

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY MARCH 22ND, 2010

PRESENT: MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR
COUNCILLOR JOY DAVIES
COUNCILLOR CHRIS MOSLIN
COUNCILLOR GENE ROBERT
COUNCILLOR CHRISTINE THOMPSON
COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WIRISCHAGIN
COUNCILLOR CHER WYERS

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER/DEPUTY CAO
CORPORATE OFFICER

C. Arnott
D. Heinrich

GALLERY

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Amendments to the agenda:

- That Agenda Item 3(a) be deleted as the delegation from Interfor is unable to attend this meeting.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF MONDAY, MARCH 22ND, 2010, BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED. CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

a) Corporate Officer's Report – Delegation from the Boundary Museum Society

Laura Savinkoff representative of the Boundary Museum Society presented the Society's annual report and spoke regarding the activities and operations of the Museum. She announced that the Boundary Museum which is located at Fructova School will be open to the public on May 1st, 2010.

MOTION: ROBERT/WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT THE PRESENTATION REGARDING THEIR ANNUAL REPORT TO COUNCIL MADE BY LAURA SAVINKOFF, PRESIDENT OF THE BOUNDARY MUSEUM SOCIETY, BE RECEIVED CARRIED.

b) Corporate Officer's Report – Delegation from Martin Campbell

Martin Campbell, property owner, has requested that the City refund \$1,000 cash in lieu of parking fees (plus interest earned thereon) that he paid for his commercial property located at 348 Market Avenue.

MOTION: DAVIES/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT THE PRESENTATION MADE BY MARTIN CAMPBELL REQUESTING THAT THE CITY REFUND \$1,000 CASH IN LIEU FOR PARKING (PLUS INTEREST EARNED THEREON) THAT HE PAID FOR HIS COMMERCIAL PROPERTY AT 348 MARKET AVENUE, BE RECEIVED FOR DISCUSSION.

CARRIED.

Councillor Thompson requested that staff prepare a report detailing the implications of refunding cash in lieu of parking fees prior to Council making a decision.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

- a) Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Review of Local Government Election Issues

A report from Staff as requested by Council at the February 22nd Meeting, to review Local Government Election Issues.

MOTION: ROBERT/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT THE CAO'S REPORT, DATED MARCH 9TH, 2010, ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION REVIEW, BE RECEIVED FOR DISCUSSION.

CARRIED.

OPERATIONAL DISCUSSION & PRESENTATIONS BY STAFF:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

None

PROPOSED BYLAWS FOR DISCUSSION:

a) Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Amendments to the Business Licence Bylaw

To amend the current Business Licence Bylaw by updating the bylaw with the current officer titles, definition of Home-Based Business, the Application Form and to confirm the Annual Fees.

MOTION: DAVIES/MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT, DATED MARCH 15TH, 2010, REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO THE BUSINESS LICENCE BYLAW, BE RECEIVED, AND THAT THE DRAFT BYLAW NO. 1872, A BYLAW TO AMEND THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS BUSINESS LICENCE BYLAW, AS ATTACHED, BE CONSIDERED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL. CARRIED.

Council requested that Staff check and confirm whether or not the \$250.00 fee for an Event Licence was collected.

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.

- **Bob Smith** – He advised that he is withdrawing his proposal for a Casino in Grand Forks.
- **Cathy Novokshonoff** – She presented, on behalf of the Dog Park Association, an informational PowerPoint with regard to the benefits of a Dog Park.
- **Ben Churchill** - He advised that he was speaking on behalf of Dave Carlyle, President of the BMX track club and stated that they are not opposed to the Dog Park, but that the Club felt left out of the decision making process. He also suggested two other sites that may be suitable and that one site is just to the west of BMX track; and the other is the treed area in between the Senior's Centre and the playground. He also suggested that the

groups which form Music in the Park, Seniors Centre and the Farmer's Market should also be included in Dog Park decision making process.

- **Les Johnson** – He talked to the Corporate Vote that formed part of the Election Issues Report and advised that it shouldn't be Corporations that votes but rather the individual persons.
- **Laura Savinkoff** – She announced that the Boundary Peace Initiative Organization is holding the BC Southern Interior Peace Conference on April 10th, 2010 from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm at St. John's United Church Basement and invited everyone to attend.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THIS PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 7:54 P.M.

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR

CORPORATE OFFICER – DIANE HEINRICH