

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY NOVEMBER 22ND, 2010

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

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	L. Burch
CORPORATE OFFICER	D. Heinrich
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	C. Arnott
MANAGER OF WORKS & SERVICES	W. Kopan
MANAGER OF TECHNICAL SERVICES	S. Bird
DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF	D. Heriot

GALLERY

CALL TO ORDER:

The Mayor called the Meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

RECESS TO PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING:

MOTION: DAVIES/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE RECESSED AT 7:01 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 regular meeting reconvened at 9:02 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION: ROBERT/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT THE NOVEMBER 22ND, 2010, REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: ROBERT/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 1ST, 2010, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

MOTION: ROBERT/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 1ST, 2010, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

- a) Corporate Officer's Report – Delegation, Boundary Women's Coalition

Presentation by Sheila Dobie of the Boundary Women's Coalition requesting that Council consider lowering the flag to half mast at City Hall on December 6th, 2010, in honor of the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against women.

MOTION: ROBERT/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE PRESENTATION AND AUTHORIZES THE FLAG AT CITY HALL TO BE LOWERED TO HALF MAST ON DECEMBER 6TH, 2010 RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE AND ACTION ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, IN HONOUR OF WOMEN WHO HAVE DIED FROM THIS VIOLENCE WORLDWIDE AND TO MAKE THIS AN ANNUAL EVENT ON EACH DECEMBER 6TH. CARRIED.

The Boundary Women's Coalition asked if they could liaise with City Staff with regard to the event of lowering the flag to half mast at City Hall and was advised that they could be involved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Corporate Officer's Report – Unsightly Premises – 7630-17th Street

A chronological documentation formed a part of this report with regard to the property located at 7630-17th Street.

MOTION: ROBERT/MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVE THE REPORT DATED, NOVEMBER 15TH, 2010, AND AUTHORIZES STAFF TO ISSUE A THIRD NOTICE TO THE TENANT, MR. DAN PLANIDIN; AND TO THE PROPERTY OWNER, MR. LEO BOLINOFF OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7630-17TH STREET, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 4, PLAN NUMBER 30628, D.L. 380, L.D. 54 STATING THAT THE CITY WILL ENTER THE AFFECTED PARCEL AND REMOVE ANY THING OR THINGS THAT RENDER THE PARCEL UNSIGHTLY ON A DATE SPECIFIED BY STAFF BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:00 AM AND 8:00 PM, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS BYLAW NO. 1680 ; AND

FURTHER AUTHORIZES ITS OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, CONTRACTORS OR AGENTS TO ENTER ONTO THE PARCEL AND REMOVE ANY THING OR THINGS SPECIFIED IN THE FIRST NOTICE THAT RENDER THE PARCEL UNSIGHTLY ON THE DATE SPECIFIED IN THE THIRD NOTICE, OR AT ANOTHER DATE AND TIME AGREED TO BY THE OWNER. CARRIED.

Mr. Planidin, the tenant, was present for the meeting; the Mayor asked Council if they would allow Mr. Planidin to speak with regard to the decision. Council advised that they would allow him to speak. Mr. Planidin spoke with regard to his progress for cleaning up the property with limited resources, and Council advised him that he needs to work together with Staff in an effort to clean up the property.

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- b) Corporate Officer's Report – Deferment of Motion Regarding Deer Management as a Line Item in the 2011 Budget Process

MOTION: MOSLIN/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE CORPORATE OFFICER'S REPORT, DATED NOVEMBER 16TH, 2010, AND AUTHORIZES THE INCLUSION OF DEER MANAGEMENT IN THE 2011-2015 FIVE-YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN. CARRIED.

Councillors Robert & Davies voted against the motion.

MOTION: THOMPSON/ MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT THE AMOUNT OF \$5000. TO BE INCLUDED IN THE 2011-2015 FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN FOR THE PURPOSES OF DEER MANAGEMENT. CARRIED.

Councillors Robert & Davies voted against the motion.

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- c) Chief Financial Officer's Presentation – PowerPoint Presentation of the 2011-2015 Five Year Financial Plan

The Chief Administrative Officer introduced the Chief Financial Officer who presented the Five Year Financial Plan. The Chief Financial Officer advised that the focus on the proposed Five Year Financial Plan is based upon Capital planning. The CFO went through a series of PowerPoint slides that highlighted the Kerr Wood Leidal report on the City's Infrastructure requirements and of projects that Council would like to see implemented.

