

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY JUNE 28TH, 2010

PRESENT: MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR
COUNCILLOR JOY DAVIES
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.

ANNUAL REPORT:

The Mayor brought forward the 2009 Annual Report for consideration, and submissions and questions from the public. There were no presentations or questions from anyone in the gallery at this time.

MOTION: THOMPSON/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE 2009 ANNUAL REPORT, AS PRESENTED AT THIS MEETING, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED.

RECESS TO PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING:

MOTION: DAVIES/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE RECESSED AT 7:05 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 7:28 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- The Mayor advised that a Late Item is to be included to the agenda under Section 13 (a) regarding correspondence from Community Futures and their proposal for a Regional Chamber of Commerce.

MOTION: ROBERT/WYERS

RESOLVED THAT THE JUNE 28TH, 2010, REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY JUNE 7TH, 2010, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 14TH, 2010, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Multi-Purpose Playing Field.

As per Council's request for Staff to review and provide further options for the construction of the proposed multi-use playing field.

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MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT DATED JUNE 22ND, 2010, WITH REGARD TO COUNCIL'S REQUEST FOR STAFF TO REVIEW AND PROVIDE FURTHER OPTIONS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROPOSED MULTI-USE PLAYING FIELD, AND DETERMINES TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE UNDERSIZED MULTI-USE PLAYING FIELD IN CITY PARK, MEASURING 60 METERS BY 90 METERS, WITH AN ADDITIONAL 5 METER PERIMETER AROUND THE FIELD. MOTION NEGATED.

- Councillor Thompson spoke against the motion. She expressed her concerns regarding the cost of constructing a playing field in Dick Bartlett for \$8,000 vs. \$25,000 in City Park. She advised that other concerns she had were in regard to the removal of trees in City Park and the cost to relocate a telephone line. She also advised that members of the Senior's Centre had told her they were opposed to a multi-use playing field located in City Park.

-Councillor Davies spoke against the motion with concerns for seniors using the park as a quiet place for walks and visiting the Senior's Centre.

-Councillor Wyers extended her support for the resolution and felt that the trees that are planted are young and should be able to be safely relocated. She also spoke with regard to overflow camping and that the previous CAO suggested that overflow could go to Riverside Park.

-Councillor Robert offered his support for City Park location. He spoke with regard to the scenic location by the river which will draw families and encourage more downtown business activity.

-Councillor Wirischagin spoke to his motion. He advised that the Rugby season is over prior to the major campground population during the summer months.

-The Mayor stated his position and advised that he will vote against the motion

MOTION: DAVIES/THOMPSON

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Councillor Wirischagin advised that he was against this motion and suggested that scheduling of Dick Bartlett would present problems with other sports trying to book at the same times.

The Mayor was advised that he has the option to bring the matter back within 30 days and reported that he will consider bringing the matter back to Council when all members are present.

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

Councillor Davies:

Councillor Davies advised that she had no report this evening.

Councillor Thompson:

Councillor Thompson reported on the following items:

- She reported her attendance at the Local Government Leadership Academy 2010 in Richmond, BC on June 16 to 18th advising that the theme of this forum was "Leading During Challenging Times". She spoke with regard to various sessions that she attended and of the professionals who spoke and made presentations at the conference.
- She advised that the Grand Forks Fall Fair are still looking for volunteers for this year's event and should contact Irene Perepolkin.

Councillor Robert:

Councillor Robert reported on the following items:

- He wished to advise everyone that the HST is coming July 1st. He reported that the petition drive collected approximately 700,000 signatures against the tax.
- He spoke in regard to the 2010 Graduation Ceremony which he attended on the weekend and advised that it was an honor to be able to present the Scholarships from the City.
- He advised that dirt bikers have found the Granby Trail and are using it in spite of his attempts to stop them.
- He talked about the vandalism of trees in City Park and reported that the vandal is a 40 pound beaver! He reported that several witnesses have seen the beaver at work.
- He advised that ATV's, dirt bikes and snowmobiles are allowed on the trails from Eholt to Grand Forks, but advised that they must be licensed, and also be a member of an outdoor recreation club to utilize the trail.
- Councillor Robert advised on two places to enjoy a visit in our area; one is at the Spencer Hill Orchard & Gallery and the other is Jerseyland Organics.
- He advised that the Grand Forks Kettle Valley Food Co-op website is ready for business and that the website is: kettlevalleyfoodcoop.org/ and choose the shop tab.
- He advised that there are three new shows at the Art Gallery: Red: A Haida Manga; Collection from Toni Onley; and Leta Heiberg Bak- recent paintings.
- He reported his attendance to a training session in Christina Lake with RCMP Sgt. Harrison for the Christina Lake Citizens on Patrol.
- He advised that on June 17th while working at the VIC, he reported that a group of German tourists arrived and that they showed considerable interest in touring the museums of our area.
- On June 24th he reported his visit to the Osoyoos Visitor's Centre.

