

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
MONDAY JUNE 14, 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

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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: ROBERT/WIRISCHAGIN

**RESOLVED THAT THE JUNE 14TH, 2010, REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.**

CARRIED.

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MINUTES:

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/WYERS

**RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 31ST, 2010, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.**

CARRIED.

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**MINUTES:**

MOTION: THOMPSON/WIRISCHAGIN

**RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 31, 2010, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.**

CARRIED.

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**MINUTES:**

MOTION: THOMPSON/DAVIES

**RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 31, 2010, AND ALL RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.**

CARRIED.

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**REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:**

- a) Corporate Officer's Report – Delegation, Am Naqvi of Berg, Naqvi, Lehman, City Auditor made a presentation to Council on the 2009 Audited Financial Statements as required under the Community Charter. Mr. Naqvi explained financial aspects contained in the audited statements, and then touched upon some of the highlights of the auditor's report.

MOTION: THOMPSON/DAVIES

**RESOLVED THAT THE PRESENTATION OF THE 2009 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS MADE BY AM NAQVI OF BERG, NAQVI, LEHMAN, THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS' RECEIVED AND THAT THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS BE APPROVED.**

CARRIED.

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- b) Corporate Officer's Report – Delegation, Bruce Jepson made a presentation to Council with regard to traffic concerns at Hutton School. He advised that he's been asking for help from School District #51 and from the Ministry of Transportation to try to deal with his safety concerns, and hasn't received any assistance to date, so he advised that he's now asking Council for assistance in the matter. He advised that ambulances use 75<sup>th</sup> Avenue to access Highway 3, and has asked if a sign restricting traffic on 75<sup>th</sup> Avenue could be put in place. He stated that he was advised by the Ministry of Transportation that they were going to adjust the highway speed limit from 70 km to 50 km from Extra Foods to North Fork/Franklin Road, but was told by the Ministry that it takes a long time to put this in place; he asked if Council would contact the Ministry of Transportation to get this put in place for September when the new school year starts. He also spoke with regard to Highway 3 intersection at Extra Foods, and stated that he understood that it's the Transportation Ministry's responsibility to put in street lights. He further suggested that the present drop off zone at Hutton School be removed, and that a new drop off area be



established. He stated that the parents need to be educated in their parking for "only a minute habit" and that they're putting their own kids at risk by doing so. He also suggested that the City needs to put in proper drainage on the south side of 75<sup>th</sup> Avenue to avoid puddling, and also to construct a sidewalk on the south side of 75<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> Street. Another suggestion from Mr. Jepsen was that 75<sup>th</sup> Avenue becomes a one-way street.

MOTION: ROBERT/DAVIES

**RESOLVED THAT THE PRESENTATION MADE BY BRUCE JEPSON WITH REGARD TO TRAFFIC CONCERNS AT HUTTON SCHOOL, BE RECEIVED, AND THAT STAFF BE REQUESTED TO GIVE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING SAFETY ISSUES BROUGHT FORWARD BY MR. JEPSEN IN RELATION TO CHILD SAFETY AT 75<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE, HIGHWAY 3 FROM 25<sup>TH</sup> AND 27<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE, AND TO INVITE SCHOOL DISTRICT #51, AMBULANCE ATTENDANTS AND MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION TO ATTEND A FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING TO PROVIDE INPUT AND RECOMMENDATIONS.**

CARRIED.

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- c) Corporate Officer's Report – Delegation, Peter Matheson and Jon Oldroyd made a presentation to Council with regard to the Imagine Grand Forks document. They displayed a PowerPoint presentation of a general overview of the Imagine Grand Forks project. Within the presentation, Peter Matheson advised that second phase is intended to engage the public in the process, and the third stage is geared towards implementation.

Councillor Wirischagin questioned the principals of sustainability. Mr. Oldroyd explained that the report does not cover all areas of sustainability and he advised that sustainability extends beyond Green Architecture and Carbon Neutrality in a community. Mr. Oldroyd advised that the Imagine Grand Forks project is intended to bring other documents together such as the Transition Study and Integrated Sustainable Communities and to build upon them.

