

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY OCTOBER 4TH, 2010

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

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
CORPORATE OFFICER

L. Burch
D. Heinrich

GALLERY

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION: DAVIES/THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT THE OCTOBER 4TH, 2010, REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE
ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.**

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: THOMPSON/WIRISCHAGIN

**RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH, 2010, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.**

CARRIED.

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MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/WYERS

**RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 22ND, 2010, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.**

CARRIED.
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MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 20TH, 2010, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

MOTION: THOMPSON/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH, 2010, AND ALL RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

a) Corporate Officer's Report – Delegation, Solar BC

Nitya Harris, Executive Director of SolarBC presented a Certificate to the Mayor recognizing The City of Grand Forks in its role as a Solar Community. Her PowerPoint presentation which followed, updated Council on the work that SolarBC is currently doing, and of Grand Forks' role as a Solar Community. She advised of a website which allows people to determine the viability of solar hot water heat for their home at www.solarrating.ca and further reported that a net cost to each residential customer would be approximately \$4,600 after Fortis Rebate and SolarBC Rebate were discounted and that the deadline for this incentive is December 31, 2010. She advised that homeowners may apply on-line at their website at www.solarbc.ca.

Councillor Moslin asked about the Solar Ready Bylaw. Ms. Harris advised that a Solar Ready Bylaw prepares homeowners to have their homes solar ready upon construction and that it saves on costs at a later date.

Councillor Davies thanked Ms. Harris for making the presentation to Council.

MOTION: DAVIES/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE PRESENTATION GIVEN BY NITYA HARRIS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SOLARBC WITH REGARD TO AN UPDATE OF SOLARBC'S ACTIVITIES IN RELATION TO BC'S SOLAR COMMUNITIES. CARRIED.

b) Corporate Officer's Report – Delegation, for the Grand Forks Deer Committee with Jenny Coleshill as speaker.

Jenny Coleshill, as representative of the Grand Forks Deer Committee, spoke with regard to BC Urban Deer Management Options as set out by Gail Hesse. She advised of conflict resolution options that are currently available such as frightening devices, repellants, alternate landscaping, exclusion fencing (page wire) and electric fencing. She further reported that the

next option requirements are primarily Government actions and include monitoring, civic bylaws, Provincial hunting regulations and public education. Further, she spoke with regard to possible options to prevent vehicle collisions.

Councillor Robert advised Council about comments he received from the public and asked if citizens stopped feeding the deer - would they leave? The Mayor invited Councillor Robert to attend the next Deer Committee meeting where all of his concerns could be addressed.

Ms. Coleshill made an additional presentation which outlined a proposed Deer Survey for the City of Grand Forks. She advised that the survey is intended to poll the public on preferred Deer Management actions, if any, for Grand Forks.

MOTION: MOSLIN/WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE PRESENTATION MADE BY JENNY COLESHILL, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GRAND FORKS DEER COMMITTEE WITH REGARD TO MANAGEMENT ACTIONS IN RELATION TO THE URBAN DEER HERD.

CARRIED.

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- c) Corporate Officer's Report – Delegation, Randall Johnson of R.B. Johnson Consulting

Randy Johnson made a presentation regarding his concerns on how the City of Grand Forks chose its consultant for the Business Study on the proposed Kettle River Rail Abandonment.

MOTION: THOMPSON/WYERS

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE PRESENTATION MADE BY RANDAL JOHNSON OF R.B. JOHNSON CONSULTING WITH REGARD TO CONCERNS ON HOW THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS CHOOSES ITS REQUIRED CONSULTANTS. CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Corporate Officer's Report – Draft Expression of Interest Package for a New City Website

At their Regular Meeting on April 19th, Council directed Staff to prepare a draft tender package for the development of a new City of Grand Forks Website for Council's consideration.

MOTION: THOMPSON/DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE CORPORATE OFFICER'S REPORT DATED SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2010, REGARDING THE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST PACKAGE FOR A NEW CITY WEBSITE, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZES STAFF TO PROCEED WITH THE REQUIRED ADVERTISING WITH REGARD TO THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS' EXPRESSION OF INTEREST GEARED TO INVITE PROFESSIONAL WEB DESIGNERS TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT, DESIGN, MAINTENANCE AND COST REQUIREMENTS FOR A NEW WEBSITE FOR THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS. CARRIED.