MOTION: DAVIES/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER'S PRESENTATION WITH REGARD TO THE 2011-2015 FIVE-YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN.
CARRIED.

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

Councillor Moslin:

Councillor Moslin reported on the following items:

- He wished to thank the volunteers who helped to tabulate the deer survey.
 - He congratulated the crew and cast of "Clue" on their recent play success.
 - He advised that he is putting a notice of motion for the December 6th, 2010 meeting, asking that staff prepare two referendum questions with regard to the delivery of museum services in the City of Grand Forks and Area in relation to the funding for the Boundary Museum Society and the Grand Forks Art Gallery Society. He further advised that both Societies should be present at a future Council Meeting to provide their input.
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MOTION: THOMPSON/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL REVIEW THE GRANT IN AID POLICY AND BRING FORWARD THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AMENDING THAT POLICY FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE MARCH 2011 PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING. CARRIED.

Councillor Davies voted against the motion

Councillor Wyers:

Councillor Wyers reported on the following items:

- She reported her attendance at a Regional District of Kootenay Boundary information evening on November 9th at Christina Lake.
- Reported her attendance at a Boundary Dog Sled Association Meeting on November 10th. She further advised that the event is scheduled for January 28 to 31, 2011, and that the organization is looking for volunteers.
- Reported attending the Remembrance Day Service on November 11th in honor of the many Canadian soldiers who gave their lives in the Wars.
- She advised of her attendance to a Boundary District Arts Council Meeting on November 15th, and presented the Mayor with a Certificate of recognition for the City's contribution to their organization.
- Councillor Wyers reported that there was a Grand Forks and District Fall Fair AGM on November 16th and that Les Braden is the new President of the Fall Fair Society.

- Reported her attendance at a Grand Forks Library Public Trustees Meeting on November 17th and that their Strategic Plan was reviewed at that meeting.
 - She reported that Santa Clause is coming to town by way of a parade on November 26th and that the festivity starts at 7:00 PM.
 - She announced that the Grand Forks Art Galley is having their Annual Wine Tasting on November 27th.
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Councillor Robert:

Councillor Robert reported on the following items:

- He spoke with regard to the Wine Tasting Event at Gallery 2 on November 27th, and advised that the event will feature 14 wineries.
 - He spoke with regard to his attendance at the Sustainability Conference in Kelowna on November 15th-18th hosted by Fresh Look Foundation. He spoke with regard to changes that Grand Forks is experiencing and advised that the City needs to focus on green initiatives and also to meet our climate change challenges.
 - Councillor Robert advised that he will be putting a notion of motion to Council with regard to having the ICSP (Integrated Community Sustainability Plan) brought to Council for discussion purposes.
 - He inquired if the City of Grand Forks has a Climate Action Plan, and was advised that it does.
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Councillor Thompson:

Councillor Thompson reported on the following items:

- She reported on her attendance to a Boundary Economic Development Committee (BEDC) meeting on November 2nd. She advised that the BEDC expressed interest in the status of the City's Economic Development Committee, and that Councillor Davies advised that each presentation presented to Council has been forwarded to Community Futures.
- She reported on her attendance at the Boundary Museum Society Board's regular monthly meeting on November 10th, and advised that Laura Savinkoff and Yvonne LaBoucanne-Yemm have resigned, and that Laura Lodder and Cliff Schuh will be filling these vacancies until the next Annual General Meeting. Councillor Thompson further advised that the Museum Society is excited about the possibility of locating the community archives at City Hall, and that she will be providing a tour of the proposed area in the basement at City Hall at 9:00 AM tomorrow.
- Reported attending a meeting of the Phoenix Foundation on November 10th, and advised that the Christmas campaign is underway. She advised that the Board is considering updating the Vital Signs 2011 and discussed approaching the City for a contribution toward this project.
- On November 15th, she reported her attendance at a dinner and meeting of the Boundary District Arts Council.