MOTION: DAVIES/THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT THE PRESENTATION MADE BY JON OLDROYD AND PETER MATHESON WITH REGARD TO THE IMAGINE GRAND FORKS PROJECT, BE RECEIVED.**

CARRIED.

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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 reported on his attendance at the Grand Forks and District Recreational Meeting regarding the expansion of the wellness centre at the Aquatic Center.
- He reported his attendance at a Border Bruins Meeting and stated that they are currently looking for ways to make money as their past funding which they used to receive from the Province has significantly decreased.
- He reported his attendance at the latest Grand Forks International meeting and inquired if the repairs to the leaking roof would be completed prior to the Baseball Tournament. The Chief Administrative Officer advised that Staff will follow up on this.
- He reported on his attendance at the Relay for Life event last weekend.
- Councillor Wirischagin questioned the progress of the Multi-purpose playing field report, and the CAO advised that the Manager of Works and Services is currently working on this report.

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**Councillor Moslin:**

Councillor Moslin reported on the following items:

- He provided updated information on the Dispersion Modeling report which was steered by the Boundary Air Quality Committee and advised that the draft of this dispersion modeling is now in the hands of the Ministry of Environment. He reported that he expected the public release of this report sometime in July or August, 2010.
- He advised that he is putting forward a wood-burning appliance Bylaw for Council's consideration. He advised that this Bylaw is intended to educate people on how to use their appliances correctly and also for them to be cognizant of people with health problems directly relating to woodburning appliances.

MOTION: MOSLIN/DAVIES

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL INSTRUCT STAFF TO BRING FORWARD A WOOD BURNING APPLIANCE BYLAW AND WELL AS A POLICY GUIDELINE WITH REGARD TO WOOD BURNING APPLIANCES IN THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS IN SIMILAR FORM TO THE NOISE BYLAW NO.1681. CARRIED.**

- Councillor Moslin spoke with regard to the new stage area that is in the process of completion in City Park, and suggested that performing artists in the community be given a tour of the area so that they are able to see future potential in its use.

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MOTION: MOSLIN/ROBERT

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZE COUNCILLOR MOSLIN TO ARRANGE A TOUR WITH INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS FROM THE PERFORMING ARTIST GROUPS SO THAT THESE INDIVIDUALS CAN SEE THE POTENTIAL OF THE NEW STAGE AREA.**

CARRIED.

- He announced that the Brown Bag Theatre will be performing this Thursday, Friday and Saturday and invited everyone to attend the show in the Richard and Beverley Reid room at Gallery 2.

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**Councillor Wyers:**

Councillor Wyers reported on the following items:

- Councillor Wyers wished a good evening to Helen Semenoff who regularly watches the televised Council meetings.
- She reported her attendance at the June 2<sup>nd</sup> Clean Air Day at Overwaitea, where she handed out information and free cake along with Councillor Moslin and Michele Caskey.
- She reported her attendance at a Grand Forks Public Library meeting on June 4<sup>th</sup>, and that the Board agreed to the lane closure to accommodate the Grand Forks Farmer's Market on Tuesdays and Friday for the Market's expansion plans.
- She reported on her attendance in a Tour of the Fructova Museum on June 7<sup>th</sup>, and advised that she has provided photos of the visit to Council. She extended thanks to Sue Adrian, Laura Savinkoff and all of the volunteers for their hard work for making the museum a success.
- On June 8<sup>th</sup>, she reported her attendance at the Annual Air Cadet League of Canada 841 function. She advised that the Royal Canadian Legion provides their meeting venue free of charge, and that the Ladies Auxiliary provided their meals for free as well. She also wished to advise that the Air Cadet League sends their thanks for the Grant in Aid of \$3,000 recently granted to them by Council.
- She reported that on June 9<sup>th</sup>, she attended the "Futures Game" at Community Futures.
- Councillor Wyers reported attending the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Relay for Life on June 14<sup>th</sup> and extended thanks to John Zibin for MCing the event and to Sandra Barron from Gazette for recognizing all of the community businesses who made contributions. She reported that over \$34,000.00 donations have been raised this year and that donations are still coming in.
- Councillor Moslin congratulated Councillor Wyers on her contribution to the Relay for Life event.

