

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
MONDAY MARCH 22, 2010

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

CORPORATE OFFICER  
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER/DEPUTY CAO

D. Heinrich  
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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**RECESS TO PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING:**

MOTION: ROBERT/DAVIES

**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 8:02 p.m.

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**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

MOTION: ROBERT/WYERS

**RESOLVED THAT THE MARCH 22, 2010, REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.**

CARRIED.

**MINUTES:**

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/ROBERT

**RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY MARCH 8, 2010, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.**

CARRIED.

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**MINUTES:**

MOTION: ROBERT/WIRISCHAGIN

**RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY MARCH 8, 2010, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.**

CARRIED.

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**MINUTES:**

MOTION: ROBERT/WIRISCHAGIN

**RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY MARCH 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 Thompson:**

Councillor Thompson reported on the following items:

- She reported on her attendance at the March 9<sup>th</sup>, Boundary Economic Development Committee Information Session where she heard presentations from Interfor and the Ministry of Forests regarding the removal of the Midway Point of Appraisal.

- She reported that at a Special Meeting on March 11<sup>th</sup>, Council resolved to send a letter of support to the Minister Pat Bell on behalf of Interfor in favour of the removal of the Midway Point of Appraisal.
  - As City's liaison to the Boundary Museum Society, she reported meeting with Directors of the Art Gallery Society, Judith Lloyd and Bob Morton, on two separate occasions with regard to the stewardship of the community archives.
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MOTION: THOMPSON/DAVIES

**RESOLVED THAT THE STEWARDSHIP OF THE COMMUNITY ARCHIVES BE GIVEN TO THE BOUNDARY MUSEUM SOCIETY. CARRIED.**

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MOTION: THOMPSON/TAYLOR

**RESOLVED THAT THE PREFERRED STORAGE LOCATION OF THE COMMUNITY ARCHIVES BE AT THE HERITAGE COURTHOUSE.**

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MOTION TO DEFER: MOSLIN/DAVIES

**RESOLVED THAT THE MOTION WITH REGARD TO THE PREFERRED STORAGE LOCATION OF THE COMMUNITY ARCHIVES BE AT THE HERITAGE COURTHOUSE BE DEFERRED UNTIL BOTH THE BOUNDARY MUSEUM SOCIETY AND THE GRAND FORKS ART GALLERY SOCIETY HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO DECIDE UPON THEIR PREFERRED STORAGE LOCATION. CARRIED.**

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**Councillor Moslin:**

Councillor Moslin reported on the following items:

- He provided updated information on the RInC project, advising that the planning and designing will soon start. He also advised that the intent is to bring the information forward to the public for the beginning of May.
- He advised on his attendance at a Deer Committee Meeting held at City Hall last Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup> and that details of the meeting will come up in the Mayor's report tonight.
- He talked about the City Park concept plan with regard to the positioning of the proposed Dog Park in proximity to the trails, rivers and neighbourhoods.

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MOTION: MOSLIN/THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT THE CITY ENTER INTO A SPONSOR AGREEMENT WITH THE DOG PARK ASSOCIATION AND THAT A LETTER STATING THE CITY'S INTENTIONS TO SUPPLY THE LAND, INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE PARK BE SENT TO THE PHOENIX FOUNDATION.**

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE CITY WILL SIMULTANEOUSLY SECURE FUNDING FROM THE DOG PARK ASSOCIATION FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE FENCED VIA A LETTER OF INTENT FROM THE DOG PARK ASSOCIATION. CARRIED.**

Councillor Davies voted against the motion expressing concerns as to the costs involved in maintaining the Dog Park which are not included in this year's budget. Council has asked that Staff report on the costs to maintain a dog park.

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MOTION: MOSLIN/DAVIES

**RESOLVED THAT STAFF BE REQUESTED TO BRING FORWARD A REPORT ON THE FEASIBILITY OF CONSTRUCTING THE PROPOSED DOG PARK AT THE SOUTH WEST END OF CITY PARK.**

CARRIED.

Councillors Robert and Thompson voted against the motion.

Councillor Thompson suggested that the previous decision that approved the construction of a dog park on the north portion of City Park should be rescinded before going forward with this new resolution.

Council also suggested that Staff consult with the BMX track club, the Senior's Centre and Music in the Park, the Farmer's Market and the people who live on the north side when compiling the new dog park report, and to also look at all other locations. It was also suggested that Staff include a definition of distance requirements from the River when putting the report together.

