

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY MAY 10, 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
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER C. Arnott

GALLERY

CALL TO ORDER:

The Mayor called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION: ROBERT / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE MAY 10, 2010, REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: THOMPSON / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 19TH, 2010, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

MOTION: THOMPSON / MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY APRIL 19TH, 2010, AND ALL RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

- a) Corporate Officer's Report – Delegation – David Evdokimoff on the Solar Energy Initiative

David Evdokimoff spoke with regard to Boundary Electric's Solar Energy Initiative, and discussed the following points:

1. Provided background information on the company, Boundary Electric.
2. Advised that the company is now an agent for solar-grid tie systems, stating that the solar side is a new initiative for the company.
3. Explained the off grid systems, how they work, and their appropriateness for cottages.
4. Advised that the grid tie systems will help subsidize electrical systems in new construction which will allow residents to do their part of being green.

MOTION: DAVIES / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE PRESENTATION MADE BY DAVID EVDOKIMOFF OF BOUNDARY ELECTRIC (1985) LTD., WITH REGARD TO A SOLAR ENERGY INITIATIVE, BE RECEIVED.
CARRIED

- b) Corporate Officer's Report – Delegation – Arts & Culture Initiative Team – Economic Development Task Force –

Ray Lafleur spoke on behalf of the Arts & Culture Initiative Team, and discussed the following points:

1. Began his presentation by providing the background on the work of the Boundary Arts Council throughout the past 10 years, encompassing some 20 different arts groups.
2. First run of an Annual Festival – 10 consecutive days, a regional event with many communities. Looking to showcase music and theatre including a children's marquee and a youth hang-out, and featured performers.
3. Looking to schedule this event between July 22 and August 21, and will consider established out-of area events.
4. Would incorporate a mix of public and private venues, indoor and outdoor.
5. Would include all ages and interests, the host agency being the Boundary District Arts Council, but would develop a management structure.
6. Requires an unparalleled publicity effort, and support from municipalities and ministries.
7. Proposal was endorsed by Boundary Arts Council on April 26, 2010.
8. Requested a letter of support from the City that would allow the group to go to possible sponsors with the idea that the City is behind the proposal.
9. Looking to begin in 2011. Seeking support for paid staff.

MOTION: DAVIES / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT THE PRESENTATION MADE BY RAY LAFLEUR OF THE ARTS & CULTURE INITIATIVE TEAM OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
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TASK FORCE, BE RECEIVED AND THAT THE TASK OF THE FIRST RUN OF AN ANNUAL ARTS AND CULTURAL FESTIVAL BE INCLUDED IN THE GRAND FORKS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

CARRIED.

MOTION: DAVIES / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL SUBMIT A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO THE BOUNDARY DISTRICT ARTS COUNCIL OF THE PROPOSED ANNUAL ARTS AND CULTURAL FESTIVAL, AS REQUESTED BY THE ARTS AND CULTURE TEAM OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE.

CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Corporate Officer's Report – Deer Contact Information and Cost Analysis on Intermittent Moveable Solar Powered Signage, as per Council's request at the March 22, 2010 Regular Meeting of Council.

MOTION: ROBERT / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE CORPORATE OFFICER'S REPORT, DATED APRIL 30, 2010, REGARDING DEER CONTACT INFORMATION, BE RECEIVED. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE REPORT, INCLUDING ALL THE INFORMATION AND DATA REQUESTED ON DEER CONTACT IN THE CITY AND THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH MOVEABLE SOLAR SIGNAGE, BE REFERRED TO THE DEER COMMITTEE.**

CARRIED.

- b) Corporate Officer's Report – Options for the Proposed Dog Park, including the feasibility, pros and cons and the costs involved in constructing and maintaining a Dog Park in the City of Grand Forks.

MOTION: THOMPSON / MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT THE CORPORATE OFFICER'S REPORT, DATED MAY 3, 2010, REGARDING THE FEASIBILITY, POTENTIAL OPTIONS, AND COSTS INCURRED, IN CONSTRUCTING AND MAINTAINING A DOG PARK IN THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS, BE RECEIVED, FOR DISCUSSION.

CARRIED.