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**Councillor Robert:**

Councillor Robert reported on the following items:

- He talked about a report by the Centre for Civic Governance where it highlights the loss of "buy local" policies through current trade discussion between Canada and the European Union. In this report, he advised that Local Government will no longer legally be able to give preference to local Canadian suppliers. He advised that more information can be obtained at their website at [www.civicgovernance.ca/file/uploads/](http://www.civicgovernance.ca/file/uploads/) and look for Shrybman CETA report.



- He spoke regarding his passion for Emergency Shelters and referred to an excerpt from a novel by James Frey with regard to homelessness.
  - Councillor Robert presented a pamphlet on the Grand Forks Historical Walking Guide which was created by the Visitor's Information Centre and advised that he is looking for feedback on the pamphlet from Council. He also spoke about the new Visitor's Choice pamphlet that the Visitor Information Centre is handing out and that Grand Forks is featured on page 34.
  - Councillor Robert shared a brochure that Rossland has out right now which is very professionally done was paid for by Columbia Basin Trust.
  - He reported on his attendance at a concert of Sitar Music-Varanashi on June 4<sup>th</sup>. He informed Council that the group is touring BC for fundraising for the Academy of Indian Classical Music. He also wished to advise that Selkirk College will be holding classes this summer teaching classical Indian music featuring sitar, drums and singing.
  - He reported on his attendance on June 3<sup>rd</sup> to a Granby Dance Studio show called "For the Love of Dance".
  - He reported his attendance at the Council Tour of the Fructova Museum on June 7<sup>th</sup>.
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**Councillor Thompson:**

Councillor Thompson reported on the following items:

- She reported on her attendance on June 1<sup>st</sup>, along with Mayor Taylor; CAO, Lynne Burch; and CFO, Cecile Arnott; to a meeting regarding the rail situation in Colville, and announced that Grand Forks will be hosting the next meeting later this month.
  - She reported on her attendance to the monthly board meeting of the Boundary Museum Society on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. She reported that the museum has hired two youths under a Canada Youth Works Grant and further advised that a grant application under the Job Creation Partnership for \$20,000 is being readied for submission that will enable the Museum to hire two individuals for specific projects.
  - She reported that on June 7<sup>th</sup>, the Boundary Museum Board hosted a private viewing of the site at Fructova on June 7<sup>th</sup> with members of Council, Area D Director, Irene Perepolkin and representatives of the USCC attending.
  - She advised that the Fall Fair Society held their meeting on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, and plans for Fall Fair are coming along nicely. She advised that the Society is looking for volunteers and anyone interested may contact Irene Perepolkin.
  - Councillor Thompson reported playing the "Future Games" hosted by Community Futures on June 9<sup>th</sup>
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**Councillor Davies:**

Councillor Davies reported on the following items:

- She reported on her attendance at the Future Games hosted by Community Futures on June 9<sup>th</sup>
- She reported her attendance at the Economic Development Association of BC (EDABC) Conference in Osoyoos last week. She highlighted upon a number of speakers that were present including the Minister of Finance & Deputy Premier, Colin Hansen. She reported her attendance to several sessions throughout the Conference including Chief Clarence Joseph Lui

of the Osoyoos Indian Band and Succession Planning by Joy Playford of Business Development Bank. She advised that she would like to facilitate a workshop on Succession planning and received permission from Council to approach Wendy McCulloch from Community Futures to invite Ms. Playford to facilitate such a workshop for the Boundary. Councillor Davies also advised that there is no charge for the workshop.