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**Councillor Wyers:**

Councillor Wyers reported on the following items:

- She advised of her attendance at the March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting with Interfor at Community Futures.
- She advised that a letter of support for Interfor at the March 11<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting, was approved by Council regarding the removal of the Midway Point of Appraisal.
- She advised of her attendance at the March 17<sup>th</sup> Grand Forks Public Library Meeting where the newly elected trustees were introduced.
- She advised that Canadian Cancer Society is currently raising money by selling daffodils which are available from Hanna Bees and CIBC. Proceeds from their fund raising will support the Relay for Life on June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010, from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm at the Perley School Grounds.
- She reported that the Boundary District Arts Council held their meeting tonight and that she sent her regrets for not being able to attend.

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**Councillor Robert:**

Councillor Robert reported on the following items:

- He talked about BC Hydro announcing their first group of nineteen projects in Clean Power Call and advised that this was significant in the provincial goal of becoming energy self-sufficient.
- He spoke on the Municipal Electoral Reform which is a report on tonight's agenda, and advised that people may send comments to their website at: [localelectiontaskforce@gov.bc.ca](mailto:localelectiontaskforce@gov.bc.ca).
- He questioned if there is any Bylaw Enforcement in place with regard to the use of engine brakes (jake brakes) in the City. Mayor suggested that he will talk to the Ministry of Highways on the issue as this occurs on Highway 3.
- He spoke with regard to tree prunings from private individuals who are placing branches on the river bank next to the Granby Trail and suggested that Staff investigate this at 78<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Riverside.
- Councillor Robert inquired if there will any RInC Grant money left for a walking track that could be partnered with two alternative sites for the multi-purpose playing field. Councillor Wirischagin suggested that he could also take this proposal to next Recreation Commission meeting.
- He asked if signs could be posted at the Granby Trail that begins at 85<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Riverside Drive that abuts the new subdivision (Riverside Meadows) that would read "no dirt bikes, quads, or SUVs" and that perhaps a post barrier be erected similar to the entrance of the Granby Trail.
- He also reported on his attendance to the Midway of Point of Appraisal Removal in support of Interfor at the March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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**Councillor Wirischagin:**

Councillor Wirischagin reported on the following items:

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/MOSLIN

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL INSTRUCTS STAFF TO RESEARCH THE COST OF TWO SETS OF MATCHING STREET BANNERS, ONE SET FOR SUMMER AND ONE SET FOR WINTER, WHICH WOULD BE ATTACHED TO STREET LIGHTING GOING DOWN CENTRAL AVENUE.**

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MOTION TO DEFER: DAVIES/ THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT THE MOTION FOR THE COSTING OF STREET BANNERS BE DEFERRED UNTIL AFTER THE TOURISM COMMITTEE MAKES THEIR PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL ON APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2010. CARRIED.**

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- He also reported on his attendance at the March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting at Community Futures with regard to the Midway Point of Appraisal.
- He reported on his attendance at a Grand Forks International Meeting.
- He reported on his attendance at a Fall Fair Committee Meeting and advised that the 2010 Grand Forks Fall Fair is scheduled for August 27 and 28<sup>th</sup> at Dick Bartlett Park.
- He advised that the Recreation Commission holds their meetings every second Thursday of the month, and advised that they will be holding a special meeting at end of this month to recommend three different sites for a multi-purpose playing field

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**Councillor Davies:**

Councillor Davies reported on the following items:

- She reported on her attendance at the March 9<sup>th</sup> Interfor Meeting in support of the removal of the Midway Point of Appraisal
- She urged everyone to participate in Earth Hour on March 27<sup>th</sup> and that participating citizens may choose to register through the City website or by accessing: [http://fortisbc.com/powersense/earth\\_hour\\_results.php](http://fortisbc.com/powersense/earth_hour_results.php)

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**Mayor Taylor:**

- The Mayor advised that we do not have the support from Midway with regards to the Point of Appraisal removal for Interfor. He advised that MLA John Slater is moving forward with support of other small communities, but our group is currently waiting for Midway decision
- He reported on his attendance at the Deer Committee Meeting held on Thursday, March 18th. He advised that the committee decided that there are three important objectives: 1) Signage – Christine Silver from ICBC shared information on intermittent signage which draws attention by flashing which are powered by Solar energy; and that these signs are moveable. He advised that the committee is requesting Staff to do a cost analysis on intermittent signage. 2) Soft Statistics – He advised that this is information gathered from Emcon, the RCMP, and City Works Staff with regard to high damage areas and costs arising from accidents involving deer. The committee will be sending letters to local people asking for their expertise 3) Education – The Mayor advised that the Granby Wilderness Society is planning to place ads in the paper and that they are currently building a website that tracks points of high deer areas.