MOTION: THOMPSON / DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DESIGNATE CITY PROPERTY, LOCATED IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF THE EVERGREEN CEMETERY AS THE SITE FOR THE PROPOSED DOG PARK, SUBJECT TO THE ENTRANCE OF THE DOG PARK BEING FROM 18TH STREET.

CARRIED.

MOTION: THOMPSON / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE APRIL 9, 2009, RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL WHICH DEDICATED CITY OWNED PROPERTY IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF THE BMX PARK, AS THE FUTURE SITE OF A PROPOSED DOG PARK, BE RESCINDED. CARRIED.

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

Councillor Wirischagin:

Councillor Wirischagin reported on the following items:

- Advised that he had no report for this evening.
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Councillor Moslin:

Councillor Moslin reported on the following items:

- Reported on the outcome of the Public Meeting on the proposed pathway (RINC) project, projected to cost \$2.3 million to be completed by March 31, 2011, and will be substantively completed by October 31, 2010.
 - Advised that Move for Health Day will be held in City Park on Saturday May 15, 2010.
 - Reported on his attendance at a planning workshop as part of the carbon neutral Kootenay Project, on May 6. He outlined goals for carbon emissions, suggesting that Staff will work on things that will reduce our carbon emissions.
 - Advised that Solar Days will be held on May 28th in the City Parking area adjacent to Selkirk College, adding that Fortis BC has provided solar powered toy cars which school children will race in the parking lot.
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Councillor Wyers:

Councillor Wyers reported on the following items:

- Reported on her attendance at the April 27th GFI organizational meeting.
 - Reported that the Art Gallery had their Regular Board meeting on April 27th.
 - Reported on her attendance at the Public Library Board meeting on April 28th.
 - Reported on her attendance at the Girl Guides 100th Anniversary at the Scout Hall.
 - Advised that she has received confirmation on Canada Day funding from Heritage Canada, in the amount of \$1200. She stated that the City contributes \$700 to the festivities.
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Councillor Robert:

Councillor Robert reported on the following items:

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- Clarified that the Trans Canada Trail is a non-motorized trail and further pointed out that ATV's and dirt bikes are damaging the trail, as it was never intended for motorized use.
- Commented on the new West Boundary Visitors Guide.
- Reported on April 29th on the HST Petition Signing.
- Brought forward the matter of a Call for a Provincial Poverty Reduction Plan, and provided notice to Council that he intends to bring forward a resolution for Council's consideration that would see Council support a Poverty Reduction Plan for British Columbia, at the next Regular Meeting of Council.

A copy of Councillor Robert's Report is attached.

Councillor Thompson:

Councillor Thompson reported on the following items:

- Reported on her attendance at the Annual General Meeting of the Boundary Museum Society on April 26, 2010.
- Advised that the Boundary Museum opened to the public on May 1st.
- Reported on her attendance at the Restorative Justice conference in Abbotsford on April 30 - May 1, stating that she inquired at this conference as to any opportunities that municipalities may have to use this program to resolve complaints, such as unsightly premises. She went on to advise that the Restorative Justice Program is not the avenue that can be used for this purpose, however there are other programs and training for Restorative Justice members for this purpose.

A copy of Councillor Thompson's Report is attached.

Councillor Davies:

Councillor Davies reported on the following items:

- Announced that Solar City Days will be held on May 28 in the Selkirk College Parking Lot from 11 a.m. thru 6 p.m. She went on to outline the planned activities for the day.
- Reported on the balance of the process for the Economic Development Plan, undertaken by the Economic Development Task Force, stating the next steps will include the development of the Economic Development Plan and the setting up of an Economic Development Commission.
- Brought forward the matter of sealed storage containers being located on residential properties as accessory buildings.

MOTION: DAVIES / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT STAFF BE DIRECTED TO RESEARCH STORAGE CONTAINERS BEING LOCATED ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES AS ACCESSORY BUILDINGS AND TO COME BACK WITH A REPORT ON HOW TO ADDRESS THESE THROUGH THE ZONING AND THE BUILDING BYLAW.

CARRIED.

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- Advised that the Community Garden group is requesting further funding through grant-in-aid in the amount \$2,000.
- Inquired as to an update on the Regional Hospital Board Meeting. The Mayor advised that the issue of additional items were not in the original mandate of the Interior Health Authority. He further advised that some people would like to see an expanded mandate, and the Mayor suggested that a local Health Watch Committee would become involved in local health issues. He advised that members of the Health Watch Community are a cross section of the community.

