

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY JULY 19TH, 2010

PRESENT: MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR
COUNCILLOR CHRIS MOSLIN
COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WIRISCHAGIN
COUNCILLOR GENE ROBERT
COUNCILLOR CHRISTINE THOMPSON
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 7:03 p.m.

RECESS TO PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING:

MOTION: ROBERT/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE RECESSED AT 7:01 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 reconvened at 7:40 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Amendments to the agenda:

- The Mayor advised that a Late Item 13(a) with regard to a multi-purpose playing field is to be included as part of the agenda.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE JULY 19TH, 2010, REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: THOMPSON/WYERS

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY JUNE 28TH, 2010, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: ROBERT/WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY JULY 9TH, 2010, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: MOSLIN/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY JULY 12TH, 2010, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: THOMPSON/WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY JUNE 28TH, 2010, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/WYERS

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 28TH, 2010, AND ALL RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

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

Councillor Wirischagin:

Councillor Wirischagin reported on the following items:

- He reported his attendance at a Fall Fair meeting regarding their 100th anniversary festivities which are scheduled to be on August 27th and 28th.
 - He reported his attendance to a Border Bruins meeting where they are making plans for the 2010-2011 season and advised that their new season starts on September 10th. He further reported that there are 25 home games in total for the season.
 - He advised that the Grand Forks International Baseball Tournament is approaching quickly and is urging everyone to purchase their passes for the event. He also reported that the GFI is having an interesting contest to earn a day pass. He reported that the GFI is asking for everyone to share their fondest memories by submitting them on paper and dropping their memories off at one of the drop boxes in town.
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Councillor Moslin:

Councillor Moslin reported on the following items:

- He announced that the RInC Contract has been awarded to a local company: Argosy Construction. He advised that the project will cost approximately \$1.5 million and announced that work is to start before end of this month and should be completed by the end of November.
 - He spoke with regard to water conservation and advised that is it very important to our community to be educated, and that Grand Forks is one of the biggest water users in the province. He advised that a planning grant has been received by the City to do a water audit that will put a focus forward to implement residential water metering.
 - He congratulated the River's Edge Theatre in their new venue at the Gallery 2 for their brown bag lunch shows.
 - Councillor Moslin advised that the lift station is functioning but that project hasn't been turned over to the City yet. He further advised that Council & Management is looking at the new stage, which will be used in the future by many cultural groups.
 - He reported that a local citizen, Leslie Davidson, has an article in the Canadian Living magazine on tubing in Grand Forks and commented on the great exposure our community will receive.
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Councillor Wyers:

Councillor Wyers reported on the following items:

- She reported that the Grand Forks Art Galley had their Annual General Meeting on June 29th and advised that a copy of their Financial Statement is included in this agenda package.
 - She reported that the Grand Forks Art Galley now has a new exterior sign for Gallery 2 and that the new glass doors on the north side of the building are also installed.
 - She reported on this year's Canada Day festivities at Gyro Park where she advised that a lot of cake was given out, and commented on the great local talents and artisans that were contributing to the success of the day.
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Councillor Robert:

Councillor Robert advised that he had no report.

Councillor Thompson:

Councillor Thompson reported on the following items:

- She reported her attendance at a Fall Fair Society Meeting on July 13th and advised that plans for the 100th anniversary are coming along nicely.
- She reported attending the monthly meeting of the Boundary Museum Society on July 14th. She advised that the Museum is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. She further commented on the great work done by their staff.
- She reported that Linda Wills, a professional archivist, toured the vault and available area at Gallery 2 today and advised that Ms. Wills will also be touring two other sites that could be used for archival purposes and that she will be forwarding a report to the Boundary Museum Society. Councillor Thompson advised that this report will be shared with the City.
- Councillor Thompson advised that as Councillor Davies' co-chair of the Economic Development Committee, she has been asked to forward a number of resolutions relative to the Airport.

The Mayor asked whether the following motions were critical that required consideration at this meeting or if they could be considered at a later meeting.

Councillor Thompson suggested these motions could be put forward as Notices of Motion.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE AUGUST 16TH, 2010 MEETING:

1. RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS BEGIN DIALOGUE WITH THE AREA DIRECTOR IRENE PEREPOLKIN RELATIVE TO:

Resolution continued on next page.....