Councillor Wyers:

Councillor Wyers reported on the following items:

- She reported on her attendance at a meeting on June 16th, 2010 at the Grand Forks Public Library as the City's liaison
 - She advised that she's currently working on the Canada Day festivities this coming Thursday.
 - She reported her attendance at the Gem Theatre Opening of Sex and the City Two on June 18th and commented on the great atmosphere and thanked the theatre for the quality entertainment.
 - She report that on June 18th, that she was on duty with the Citizens on Patrol and advised that there are pamphlets regarding the Citizens on Patrol program available at City Hall
 - Councillor Wyers reported her attendance on June 24th to the Sunshine Valley Community Service function with Councillor Moslin.
 - She advised that two artists, Nora Kursten and Sonja Gartner had their Grand Opening on June 25th. She reported that the artists work in the studio and are looking forward to showing everyone their talents.
 - She reported that on June 29th, the Grand Forks Art Gallery will be holding their Annual General Meeting at Gallery 2.
 - Councillor Wyers spoke with regard to the loss of Nancy Jenson, Sherri Makortoff and Betty Irwin, and of her attendance at their funerals in the past two weeks.
 - She advised that on July 5th, the Chamber of Commerce will be holding a general meeting with regard to the Living Art Centre at Christina Lake.
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Councillor Wirischagin:

Councillor Wirischagin reported on the following items:

- He reported on his attendance to a meeting as liaison to the Grand Forks International and announced that Team Pakistan will be attending the GFI event this year as well as a team from Russia.
 - He asked the Mayor regarding the Regional Branding for Grand Forks. The Mayor advised that Boundary Economic Development Commission is currently seeking a "brander" to start the process and that it should be underway shortly.
 - He urged everyone to come out and celebrate the July 1st festivities.
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Mayor Taylor:

The Mayor reported on the following items:

- The Mayor talked updated Council regarding the Rail Abandonment issues and advised that the City is continuing to work with their United States counterparts. He also advised that the City is considering obtaining expert advice with regard to the business end of a railway.
- He urged people to look at deer videos that are posted on U-Tube on the Internet, and advised that deer can be very violent animals. He further advised that a deer pamphlet is in its final design process and that he and Councillor Moslin will be considering the final draft.

MOTION: DAVIES/ROBERT

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)

Attached to the Regional District report are the Regional District Minutes of May 26, 2010.

- The Mayor reported that he participated in a tour of Christina Lake hosted by Grace McGregor, Area C Director. He reported that Christina Lake continues to fight with milfoil, is working to protect the shoreline, and advised that cabin rentals are a big industry at the lake.
- He reported his attendance at a Regional Hospital Board Meeting and advised that the City of Trail has agreed to build a helipad at a cost of approximately \$800,000 by the hospital. The Mayor advised that he asked Ingrid Hampf of Interior Health regarding a helipad for Grand Forks. He reported that she advised that there is an actual drawing in place for a Grand Forks helipad at a cost of approximately \$75,000 to \$100,000 and that there are already some funds accumulated to support a helipad.

MOTION: DAVIES/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.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:

- a) **Corporate Officer's Report – Municipal Security Issuing Resolution**

MOTION: THOMPSON/DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE CORPORATE OFFICER'S REPORT DATED, JUNE 21ST, REGARDING THE MUNICIPAL SECURITY ISSUING RESOLUTION AND APPROVES THE BORROWING FROM THE MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, AS PART OF THEIR FALL ISSUE, \$70,000 AS AUTHORIZED THROUGH LOAN AUTHORIZATION BYLAW NO. 1887, 2009, A BYLAW TO AUTHORIZE THE BORROWING OF THE ESTIMATED COST OF CONSTRUCTING IMPROVEMENTS IN THE NORTHWEST 79TH AVENUE LOCAL AREA SERVICE, AND THAT THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY BE REQUESTED TO CONSENT TO OUR BORROWING OVER A FIFTEEN YEAR TERM AND INCLUDE THE BORROWING IN THEIR SECURITY ISSUING BYLAW.

CARRIED.

**b) Corporate Officer's Report – Broadcasting of City Council Meetings
Honorarium**

MOTION: THOMPSON/DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE CORPORATE OFFICER'S REPORT, DATED JUNE 21ST, 2010, REGARDING TELEVISED PUBLIC MEETING SERVICES, AND DETERMINES TO CONTINUE WITH TELEVISED COUNCIL MEETINGS, AND FURTHER DIRECTS STAFF TO NEGOTIATE AN HONORARIUM WITH MR. LES JOHNSON FOR THE CONTINUATION OF TELEVISED PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETINGS, AS REQUIRED BY COUNCIL, AND AS PERMITTED BY SHAW CABLE, WHICH WOULD INCLUDE MR. JOHNSON LIAISING WITH SHAW CABLE TO CONTINUE THE COMPLIMENTARY FEED AS PREVIOUSLY SUPPLIED BY SHAW CABLE (SUNSHINE COMMUNICATIONS).

