

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR 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

CALL TO ORDER:

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

RECESS TO PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING:

MOTION: ROBERT/WYERS

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 8:31 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION: DAVIES/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT THE OCTOBER 18TH, 2010, REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

Amendments to the minutes:

Councillor Davies advised that her report included in the October 4th meeting with regard to the UBCM Resolution from the City of Victoria B146 Medical Cannabis, be amended to read that the resolution was “endorsed” not “discussed” by the UBCM, and to include the UBCM motion as outlined in her report to read:

WHEREAS THE FEDERAL MEDICAL CANNABIS PROGRAM ADMINISTERED THROUGH HEALTH CANADA'S MARIJUANA MEDICAL ACCESS DIVISION DOES NOT SATISFY THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF CRITICALLY AND CHRONICALLY ILL PATIENTS TO ACCESS MARIJUANA FOR MEDICINAL USE;

AND WHEREAS THE USE OF CANNABIS BY LEGITIMATE CANNABIS PATIENTS IS A HEALTH ISSUE, AND AS SUCH SHOULD BE UNDER THE LEGISLATIVE PURVIEW OF PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT UBCM LOBBY THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT TO WORK WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TOWARD THE GOAL OF DECENTRALIZING THE ADMINISTRATION AND OVERSIGHT OF LEGITIMATE MEDICAL CANNABIS USE AND PRODUCTION FROM FEDERAL AUTHORITY TO PROVINCIAL HEALTH MINISTRIES AS PART OF THEIR PUBLIC AND PERSONAL HEALTH MANDATE

MOTION: DAVIES/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY OCTOBER 4TH, 2010, BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED. CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

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

Councillor Moslin:

Councillor Moslin reported on the following items:

- He reported on the BC Senior's Games where several senior citizens of Grand Forks were successful in winning medals.

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MOTION: MOSLIN/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT CITY SEND EACH LOCAL MEDALIST WHO PARTICPATED IN THE BC SENIOR GAMES A CONGRATULATORY LETTER. CARRIED.

- Councillor Moslin spoke with regard to a grant application with regard to the Trans Canada Trails and advised that Mr. George Longden and he made a grant application for funding.

MOTION: MOSLIN/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ENDORSE THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR \$50,000 TO THE TRANS CANADA TRAIL FOUNDATION MADE BY GEORGE LONGDEN AND COUNCILLOR CHRIS MOSLIN FOR ADD-ONS TO THE SECTION OF THE TRANS CANADA TRAIL FOUNDATION BETWEEN HIGHWAY 3 AND CITY PARK AND FURTHER THAT THIS APPLICATION ENCUR NO COSTS TO THE CITY. CARRIED.

- Councillor Moslin advised that the Deer Survey had received several replies to date and advised that the deadline for submission to City Hall is November 5th.
- He commented with regard to Interfor and their plans for expansion and encouraged the community to attend Interfor's Public Open House on Monday, October 25th at the Omega Restaurant from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Councillor Wyers:

Councillor Wyers reported on the following items:

- She reported her attendance at a September 25th meeting of the 841 Boundary Squadron of Air Cadets. She advised that the squadron works with youth between the ages of 12-18 and are accepting new applications.
- Reported her attendance at a Grand Forks Fall Fair Meeting on October 6th, and advised of their Annual General Meeting on November 16th.
- Reported attending the Strategic Plan Review with Council and Staff on October 6th .
- She advised of her attendance to a Grand Forks Art Gallery Meeting.
- Councillor Wyers reported that there was a Regional Chamber update meeting in Greenwood on Wednesday October 12th.
- Reported her attendance at a workshop with Councillor Davies on leadership in the Kootenays hosted by the AKBLG in Nelson on October 14th.
- She reported her attendance to the Community Futures Small Business Open House and Awards on October 14th.
- She reported her attendance at a Grand Forks & District informal Library Meeting on self evaluations on October 15th and advised that October is Library month.

Councillor Robert:

Councillor Robert reported on the following items:

- Reported on his attendance at the Community Futures Small Business Week awards evening on October 14th and spoke of the awards presented to various sectors of small business.
- He questioned when the washrooms at lift station were going to be opened and how long the washrooms are going to remain open in City Park.
- He asked the Mayor if there was any progress on getting a used oil program in Grand Forks and was advised that there is nothing in place yet but that the next meeting on the oil subject is on November 1st.
- He asked the Mayor about the Boundary Economic Development Committee status and the Mayor advised that Council is invited to attend the next BEDC meeting on November 2nd.
- Councillor Robert asked if the Mayor had any update to the Rail abandonment situation and was advised that the City is waiting for the Business Study report to come from Davies and Company.
- He spoke with regard to the Whispers of Hope having difficulty obtaining approval for gaming grants that contribute approximately 50% of their operating funds.

MOTION: ROBERT/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT STAFF WRITE A LETTER ADVOCATING THE CITY'S SUPPORT FOR THE WHISPERS OF HOPE IN APPLYING FOR GAMING GRANTS AND THAT THIS LETTER BE FORWARDED TO THELMA ROBB. CARRIED.

- He spoke with regard to animal mistreatment and how Britain, Canada and the United States stand on the issue of cruelty to animals.
- He spoke about neighbours snitching on neighbours and on the aspects of civility.