A copy of Councillor Davies report notes is attached.

Mayor Taylor:

- No report.

MOTION: DAVIES / 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 reported on his attendance at the Planning Game at Community Futures last Wednesday.
- He reported that Gaia Green has been working with our city staff and the city has been organic since 1997.
- Reported on the Visitors Choice magazine, and suggested that there will be a movement to go back to a more locally produced publication.
- Advised that in regards to web design and branding, the City will get their own web design.
- He advised that the German delegation from the Regional District's sister district Spree Niese is here visiting the region.
- Advised that the proposed Area C Dog Park has been approved, wherein dogs will have access to Christina Lake.
- Brought forward the matter of a review of Dog Control Contract, stating that there is no interest in expanding the service to include cats. He stated that a number of suggestions from stakeholders, including Grand Forks, were discussed.
- Touched on the Dog Control Contract with the RDKB, and the city owned facility used for the function.
- Advised that the Deer committee report will be coming forward with more information on the control of deer, including a deer feeding bylaw, which he suggested should focus on education.

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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) Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Cash-in-Lieu of Parking Contributions

MOTION: MOSLIN / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT, DATED APRIL 26, 2010, REGARDING THE IMPLICATIONS OF REFUNDING CASH-IN-LIEU OF PARKING FEES, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE CITY MAINTAINS THE CURRENT BYLAW AND THAT NO REFUNDS BE FORWARDED TO THE CONTRIBUTORS OF THE CASH-IN-LIEU OF PARKING RESERVE FUND. CARRIED.

b) Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Water Conservation Plan

MOTION: ROBERT / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT, DATED APRIL 20, 2010, REGARDING A WATER CONSERVATION PLAN, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE WATER CONSERVATION PLAN, AUTHORED BY KERR WOOD LEIDAL, DATED APRIL, 2010, AS ATTACHED, BE APPROVED. CARRIED.

c) Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Application for a Heritage Alteration Permit

MOTION: DAVIES /

RESOLVED THAT THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT, DATED MAY 4, 2010, REGARDING AN APPLICATION FOR A HERITAGE ALTERATION PERMIT, BE DEFERRED TO THE MAY 31, 2010, REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL.

The motion failed to receive a seconder.

MOTION: ROBERT / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT, DATED MAY 4, 2010, REGARDING AN APPLICATION FOR A HERITAGE ALTERATION PERMIT, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE HERITAGE ALTERATION PERMIT APPLICATION, ISSUING THE HERITAGE ALTERATION PERMIT TO FACILITATE THE PLANNED REPLACEMENT OF THE FRONT DOORS AND THE INSTALLATION OF ENTRANCE GATE SIGNAGE AT THE HISTORIC COURTHOUSE BUILDING, LOCATED AT 524 CENTRAL AVENUE, IN SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE, WITH THE PLANS PRESENTED IN THE APPLICATION, AS SUBMITTED BY THE GRAND FORKS ART GALLERY SOCIETY. CARRIED.

d) Chief Financial Officer's Report – Tax, Fees and Charges Report

MOTION: THOMPSON / DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT, DATED MAY 10, 2010, REGARDING THE TAXES, FEES AND CHARGES REPORT, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE PRESENTATION, AND REPORT PROVIDED BY THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AT THIS MEETING, AND REFERS TO THIS REPORT WHEN ADOPTING THE TAX RATE BYLAW NO. 1900.

CARRIED.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / ROBERT

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

CARRIED.

- a) Letter from the Grand Forks & District Recreation Commission – Outlining the Commission's resolution identifying and supporting the City Park site as the most suitable location for the future multi-use sport field – **Recommend to refer to Staff for consideration when presenting the Multi-Purpose Playing Field Report.**
- b) Letter from Grand Forks Fall Fair – Request for the Mayor to speak at the Opening Ceremonies and seeking advertising sponsorship at the 100th Birthday Celebrations in August. **Recommend that the Mayor confirm his attendance and that a ¼ Page non-colour ad in the amount of \$55.00 be placed in support of the Fall Fair.**
- c) Email from Councillor Wyers – Geocaching event in Grand Forks for May 22 – Looking for event support. **Recommend that the City of Grand Forks offer City Pins as part of the "cashes".**

