

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY OCTOBER 18TH, 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

GALLERY

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

MOTION: THOMPSON/MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD MONDAY, OCTOBER 18TH, 2010, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

a) **Corporate Officer's Report – Delegation – Boundary Fibre Festival Society**

Lynne Relph, Chairperson of the Boundary Fibre Festival Society made a presentation to Council requesting a letter of support enabling the Society to apply for grants to cover expenses for a Fibre Festival for Grand Forks.

Ms. Relph spoke with regard to the "Fibre Fusion" Festival scheduled for August 11th to August 13th, 2011, and advised that several artisans would be showcasing their arts and that a target of between 250 and 300 attendees including the workshops and vendors would be in attendance. She further reported at the scheduled venue for their first festival would be at the Gospel Chapel.

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MOTION: ROBERT/DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT THE PRESENTATION MADE BY LYNNE RELPH, CHAIRPERSON FOR THE BOUNDARY FIBRE FESTIVAL SOCIETY, BE RECEIVED.

AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO PROVIDE A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO THE BOUNDARY FIBRE FESTIVAL SOCIETY SO THAT THE SOCIETY MAY APPLY FOR GRANTS TO COVER EXPENSES FOR A FIBRE FESTIVAL FOR GRAND FORKS. CARRIED.

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b) Corporate Officer's Report – Delegation – Robert Morton, President of the Grand Forks Art Gallery Society

Mr. Robert Morton, President of the Grand Forks Art Gallery Society made a presentation with regard to the Society's application for annual funding, in addition to their desire to enter into a renewal option for a further two-year term from 2013 to 2015.

Mr. Morton spoke with regard to their Semi-Annual Report that formed a part of the agenda and advised that Gallery 2 poses the dual roles of both an art gallery and a heritage gallery. He spoke with regard to the permanent exhibitions in addition to their temporary exhibits that will rotate throughout the following year. He further reported that the Art Gallery supports local artisans as well as supporting Provincial artisans.

He advised that the second document which was submitted was their request to Council for annual funding; the amount of which was the same as last years.

He spoke with regard to an extension of the funding agreement and the Art Gallery Society's request for an additional two years from 2013 to 2015. He further thanked Council for the recent repairs to the building and complimented the City tradesman for their fine work.

Council's Discussion

Councillor Davies advised that a member of Council is on the Board of the Art Gallery, which could be deemed a conflict of interest. Councillor Robert agreed; as an Art Gallery Society board member, he excused himself from the meeting at 7:15 PM

Councillor Thompson advised that she could not support a two year renewal extension and of the funding request in the amount of \$120,000 in the City's 2011 financial plan, as the funding agreement specified a museum service and not a heritage gallery. In addition, Councillor Thompson advised that she could not support the City paying for the costs in 2011 for janitorial services, water, telephone and utilities for the Art Gallery as was done in 2009 and 2010.

Councillor Thompson questioned Mr. Morton with regard to the Art Gallery's continued use of the basement in the Grand Forks Library building, and that she understood that classes have continued in the basement as well. Mr. Morton advised that they are still using the basement due to space restrictions in the Art Gallery and that classes have continued in the basement as well.

Councillor Davies advised that she would support Councillor Thompson due to the fact that the museum component should be removed from the funding request.

Councillor Moslin advised that he had reservations with regard to the additional two year extension to 2015 as it is, but suggested that it needs to be rewritten. He further advised that he supports the development of the west wing and heritage gallery.

Councillor Wyers advised that she is the liaison for the Art Gallery and attended their meeting last week, and advised that she was very impressed with the presentation from Mr. Boulet. She suggested that the Art Gallery's requests to Council be tabled.

Mayor Taylor advised that he supports the request that the Art Gallery is putting forward and believes that the Art Gallery is doing an excellent job.

MOTION: WYERS/MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT THE DECISION REGARDING THE REQUESTS FOR FUNDING AND THE ADDITIONAL TWO YEAR RENEWAL EXTENSION BY THE GRAND FORKS ART GALLERY SOCIETY BE DEFERRED TO JANUARY 31ST, 2011. CARRIED.

Mayor Taylor opposed this motion.

MOTION: THOMPSON/DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT THE PRESENTATION MADE BY ROBERT MORTON, PRESIDENT OF THE GRAND FORKS ART GALLERY SOCIETY, BE RECEIVED. CARRIED.