MOTION: THOMPSON/DAVIES

**RESOLVED THAT STAFF BE REQUESTED TO DO A COST ANALYSIS ON INTERMITTENT MOVEABLE SIGNAGE THAT IS POWERED BY SOLAR ENERGY , AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT STAFF BE REQUESTED TO SUBMIT INFORMATION REQUESTS FROM EMCON, THE RCMP AND CITY WORKS STAFF REGARDING HIGH DEER COLLISION AREAS AND DAMAGE COSTS RESULTING IN CONTACT WITH DEER. CARRIED.**

- The Mayor announced that next month, the Deer Committee is planning to put forward an anti-feeding bylaw with regards to Deer.

MOTION: ROBERT/DAVIES

**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 reported that Regional District office in Trail is undergoing major renovations and that their regular board meetings will be held in Grand Forks in the interim.
- He reported that the Regional District is currently working on solutions to establish health care service levels in our community as currently there is no mechanism in place. The Regional District needs to clarify whose job it is to approve projects in our area.

MOTION: THOMPSON/WIRISCHAGIN

**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 – Solar Community Application

MOTION: ROBERT/DAVIES

**RESOLVED THAT THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT DATED MARCH 15TH, 2010, REGARDING THE REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF APPLICATION BY THE CITY FOR CONSIDERATION IN BEING APPOINTED A SOLAR COMMUNITY, BE RECEIVED, AND THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS FILING THE APPLICATION FOR A SOLAR COMMUNITY FOR FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000.**

CARRIED.

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**REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

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**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

MOTION: THOMPSON/WIRISCHAGIN

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

**CARRIED.**

- a) Correspondence from Interior BC Hydro announcing Earth Hour on March 27<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 to 9:30 PM. **Recommend that City participate in earth hour where deemed non-essential and safe and to urge the public to participate as well. Earth Hour notification to also appear in City's March Newsletter.**
- b) City of Castlegar Earth Hour Challenge to Grand Forks to participate in Earth Hour. **Recommend that Grand Forks accepts their challenge. [www.earthhour.org](http://www.earthhour.org)**
- c) Correspondence from Fortis BC for BC Open Houses in March, 2010 regarding PowerSense demand side management program. **Invitation to attend the open houses and that on-line information is also available via their website. Councillor Robert expressed concern that Grand Forks was not included as an Open House venue.**
- d) Canadian Cancer Society Daffodil Month to advise that April is Cancer awareness daffodil month and the April 9<sup>th</sup> is Daffodil Day– **City send a letter of support to your organization and advise that the City does not issue proclamations.**
- e) BC Senior Games Sponsorship Program – Notification of 55 Plus Games to be held in 2010. **Receive for information.**

MOTION: ROBERT/THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL PURCHASE A DOGWOOD SPONSOR OPTION FOR A COST OF \$750.00 IN RECOGNITION OF THE BC SENIOR GAMES AND THAT FUNDS BE CONSIDERED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GRANT-IN-AID PROCESS. CARRIED.**

- f) AKBLG resolutions endorsed at UBCM – Grand Forks resolutions B71, B110, B155, B163 are endorsed. Resolution B99 has been referred to the elections task force and resolution A3 was endorsed as amended. **Receive for information.**
  - g) Minutes from the Public Safety Committee Meeting that was held on February 25th. **Recommend to file.**
  - h) March 8<sup>th</sup> Task List of Completed and In-Progress Tasks. **Recommend to file.**
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**BYLAWS:**

- a) **Chief Financial Officer's Report – Bylaw 1895 – City of Grand Forks 2010-Residential Garbage Fees**

**MOTION:** THOMPSON/DAVIES

**RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1895, CITED AS “THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS 2010-RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE FEES BYLAW NO. 1895, 2010”, BE GIVEN FIRST READING.**

**CARRIED.**

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**MOTION:** WIRISCHAGIN/MOSLIN

**RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1895, CITED AS “THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS 2010-RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE FEES BYLAW NO. 1895, 2010”, BE GIVEN SECOND READING.**

**CARRIED.**

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**MOTION:** WYERS/ROBERT

**RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1895, CITED AS “THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS 2010-RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE FEES BYLAW NO. 1895, 2010”, BE GIVEN THIRD READING.**

**CARRIED.**

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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 9:51 P.M.**

**CARRIED.**

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**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

  
MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR

  
CORPORATE OFFICER- DIANE HEINRICH