- She reported that the Grand Forks Fall Fair Society held their AGM meeting on November 16th, where the election of officers saw Les Braden as president; Irene Perepolkin as vice-president; Cher Wyers as secretary; and Dana O'Donnell as Treasurer.
 - She reported that on Friday evening, November 19th, she attended the performance of Clue the Musical.
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Councillor Davies:

Councillor Davies reported on the following items:

- She reported on her attendance at a November 6th presentation at School District 51, with regard to solar funding opportunities for schools. She advised that Councillor Moslin and Paul Pinard were also in attendance.
 - She reported on her attendance at the Sustainability Conference on November 15-18th, in Kelowna, and commented that it was one of the best conferences that she has attended. She advised of her attendance at several workshops at the conference and of the abundance of valuable information that was given.
 - Reported on her attendance at the Boundary Economic Development Committee Meeting on November 2nd.
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Mayor Taylor:

The Mayor reported on the following items:

- He advised that the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary will be holding budget meetings that will be broaching funding for playing field projects and for arts & culture.
- The Mayor advised that he will be unable to attend the Christmas Dinner at the Gospel Chapel on Christmas Day; Councillor Davies, as acting Mayor for December, advised that she will be pleased to attend the dinner in his absence.
- The Mayor asked if Council would put forward a motion that would allow the City to participate in a shared advertising published that is sponsored by TOTA (Thompson Okanagan Tourism Association).

MOTION: THOMPSON/MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS PARTICIPATE IN A PORTION OF AN ADVERTISING PAGE IN A TOURISM PUBLICATION SPONSORED BY THOMPSON OKANAGAN TOURISM ASSOCIATION (TOTA), AT A COST OF APPROXIMATELY \$900.00. CARRIED

- The Mayor spoke with regard to the branding process that is currently underway for the region and advised that the information will be presented to Council in January, 2011.
- He announced that an Agriculture Plan for the area will be unveiled tomorrow in Rock Creek by Irene Perepolkin, Area D Director for the Regional District.
- He advised that the renovations to the Trail Regional District of Kootenay Boundary office are almost completed, and advised that board meetings will soon return to Trail.

MOTION: ROBERT/WYERS

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)

- No report to give as Regional District matters were discussed in the Mayor's report.
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RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:

- a) Corporate Officer's Report – 2011 Regular Meeting Schedule

MOTION: THOMPSON/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL PROVIDES NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF THE 2011 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE AND DIRECTS STAFF TO PUBLISH NOTICE IN THE GRAND FORKS GAZETTE AS REQUIRED BY THE COMMUNITY CHARTER. CARRIED.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION: ROBERT/WYERS

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

- a) Kettle River Watershed Management Plan Terms of Reference. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- b) Correspondence from Geoscience – Roadmap to Economic Strength – “Data for Discovery” Initiative. **Recommend to receive for information.**

- c) Correspondence the Canada Day Committee announcing that there's a new application deadline of January 15, 2011. **Recommend receiving for information – Councillor Wyers submitting application on behalf of the Canada Day Committee.**
- d) Thank-you to Council from the Boundary Woodworkers Guild – for use of space in the SPCA Building. **Recommend to file**
- e) Correspondence from the Boundary Emergency & Transition Housing (BETH) Society – Informing Council of their meetings and activities. **Receive for information.**
- f) Correspondence from Community Futures Boundary – Thanking Mayor and Council for City's contribution towards the Regional Chamber of Commerce. **Recommend to file.**
- g) From Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure – Thanking the citizens of Grand Forks for their support during the Yale Bridge Resurfacing Project. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- h) Request from Dale Best on behalf of the Santa Parade Committee – Requesting permission from Council to have a Santa Day Parade. **Recommend that Council grant permission.**

MOTION: THOMPSON/DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL GRANT PERMISSION FOR THE SANTA PARADE TO TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH, 2010, AT 7:00 PM WITHIN THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS AS INDICATED IN THE DIAGRAM THAT ACCOMPANIED THE REQUEST LETTER. CARRIED.

- i) Correspondence from Gallery 2 requesting permission for Council to grant a special occasion Liquor License for their Annual Wine Tasting on November 27th, 2010. **Recommend that Council grant permission to Gallery 2.**

MOTION: ROBERT/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE ISSUING OF A SPECIAL OCCASION LIQUOR LICENSE TO THE GRAND FORKS ART GALLERY SOCIETY FOR THE PURPOSE A WINE TASTING EVENT AT GALLERY 2 ON NOVEMBER 27, 2010, FROM 7:30 PM TO 10:00 PM SUBJECT TO THE GRAND FORKS ART GALLERY SOCIETY OBTAINING 3RD PARTY (PARTY ALCOHOL) LIABILITY INSURANCE NAMING THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS AS AN ADDITIONAL INSURED ON THEIR POLICY FOR THE EVENT; AND SUBJECT TO ALL LIQUOR PROVIDERS HOLDING A SERVE-IT-RIGHT LICENSE CERTIFICATE. CARRIED.