Councillor Thompson:

Councillor Thompson reported on the following items:

- She reported on her attendance to the review of the City's strategic plan with Council and Staff on October 6th where completed projects were discussed as well as a review of the remaining items.
- She reported on her attendance at a Fall Fair Society Board meeting on October 6th to discuss the 100th Anniversary of the Fall Fair held in August. She advised that on November 16th, the Fall Fair Society will hold an Annual General meeting at Room 8 at Selkirk College to give consideration to whether the fall fair will continue.
- Reported on her attendance to the monthly meeting of the Boundary Museum Society Board on October 13th. She advised that the windows at the museum will be covered with a tinting material which is geared to reduce ultra-violet rays which can be harmful to artifacts. She further reported that the museum is installing a heat-pump system as opposed to a geo-thermal system for temperature consistency.

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- Reported that Boundary Museum Society toured space in the basement at City Hall to discuss a possible relocation of the community archives from the Fructova site to City Hall. She advised that in return for the space, the Museum would undertake the task of recording and maintaining the City's archives.
- Councillor Thompson urged public to attend the Public Meeting on October 27th at the Grand Forks Secondary School Auditorium from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM regarding a presentation on the KWL report and the City's infrastructure requirements.

Councillor Davies:

Councillor Davies reported on the following items:

- She advised that the non-profit organizations have until October 31st to apply for the City's 2011 Grant In Aid.
- Reported on her attendance at a workshop in Nelson on October 14th hosted by AKBLG regarding leadership in the Kootenays.

Mayor Taylor:

The Mayor reported on the following items:

- He advised that he was combining his report in conjunction with the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary report and spoke with regard to the Recreation Commission Meeting where a plan was presented for recreation expansion of the exercise room and that costs are currently being evaluated.
- The Mayor advised of a discussion for Regional sharing of costs for playing fields and that a motion was tabled that will ask that the City's CAO, Lynne Burch; John MacLean, CAO for the RDKB; Irene Perepolkin, Area D Director; and the Mayor collaborate regarding shared costs of playing fields.
- He reported that there was a feasibility study geared to look at the heritage plan for the Region and asked if the City wanted to get involved. The Mayor advised that he will ensure a copy of the draft study is circulated for Council's review.

MOTION: ROBERT/DAVIES

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 minutes from the September 23rd, 2010, Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Meeting is attached to this report.

- No report to give as Regional District matters were previously discussed in the Mayor's report.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:

None

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION: THOMPSON/WYERS

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

CARRIED.

- a) West Park Elementary School Reading P.I.N.S. Program – Requesting a letter from the Mayor encouraging School children in Alberta to visit Grand Forks as part of their program. **Recommend the Mayor write a letter supporting their program**
- b) Correspondence from Jack Koochin regarding Deer concerns and support deer population reduction. **Advise Mr. Koochin via email to participate in the City's Deer Survey and to refer a copy of his letter to the Deer Committee.**
- c) Correspondence from Bill & Liz Faminoff in support of living with the deer population. **Advise the Faminoffs to participate in the Deer Survey and refer a copy of their letter to the Deer Committee.**
- d) Correspondence from C. Samuelson on concerns regarding Deer Feeding. **Advise C. Samuelson to participate in the Deer Survey and refer a copy of their letter to the Deer Committee**
- e) Correspondence from Child Find BC – Missing person notification for Owen Kiernan Rooney. **Receive for information – poster has been placed on bulletin board at City Hall.**
- f) Correspondence from BC Achievement Foundation – giving thanks for nominations put forward for this year's achievement awards. **Recommend to file.**

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- g) From Ministry of Children and Family Development – announcing that October is Foster Family Month. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- h) UBCM Member Release – 2010 School Community Connections Funding Opportunity. **Recommend to file – information has been referred to School District #51.**

Councillor Moslin advised that the grant amount is \$25,000.00 and advised that application for this grant should be used for the Grand Forks Secondary School Field House for community use and that it could be operating by May, 2011. He further advised that he would like to see storage units put in the field house and in the future, for Hot Water Solar Showers. He advised that the City needs to partner with the School District. Councillor Moslin received Council's approval to express this vision to the school board by writing a letter to School District 51.

- i) 2010 UBCM Convention – Advising of the Delegate's Evaluation that is on-line. **Recommend that those who attended the UBCM Convention to provide their evaluation.**
- j) October 4th Task List of completed and in-progress tasks. **Recommend to file.**

Councillor Davies inquired about an issue she had brought forward with regard to containers within the City where she was advised that Staff is currently working on a report to present to Council.

MOTION: MOSLIN/DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT STAFF COMPILE A FORMALIZED TASK LIST FOR LONG TERM REPORTS.
This Motion was withdrawn

Council was advised that a list of long terms reports and tasks is already compiled and will be included in the Weekly Information Summary.

BYLAWS:

- a) **Corporate Officer's Report – Bylaw 1904 – 2011 Annual Tax Exemption Bylaw.**

MOTION: DAVIES/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1904, CITED AS “Year 2011 Annual Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1904”, BE GIVEN FINAL READING.

CARRIED.

LATE ITEMS:

None

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA:

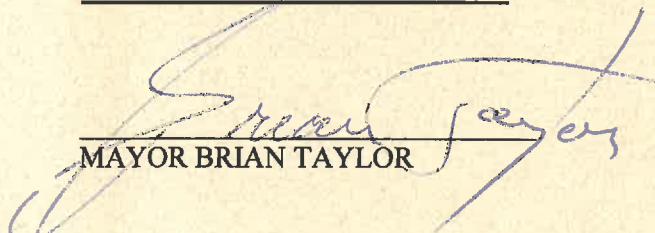
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ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 9:21 P.M. CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


CORPORATE OFFICER- DIANE HEINRICH