- The Mayor advised that Councillor Davies is sending out a letter and package to Mr. David Lin with regard to locating a Solar Company in Grand Forks.
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**Mayor Taylor:**

The Mayor reported on the following items:

- The Mayor advised that Bill Bennett sent a message through John MacLean that the West Boundary has received a final turn down from the Columbia Basin Trust.
- The Mayor reported his attendance at the Grand Forks Recreation Commission meeting last week and advised that there is a formal process to look at the Parks function.

MOTION: MOSLIN/ THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS ENDORSES THE REGIONAL DISTRICT PROCEEDING WITH A FEASIBILITY STUDY RELATIVE TO THE PARKS FUNCTION WITHIN THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS.**

CARRIED.

- He reported on his attendance at the Chair of Innocence meeting and advised that the City needs to use community volunteers more efficiently when looking at Housing needs.
- He advised that George Penfield stated that most people move to a community after visiting family and friends.
- The Mayor has received Council's permission to push at Regional Hospital Board level for a helicopter landing pad for Grand Forks.
- He announced that the Deer Committee is proceeding with a brochure designed by the Boundary Wilderness Society and is looking for help from the City in printing brochures and/or include the information in a future City Newsletter. He further advised that the Deer Committee is proceeding with the request for signage in partnership with ICBC and will be seeking financial assistance.
- The Mayor advised that the (BEDC) Boundary Economic Development Committee is going ahead with a feasibility study regarding a branch of operations located in Rock Creek area.

MOTION: ROBERT/DAVIES

**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 minutes from the April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010, Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Meeting are attached to this report.

- The Mayor did not report specifically on the Regional District matters as his previous report addressed those issues.

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.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:**

- a) **Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Grand Forks Fiber Distribution Network - Awarding the Fiber Tender**

MOTION: ROBERT/DAVIES

**RESOLVED THAT THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT DATED JUNE 8TH, 2010, REGARDING THE FIBER TENDER AWARD FOR THE GRAND FORKS FIBER DISTRIBUTION NETWORK, BE RECEIVED, AND THAT COUNCIL CONCURS WITH THE TENDER AWARD TO MARTECH ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS LTD.**

CARRIED.

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- b) **Manager of Works and Services Report – Removal of dangerous trees in the Evergreen Cemetery and the Grand Forks Public Library Parking Lot.**

MOTION: THOMPSON/DAVIES

**RESOLVED THAT THE MANAGER OF WORKS AND SERVICES REPORT DATED JUNE 9TH, 2010, REGARDING THE POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS TREES IN THE CEMETERY AND IN THE GRAND FORKS LIBRARY PARKING LOT, BE RECEIVED, AND THAT COUNCIL DIRECTS STAFF TO PROCEED WITH THE REMOVAL OF THE IDENTIFIED SPRUCE TREES IN THE EVERGREEN CEMETERY, AND IN THE PARKING AREA BEHIND THE GRAND FORKS LIBRARY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STAFF PROPOSALS IN REPORTS DATED MAY 27<sup>TH</sup> AND JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2010.**

MOTION DEFEATED.

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MOTION: THOMPSON/DAVIES

**RESOLVED THAT THE MANAGER OF WORKS AND SERVICES REPORT DATED JUNE 9TH, 2010, REGARDING THE POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS TREES IN THE CEMETERY AND IN THE GRAND FORKS LIBRARY PARKING LOT, BE RECEIVED AND THAT THE TREE IN THE PARKING AREA BEHIND THE GRAND FORKS LIBRARY, BE REMOVED.**  
CARRIED.