Councillor Robert returned to the meeting at 7:40 PM

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c) Corporate Officer's Report – Delegation – Broadacres Care Facility

Mr. Rod Gustafson, owner/operator of Broadacres Care Facility made a presentation to Council asking that a letter of support for Long Term Care beds at Broadacres Care Facility be sent to Interior Health and John Slater, MLA. He advised that the Long Term Care Beds at the Broadacres Care Facility have remained empty since his licence was approved in April 2010.

Councillor Davies questioned if he has received support from Area D and its Director, Irene Perepolkin and Mr. Gustafson advised that he has received some support.

Councillor Wyers asked with regard to the process of obtaining beds. He advised that communities have to fight for number of beds allotted. He further advised that a private bed costs approximately \$5,000. per month.

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Councillor Moslin asked for clarification that Interior Health needs to put bed requests out to tender and then he (Mr. Gustafson) would then need to bid for these beds; and Mr. Gustafson advised that this was the correct process. Mr. Gustafson advised that he currently can support 14 beds at the facility.

MOTION: THOMPSON/DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT THE PRESENTATION MADE BY ROB GUSTAFSON OF BROADACRES CARE FACILITY, BE RECEIVED. CARRIED.

MOTION: MOSLIN/DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO WRITE THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH REGARDING LONG TERM CARE BED NEEDS IN THE GRAND FORKS AREA; AND TO ADVISE THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH, THAT THERE IS AN IMMEDIATE NEED FOR THE INTERIOR HEALTH AUTHORITY TO TENDER FOR BEDS FOR THE GRAND FORKS AREA. CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

a) Chief Financial Officer's Report – Third Quarter Financial Update

The Chief Financial Officer spoke with regard to the City's financial focus areas from January 1st to September 30th, 2010. She then spoke with regard to the Capital Projects: the City Park Lift Station, the RInC Project (trails), the Fibre Communication Project and the new Electrical Line Truck. In addition, the Chief Financial Officer reported on the Infrastructure Improvement requirements and the challenges facing the City.

She further advised of the Public Presentation that will be made on October 27th at Grand Forks Secondary School from 7:00 to 9:00 PM regarding the Kerr Wood Liedel Report, and of the two public meetings regarding the 2011-2015 Financial Plan which are scheduled for November 1st and November 15th in Council Chambers.

MOTION: THOMPSON/DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT DATED OCTOBER 12TH, 2010 REGARDING THE THIRD QUARTER FINANCIAL UPDATE, BE RECEIVED. CARRIED

OPERATIONAL DISCUSSION & PRESENTATIONS BY STAFF:

a) Chief Administrative Officer – Proposed Amendments to the Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw as proposed by Habitat for Humanity

To amend the Official Community Plan to include property located at 833-72nd Avenue in the Multi-Family General Development Permit Area and to amend the Zoning Bylaw to rezone the property from Single & Two Family Residential to Multi-Family Residential

MOTION: MOSLIN/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DIRECT STAFF TO DRAFT AN OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT BYLAW TO INCLUDE THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 833-72ND AVENUE, PROPERTY OWNERS, HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, IN THE MULTI-FAMILY DEVELOPMENT PERMIT AREA, AND THAT FURTHER DIRECTION BE GIVEN TO DRAFT A ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW WHICH WOULD REZONE THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM R-1 SINGLE AND TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R-3 MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. CARRIED.

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b) Chief Administrative Officer – Proposed Amendments to the Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw as proposed by City Staff with regard to Community Gardens

To amend the current Zoning Bylaw by adding the definition of “Community Garden” and amending Section 26 by adding community garden as a new item on the current list of permitted uses in all zones.

MOTION: THOMPSON/WYERS

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DIRECT STAFF TO DRAFT A ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW, AMENDING SECTION 3 DEFINITIONS BY ADDING THE DEFINITION OF COMMUNITY GARDEN, AND AMENDING SECTION 26 PERMITTED USE EXCEPTIONS BY ADDING “COMMUNITY GARDEN” AS A NEW ITEM ON THE LIST OF PERMITTED USES IN ALL ZONES. CARRIED.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

None

PROPOSED BYLAWS FOR DISCUSSION:

None

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.

There were no questions from the public.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THIS PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 8:24 P.M.

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


CORPORATE OFFICER – DIANE HEINRICH