
CORPORATE OFFICER- DIANE HEINRICH