- I) PROPOSED LAND USE HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS FOR FUTURE/EXISTING STRUCTURES AND TREES OUTSIDE OF THE AIRPORT PERIMETER; AND
- II) DETERMINE THE STATUS OF THE CLEAR ZONE BYLAW.

2. **RESOLVED THAT THE LAND REGULATIONS BE AMENDED TO REFLECT THE CLEAR ZONE BYLAW TO ENSURE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY OF THE AIRPORT.**

3. **RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS IMPLEMENT THE AIRPORT SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN PREPARED BY WESTGATE CONSULTING IN 2002 AFTER REVIEWING THE PLAN TO ENSURE THAT THE PLAN IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH CURRENT BYLAWS AND TO AMEND THE PLAN ACCORDINGLY TO ENSURE THAT IT IS IN COMPLIANCE.**

4. **RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS INITIATE DIALOGUE WITH SELKIRK COLLEGE TO DETERMINE THEIR REQUIREMENTS IN ORDER TO RELOCATE THAT PORTION OF THEIR PILOT TRAINING FROM ABBOTSFORD AIRPORT TO GRAND FORKS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.**

5. **RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS INITIATE DIALOGUE WITH RED MOUNTAIN SKI RESORT IN ROSSLAND TO DETERMINE THEIR REQUIREMENTS IN ORDER TO REDIRECT THE SKI PACKAGE FLIGHTS FROM SPOKANE AIRPORT TO GRAND FORKS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.**

In addition, Councillor Thompson advised that she will put forward this Notice of Motion on behalf of Councillor Davies as well:

RESOLVED THAT THE VIABILITY OF INSTALLING A RAILING ON THE ROCK RISE ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE STAIRS TO THE ENTRANCE TO CITY HALL OFF 4TH STREET BE DETERMINED AND THAT COST ESTIMATES BE PROVIDED FOR SUCH A RAILING FOR CONSIDERATION IN THE 2011 FINANCIAL PLAN.

- Councillor Thompson advised that Laura Savinkoff has asked her to announce that Hiroshima/Nagasaki Days will be held on Sunday, August 8th in City Park starting at 2:00 pm.

Mayor Taylor:

The Mayor reported on the following items:

- He congratulated Ross Freyer on his Logging event that featured logging demonstrations and antique equipment.
 - The Mayor addressed the Railway Abandonment situation, stating that the City is going to hold a Public Meeting on August 9th at 7:00 pm – venue to be announced. He further advised that the City requires a business plan to move forward, but requires public input to reach a decision whether or not to go forward with the business plan.
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MOTION: ROBERT/WIRISCHAGIN

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)

- The Mayor advised that he had no report.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:

- a) **Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Repair/Replacement of a Portion of 75th Avenue Sidewalk**

MOTION: ROBERT/WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT WITH REGARD TO REPAIRS/REPLACEMENT OF A PORTION OF 75TH AVENUE SIDEWALK DATED, JULY 8TH, 2010, AND DETERMINES TO FORWARD THE MATTER OF THE 75TH AVENUE SIDEWALK REPAIRS/REPLACEMENT, BETWEEN 5TH AND 6TH STREETS, TO THE 2011-2015 FINANCIAL PLAN.

MOTION TO TABLE: WIRISCHAGIN/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT THE MOTION WITH REGARD TO THE REPAIRS/REPLACEMENT OF A PORTION OF 75TH AVENUE SIDEWALK BETWEEN 5TH AND 6TH STREET BE TABLED UNTIL THE SEPTEMBER 7TH REGULAR MEETING. CARRIED.

Councillor Moslin spoke with regard to removal of the maple trees between 5th and 6th Street in order to repair/replace that portion of the sidewalk and wanted to know why the trees between 3rd and 5th Street along 75th Avenue don't appear to disturb the sidewalk.

Councillor Thompson recommended that Council and Management tour areas where trees may or may not require removal.

Councillor Moslin advised that he would also support a tour on trees as well, prior to accepting the motion.