- d) Correspondence from the City of Burnaby regarding Canada & US Agreement to buy American Provisions. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- e) Correspondence from MP Alex Atamanenko regarding the Burnaby letter on Free-Trade Agreement. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- f) 2010 Legacies Now Correspondence introducing the 2010 Legacies Now Scrapbook. **Recommend to file, scrap book located in Council Lounge.**
- g) Email request from AKBLG for feedback from Conference participants via web link. – **Recommend that Members of Council who attended the Conference in Castlegar may offer their feedback through the link.**
- h) Correspondence from Grand Forks & Boundary Regional Agricultural Society – request for City assistance in hooking up water source to community garden. **Recommend Refer to Staff to research requirements in connecting water and advise community gardens on next steps.**

MOTION: DAVIES / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE A FURTHER GRANT-IN-AID OF \$2,000 TO ALLOW THE COMMUNITY GARDEN TEAM TO PROCEED WITH THE INSTALLATION OF UNDERGROUND IRRIGATION THIS YEAR, IN ORDER THAT THE GARDEN CAN BE UP AND RUNNING THIS MAY. DEFEATED.

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MOTION: ROBERT / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE GRANT-IN-AID APPLICATION PROCESS BE RE-OPENED AS OF TOMORROW MORNING AND THAT APPLICATIONS BE BROUGHT FORWARD FOR COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION ON MAY 31ST. CARRIED.

- i) Correspondence from Royal Canadian Legion-Request support for their yearly publication "Military Service Recognition Book" – **Recommend that Council may choose to support, by resolution, to place a ¼ page advertisement for \$425.00 in the Royal Canadian Legion's Military Service Recognition Book".**

MOTION: THOMPSON / ROBERTS

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS SUPPORT THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BY PLACING A ¼ PAGE ADVERTISEMENT, SIMILAR TO THAT OF LAST YEAR, AT A COST OF \$425.00 IN THE MILITARY SERVICE RECOGNITION BOOK. CARRIED.

- j) Notice of Permit – Approved Application for a Development Permit to replace sign at 7461 – 3rd Street. **Recommend it be received for information.**
- k) Development Permit – Approved Application for a Development Permit to restore heritage home, by replacing veranda on house at 880 Central Avenue. **Recommend it be received for information.**

- l) BC Cattleman's Association News Release – Every Day on a Ranch is Earth Day – **Recommend it be received for information.**
- m) Fortis BC Annual Report – **Recommend it be received. Annual Report placed in Council Lounge.**
- n) BC Government Caucus News Release – BC Government Expands Gilpin Grasslands Park – **Recommend it be received for Information.**
- o) Ministry of Environment – Implementation of CCME Canada-wide Municipal Wastewater Strategy in BC. **Recommend it be received for Information.**
- p) April 19th Task List – List of completed and In-progress tasks. **Recommend it be received.**
- q) Public Safety Meeting Minutes from April 30th Meeting – **Recommend it be received.**

BYLAWS:

a) Chief Financial Officer's Report – Bylaw 1899 –2010 Campground Fees Bylaw

MOTION: ROBERT / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1899, CITED AS “THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS MUNICIPAL CAMPGROUND REGULATION AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1899, 2010”, BE GIVEN FIRST READING

CARRIED.

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MOTION: THOMPSON / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1899, CITED AS “THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS MUNICIPAL CAMPGROUND REGULATION AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1899, 2010”, BE GIVEN SECOND READING

CARRIED.

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MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1899, CITED AS “THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS MUNICIPAL CAMPGROUND REGULATION AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1899, 2010”, BE GIVEN THIRD READING

CARRIED.

b) Chief Financial Officer's Report – Bylaw 1900 –2010 Tax Rates Bylaw

MOTION: DAVIES / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1900, CITED AS "2010 ANNUAL TAX RATES BYLAW",
BE GIVEN FIRST READING. CARRIED

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MOTION: THOMPSON / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1900, CITED AS "2010 ANNUAL TAX RATES BYLAW",
BE GIVEN SECOND READING. CARRIED.

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MOTION: WYERS / DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1900, CITED AS "2010 ANNUAL TAX RATES BYLAW",
BE GIVEN THIRD READING. CARRIED.

LATE ITEMS:

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA:

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 10:58
P.M. CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER - LYNNE BURCH