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**REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

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**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/THOMPSON

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

- a) Thank-you from Perley Parent Advisory Council for monies received from 2010 Grant In Aid. **Recommend to file.**
- b) Correspondence from Mayors for Peace 2020 Vision Campaign for Donations. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- c) Thank-you from the Grand Forks & Boundary Regional Agricultural Society for monies received from 2010 Grant In Aid. **Recommend to File.**
- d) Correspondence from the BC Government & Services Employees Union thanking Council for the Poverty Reduction Plan Motion and Resolution. **Recommend to File.**
- e) Correspondence from the Grand Forks International requesting permission to sell liquor at James Donaldson Park for this year's Grand Forks International from September 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010. **Recommend that Council adopt a resolution granting permission subject to obtaining 3<sup>rd</sup> party liability insurance naming the City as additional insured.**

MOTION: THOMPSON/WIRISCHAGIN

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE ISSUING OF A SPECIAL OCCASION LIQUOR LICENSE TO THE GRAND FORKS INTERNATIONAL FOR THE SIX DAY EVENT FROM SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> – 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2010, AT THE JAMES DONALDSON PARK SUBJECT TO THE GFI OBTAINING 3<sup>RD</sup> PARTY (PARTY ALCOHOL) LIABILITY INSURANCE, NAMING THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS AS AN ADDITIONAL INSURED ON THAT POLICY FOR THE SIX DAY EVENT; ALL GFI LIQUOR PROVIDERS TO HOLD A SERVE-IT-RIGHT LICENSE CERTIFICATE; AND ICBC "DRINKING AND DRIVING" WARNING POSTERS TO BE DISPLAYED.**  
CARRIED.

- f) Four individual Dog Park complaints with regard to the new Dog Park location. **Receive for information.**
- g) Boundary Museum request for secured artifacts located at Gyro Park and CAO response letter as the solution. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- h) Correspondence from the Grand Forks Seniors Center Branch #68 on their renovation intentions and drawings with regard to the entrance changes to their building. **Recommend that Staff respond to the Grand Forks Seniors Center Branch #68 that the City of Grand Forks has no objection to the planned replacement of the entrance to their Seniors Center building located in City Park.**
- i) Correspondence from the City of Langley to MP Mark Warawa regarding Medicinal Marijuana and Medicinal Marijuana Dispensaries. **Recommend to receive for information.** The Mayor suggested that he receive permission from Council to send a letter of commiserate in support of The City of Langley & The City of Surrey to identify the problems concerning legal and illegal grow operations.

MOTION: THOMPSON/

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SEND A LETTER OF COMMISERATION TO THE CITY OF LANGLEY AND TO THE CITY OF SURREY TO IDENTIFY THE PROBLEMS AND SEARCH FOR OTHER SOLUTIONS CONCERNING LEGAL AND ILLEGAL GROW OPERATIONS REGARDING THE POLICING OF EXISTING MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES. THE MOTION FAILED TO RECEIVE A SECONDER.**

- j) UBCM – Elections Task Force Report regarding their recommendations on changes to the legislation regarding Elections. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- k) UBCM – “In The House” Newsletter regarding Provincial legislation 2010. **Recommend to receive for information**
- l) May 31<sup>st</sup> Meeting Task List of Completed and In-Progress Tasks. **Recommend to file.**

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**BYLAWS:**

- a) **Corporate Officer’s Report – Bylaw 1872 – City of Grand Forks Business License Amendment Bylaw**

MOTION: THOMPSON/ROBERT

**RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1872, CITED AS “THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS BUSINESS LICENSE AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1872, 2010”, BE GIVEN FINAL READING.**

**CARRIED.**

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b) **Chief Financial Officer's Report – Bylaw 1901 – City of Grand Forks Flat Tax Bylaw Amendment**

**MOTION:** ROBERT/WIRISCHAGIN

**RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1901, CITED AS "THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS FLAT TAX AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1901, 2010", BE GIVEN FINAL READING.**

CARRIED.

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**LATE ITEMS:**

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

Laura Savinkoff announced that on June 25<sup>th</sup>, the Boundary Peace Alliance is sponsoring a walk and a rally starting 12:30 pm at Lois Haagen Park. She invited all to attend.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION:** MOSLIN

**RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 9:51 P.M.**

CARRIED.

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**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

  
MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR

  
CORPORATE OFFICER- DIANE HEINRICH