- j) Correspondence from BC Lung Association requesting permission to hang a banner across Highway 3 from December 3rd to December 31st, 2010. **Recommend that Council grant permission to hang banner over Highway 3.**
- k) Email from Terasen Gas regarding the commercial energy efficiency rebate program. **Recommend to receive for information – more information is available on their internet link.**

- l) News Release from Regional Districts of Kootenay Boundary, Central Kootenay, & East Kootenay; and Columbia Basin Trust advising that the three Regional Districts have completed their Carbon Neutral Action Plans. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- m) Correspondence from Barry Brandow with regard to Wildlife Fencing information. **Recommend to receive for information – CD is available in Council Lounge.**
- n) Correspondence from Mountain FM – Advising on annual Miracle Marathon to assist Food Banks. **Recommend to receive for information.**

The Mayor advised that he is meeting with Jeff Bray from Shaw Cable next week and will report back to Council on the results of the meeting.

- o) From UBCM – 2010 Referred Resolutions from Grand Forks that were presented at the UBCM 2010 Conference. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- p) Email to UBCM Members – Information regarding the BC Healthy Living Alliance and advising that additional information is available on-line. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- q) November 1st Task List of completed and in-progress tasks from that meeting. **Recommend to file.**

BYLAWS:

- a) **Corporate Officer's Report – Bylaw 1903 – To Close and Remove the Dedication of that portion of 8th Street shown on Plan 72, DL 108, SDYD**

MOTION: THOMPSON/DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1903, CITED AS “8th Street Road Closure Bylaw No. 1903, 2010”, BE GIVEN FIRST READING.

CARRIED.

MOTION: ROBERT/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1903, CITED AS “8th Street Road Closure Bylaw No. 1903, 2010”, BE GIVEN SECOND READING.

CARRIED.

MOTION: WYERS/DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1903, CITED AS “8TH Street Road Closure Bylaw No. 1903, 2010”, BE GIVEN THIRD READING.

CARRIED.

b) Corporate Officer's Report – Bylaw 1905 – Amendments to the City of Grand Forks Official Community Plan Bylaw

MOTION: MOSLIN/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1905, CITED AS “Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Official Community Plan Designation Bylaw No. 1905, 2010”, BE GIVEN FIRST READING.
CARRIED.

MOTION: ROBERT/WYERS

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1905, CITED AS “Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Official Community Plan Designation Bylaw No. 1905, 2010”, BE GIVEN SECOND READING.
CARRIED.

c) Corporate Officer's Report – Bylaw 1906-Amendments to the City of Grand Forks Zoning Bylaw

MOTION: THOMPSON/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1906, CITED AS “Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Zoning Bylaw No. 1906, 2010”, BE GIVEN FIRST READING.
CARRIED.

MOTION: WYERS/DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1906, CITED AS “Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Zoning Bylaw No. 1906, 2010”, BE GIVEN SECOND READING.
CARRIED.

LATE ITEMS:

None

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA:

None

IN-CAMERA RESOLUTION:

MOTION: ROBERT/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL CONVENE AN IN-CAMERA MEETING AS OUTLINED UNDER SECTION 90 OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER TO DISCUSS MATTERS IN A

CLOSED MEETING WHICH ARE THE SUBJECT OF SECTIONS 90(1) (e), THE ACQUISITION, DISPOSITION OR EXPROPRIATION OF LAND OR IMPROVEMENTS, IF THE COUNCIL CONSIDERS THAT DISCLOSURE COULD REASONABLY BE EXPECTED TO HARM THE INTERESTS OF THE MUNICIPALITY, OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT PERSONS, OTHER THAN MEMBERS, OFFICERS, OR OTHER PERSONS TO WHOM COUNCIL MAY DEEM NECESSARY TO CONDUCT CITY BUSINESS, WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM THE IN-CAMERA MEETING.

CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 10:55 P.M. CARRIED.

CERTIFIED-CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


CORPORATE OFFICER- DIANE HEINRICH