Management advised they would set a date for Council and Management for such a tour.

b) **Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Remuneration of Technician for the Broadcasting of City Council Meetings – Shaw Cable Channel 10**

MOTION: ROBERT/MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT REGARDING TELEVISED PUBLIC MEETING SERVICES, DATED JULY 9TH, 2010, AND DETERMINES TO PAY AN HONORARIUM, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50.00 PER MEETING, TO LES JOHNSON FOR THE CONTINUATION OF TELEVISIONING PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETINGS, SUBJECT TO THE HIM LIAISING WITH SHAW CABLE TO CONTINUE THE COMPLIMENTARY FEED AS PREVIOUSLY SUPPLIED BY SHAW CABLE (SUNSHINE COMMUNICATIONS). CARRIED.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/ROBERT

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

- a) Thank-you Letter from Grand Forks Amateur Radio Club for funds received by the Grant In Aid process. **Recommend to file.**
- b) Correspondence from Art Effects with concerns on bicycle parking and public smoking in front of their store. **Recommend to receive for discussion.**

Councillor Moslin advised of Mr. Trent's two concerns with 1) bicycle parking between 2nd and 3rd Street and 2) smoking within the 10 feet (3 meters) area where shoppers are impacted.

MOTION: ROBERT/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DIRECT STAFF TO DO A REPORT ON IMPROVING DOWNTOWN TO BE MORE PEDESTRIAN FRIENDLY AND TO OBTAIN INPUT FROM THE BUSINESS OWNERS IN THE PROCESS. CARRIED.

- c) Correspondence from Shaw Communications advising that they are entering into an agreement with Canwest Global Communications. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- d) Correspondence from CUPW – Canadian Union of Postal Workers expressing concerns regarding their Charter and future changes. **Recommend to receive for information.**

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Councillor Wirischagin advised that he would remove himself from the meeting on this aspect, as his wife is President of the local CUPW. Councillor Wirischagin left the meeting at 8:20 PM.

Councillor Robert put forward the following motions:

MOTION: ROBERT/MOSLIN

WHEREAS Canada Post plans on cutting thousands of jobs in hundreds of communities across the country by modernizing and reviewing its operations and privatizing philatelic and call centres.

WHEREAS Canada Post is also cutting services by eliminating rural mail box delivery, closing post offices, removing street letter boxes and other means.

WHEREAS these cuts are indicative of a Canada Post that increasingly puts commercial interests before the public interest.

WHEREAS the government's Canadian Postal Service Charter does not adequately protect the public interest or the public nature of our post office, especially when Canada Post is considering cuts to public postal service or privatizing part of its operations (e.g. post offices, call centres, etc);

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS WRITE A LETTER TO ROB MERRIFIELD, THE MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR CANADA POST AND ASK THAT HE 1) INSTRUCT CANADA POST TO STOP CUTTING PUBLIC POSTAL SERVICE AND JOBS AND START ACTING LIKE THE PUBLIC SERVICE PEOPLE WANT IT TO BE; AND 2) CONSULT WITH THE PUBLIC, MUNICIPALITIES, MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, POSTAL UNIONS AND OTHER MAJOR STAKEHOLDERS TO DRAMATICALLY IMPROVE THE CANADIAN POSTAL SERVICE CHARTER. **CARRIED.**

MOTION: ROBERT/MOSLIN

WHEREAS Canada Post is spending \$2.5 billion on new plants, vehicles, equipment and other items to modernize our public post office.

WHEREAS the corporation is expecting to save millions annually from modernization, largely through productivity gains that pave the way for Canada Post to eliminate thousands of jobs in communities all across the country.

WHEREAS Canada Post is also making cuts to service by closing post offices, eliminating rural home delivery, removing street letterboxes and other means.

WHEREAS the gains flowing from postal modernization could be used to preserve and improve public postal services and jobs.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS AGREES TO SIGN THE PEOPLE'S POSTAL DECLARATION WHICH CALLS ON CANADA POST 1) TO SHARE THE BENEFITS OF POSTAL MODERNIZATION WITH THE PEOPLE WHO OWN CANADA POST – THE PUBLIC; AND 2) TO PURSUE MORE SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE OBJECTIVES AS IT TRANSFORMS OUR POST OFFICE FOR THE FUTURE. **CARRIED.**

Councillor Wirischagin returned to the meeting at 8:24 PM

- e) From Grand Forks Art Gallery – Financial Statements ending March 31, 2010. **Recommend to receive for information.**

- f) Chief Financial Officer's Report (SOFI) Statement of Financial Information as at December 31st, 2009. **Recommend to receive the information and presentation.**

MOTION: THOMPSON/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVE THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT WITH REGARD TO SOFI (STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION), AND THAT COUNCIL FURTHER APPROVES THE STATEMENTS AND SCHEDULES INCLUDED IN THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS AS AT DECEMBER 31ST, 2009 AS ATTACHED. CARRIED.