CARRIED.

Councillor Robert asked Mr. Johnson about the sound problems people have reported experiencing during the broadcast of Council meetings. Mr. Johnson advised that there is a certain amount of hum that occurs within the room that travels down the feed, and stated that he would need to spend some time in Chambers checking into the problem to try to fix it.

**c) Corporate Officer's Report – Call for Nominations for 2010 Volunteer
Appreciation Night**

MOTION: ROBERT/DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE CORPORATE OFFICER'S REPORT, DATED JUNE 21ST, 2010, REGARDING THE CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2010 VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION EVENING, AND FURTHER PROVIDES NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC CALLING FOR NOMINATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC FOR EXCEPTIONAL VOLUNTEER SERVICES IN THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL POLICY #204

CARRIED.

Councillor Robert stated that forms need to be made available to the public. He was advised that forms are available at the front counter and on the City's Web Site.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION: THOMPSON/WIRISCHAGIN

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

CARRIED.

- a) Thank-you letter from the Seniors Citizens Hall for funds received through the Grant in Aid Process. **Recommend to file.**
- b) Correspondence from the Minister of Forests and Range in response to the Mayor's letter to remove the Midway Point of Appraisal. **Recommend to file. Staff to advise Interfor of the Province's position.**
- c) Correspondence from the Mayor to Mr. Lin, Director of Globe Solar Energy asking him to consider Grand Forks as established venue for solar panel manufacturing facility. **Recommend to file. The Mayor advised that prior to letters being sent in the future, they need to be put before Council first for authorization and information.**
- d) Correspondence from Fortis BC congratulating Grand Forks being one of Solar BC's 16 solar communities. **Recommend to file.**
- e) Correspondence from the Canadian Wood Council of webinar available on their website. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- f) Correspondence from the Canada Day Committee. Inviting Mayor and Council participation in the July 1st festivities. **Mayor and Council to advise if attending to either Cher Wyers or Heather Buzzell from Grand Forks Public Library.**
- g) Service BC asking permission to reinstall the barbed wire atop the fencing around the vehicle fleet compound at 7290-2nd Street & 7275 Riverside Drive as a security measure to deter theft and vandalism. **Recommend that Council grant permission to allow the Province to reinstall the barbed wire as requested.**

MOTION: THOMPSON/WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL GRANTS PERMISSION TO SERVICE BC TO REINSTALL BARBED WIRED ATOP THE FENCING AROUND THEIR VEHICLE FLEET COMPOUND AT 7290-2ND STREET AND 7275 RIVERSIDE DIRVE AS A SECURITY MEASURE TO DETER THEFT AND VANDALISM.

CARRIED.

- h) Correspondence from the Grand Forks Public Library advising of permission granted to the Farmer's Market to close the lane between the library and Gyro Park during Market hours. **Recommend to file.**
- i) Email from Community Futures asking for a letter of support for Community Futures to hold a one day workshop on a subsequent Tourism Action Plan. **Recommend that Council authorizes the Mayor to send a letter of support.**

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- j) Email correspondence from the BC Lung Association advising that a PDF downloadable BC "No Smoking Signage" is available at their on-line website. **Recommend to file.**
- k) Community Futures Spring Newsletter. **Recommend to File.**
- l) Email from Laura Savinkoff regarding Housing Advocates and Bill C-304. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- m) Interior Health News Release regarding a Restaurant Phone Scam that has reached the Interior. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- n) From the UBCM – 2010 UBCM Community Excellence Awards. Applications are now being accepted. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- o) Draft Deer Committee Minutes of June 3rd, 2010 Meeting. **Recommend to file.**
- p) June 14th, 2010 Task List of Completed and In Progress Tasks. **Recommend to file.**

BYLAWS:

None

LATE ITEMS:

a) Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Regional Chamber of Commerce Initiative Request for the commitment of \$10,000 in Seed funding for a Regional Chamber of Commerce as proposed by Community Futures Boundary.

Councillor Wyers spoke regarding a united regional Chamber much like the South Okanagan has done and advised that Community Futures has taken the lead in the process and the next step is to obtain funds to move this proposal forward.

MOTION: WYERS/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL COMMITS FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000 TO BE USED AS SEED FUNDING FOR THE REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INITIATIVE IN 2010, FUNDING FROM THE UNALLOCATED ACCUMULATED SURPLUS ACCOUNT.
CARRIED.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA:

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: ROBERT

**RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 9:09
P.M. CARRIED.**

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


CORPORATE OFFICER- DIANE HEINRICH