- g) Letter from Your Dollar Store With More requesting permission to hold a beer garden on July 31st in conjunction with the Antique Fire Truck Show. **Recommend that Council grant permission to allow the Beer Gardens to go forward.**

MOTION: ROBERT/MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE ISSUING OF A SPECIAL OCCASION LIQUOR LICENSE INTENDED FOR A BEER GARDENS TO "YOUR DOLLAR STORE WITH MORE" ON JULY 31ST, 2010, FROM 7:00 PM TO 10:00 PM LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF MARKET AND 3RD STREET SUBJECT TO "YOUR DOLLAR STORE WITH MORE" OBTAINING 3RD PARTY (PARTY ALCOHOL) LIABILITY INSURANCE, NAMING THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS AS AN ADDITIONAL INSURED ON THAT POLICY FOR THE EVENT; ALL "YOUR DOLLAR STORE WITH MORE" LIQUOR PROVIDERS TO HOLD A SERVE-IT-RIGHT LICENSE CERTIFICATE. CARRIED.

Councillor Thompson asked where the proceeds from the beer garden were going, and she was advised that the forms filled out for the RCMP requirements will indicate where the proceeds are going.

- h) Email from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) announcing that UBCM Conference registration is now open. **Recommend that members of Council wishing to attend, to liaise with Diane.**
- i) June 28th Task List of Completed and In-Progress Tasks. **Recommend to file.**

BYLAWS:

- a) **Corporate Officer's Report – Bylaw 1879 City of Grand Forks Wood Burning Appliance Bylaw.**

MOTION: MOSLIN/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1879, CITED AS "THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS WOOD BURNING APPLIANCE BYLAW NO. 1879, 2010", BE GIVEN FIRST READING.

CARRIED.

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Councillor Moslin advised that the intent of the bylaw is for victims to have a chance to voice their opinion whereas the person(s) in violation to the bylaw would receive educational material.

Councillor Robert voted against motion.

MOTION: MOSLIN/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1879, CITED AS "THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS WOOD BURNING APPLIANCE BYLAW NO. 1879, 2010", BE GIVEN SECOND READING.

CARRIED.

Councillor Robert voted against motion.

MOTION: WYERS/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1879, CITED AS "THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS WOOD BURNING APPLIANCE BYLAW NO. 1879, 2010", BE GIVEN THIRD READING.

CARRIED.

Councillor Robert voted against motion.

LATE ITEMS:

- a) The Mayor brought forward a late item with regard to the Multi-purpose playing field and its location.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DETERMINES TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE UNDERSIZED MULTI-USE PLAYING FIELD IN CITY PARK AS PREVIOUSLY PROPOSED AT THE FEBRUARY 8TH, 2010 MEETING, MEASURING 60 METERS BY 90 METERS, WITH AN ADDITIONAL 5 METER PERIMETER AROUND THE FIELD.

MOTION NEGATED.

MOTION TO TABLE: MOSLIN/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT THE MOTION REGARDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MULTI-PURPOSE PLAYING FIELD IN CITY PARK BE TABLED TO THE AUGUST 16TH MEETING.

MOTION NEGATED.

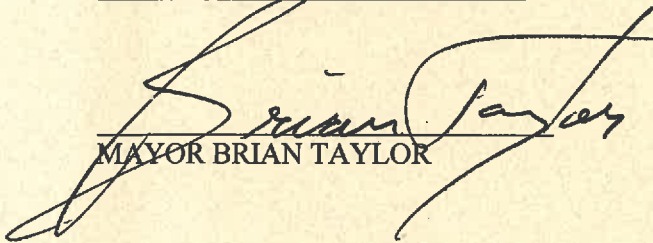
QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA:

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN

**RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 9:33
P.M. CARRIED.**

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


CORPORATE OFFICER- DIANE HEINRICH