Councillor Moslin advised that he would like to see the new website have these added capabilities:
1. That it be "Survey Capable" 2. That it can provide GIS (Geographic Information System) mapping which is compatible or can be partnered with the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary site, and 3. To provide Staff training as part of this contract to update and manage the website

Councillor Robert spoke with regard proper notification and advertising of the expression of interest and that he would like to see an extended timeframe to allow for quotes to come in. He further advised that he would like to see all the City Bylaws listed and available on the website.

Councillor Davies suggested that those in the business of web site design, who take out business licenses in the City of Grand Forks, be personally contacted, and that all businesses who take out business license for the City, be listed in the City of Grand Forks website.

Councillor Thompson advised that anything can be put on the website, but that it all comes at a cost. She further advised that the Expression of Interest should allow for the costing of individual components, so that if the City needs to make adjustments, they are able to add or remove components to suit the City's needs and its budget.

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

Councillor Wirischagin:

Councillor Wirischagin advised that he had no report.

Councillor Moslin:

Councillor Moslin reported on the following items:

- He reported on his attendance at the UBCM (Union of British Columbia Municipalities) in Whistler last week and commented on the beautiful surroundings. He further reported with regard to the sessions and workshops which he attended. He spoke with regard to the City of Grand Forks' motions, namely, the Urban Wildlife Resolution and of the Expanded Time Line for Infrastructure Grants Resolution.
- Councillor Moslin put forward the following motion with regard to the Grand Forks Deer Committee's presentation earlier in the agenda:

MOTION: MOSLIN/THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT THE STAFF BE INSTRUCTED TO PROCEED WITH THE CIRCULATION OF THE DEER SURVEY AND PAMPHLET REQUESTING PUBLIC OPINION OF THE MANAGEMENT OF THE CITY'S DEER HERD, AS SUGGESTED BY THE GRAND FORKS DEER COMMITTEE, TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS WITH A SURVEY RETURN DEADLINE OF NOVEMBER 5TH, 2010.
CARRIED.**

Councillor Robert and Councillor Davies voted against the motion

Councillor Wyers:

Councillor Wyers reported on the following items:

- She reported on her attendance at the September 21st Citizens on Patrol meeting which introduced two new members. She advised that persons interested in volunteering, should contact the local detachment of RCMP.
- She reported on her attendance on September 21st at the Grand Forks and District Art Gallery Annual Volunteer Dinner.
- She reported on her attendance at the September 22nd Volunteer Recognition Awards.
- She reported that on September 25th, the Grand Forks International Volunteers got together for a Pot Luck Dinner.
- She reported on her attendance at the annual UBCM held from September 26th to October 1st at Whistler where she participated in several study sessions. She further spoke about her attendance at an RCMP contract negotiations information session, and advised that the RCMP Contract is up in 2012 which will impact small populations throughout BC.
- She gave a reminder that October is Library month.

Councillor Robert:

Councillor Robert reported on the following items:

- He asked if the Mayor would report on the rail situation. The Mayor advised that the 6 month notice that is currently advertised in the paper doesn't indicate the extension of 3-30 day periods where the rail line would be offered for sale to the federal, provincial and local governments respectively. The Mayor further advised of Council's meeting with Shirley Bond, Minister of Transportation, at the UBCM Conference where they discussed the proposed rail abandonment.
- Councillor Robert spoke with regard to business signage in the City and advised that all signage other than Provincial, emergency and temporary instruction signs have been removed along Highway 3.

MOTION: ROBERT/WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT STAFF INVESTIGATE ON HOW THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS CAN IMPROVE BUSINESS SIGNAGE IN THE CITY. MOTION DEFEATED.

Councillor Thompson advised that she felt that it is the business community that should be responsible for its advertising innovations and that it shouldn't fall on Staff to do the research. Councillor Moslin spoke in agreement with Councillor Thompson. Councillor Wyers spoke with regard to some businesses that have been innovative and have placed signage on buildings which face the highway.

Council was advised that perhaps something could be placed in the next City Newsletter with regard to business signage.

- Councillor Robert spoke about the renovations and repairs done to the Heritage Courthouse and reported that Mr. Hampf did great work in the restoration as well as Public Works in the surrounding landscaping.
 - He spoke with regard to the Premier's speech at the UBCM which Councillor Robert followed via email as he was unable to attend the UBCM this year.
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Councillor Thompson:

Councillor Thompson reported on the following items:

- She reported on her attendance at the 2010 UBCM Annual Conference in Whistler last week and advised that it was a very busy week with her participation in several workshops and meetings with Ministers. She advised that she was the City of Grand Forks' designated Voting Delegate for the Municipal Insurance Association Annual Meeting. She further reported her attendance at a ministerial panel to discuss the issue of Business and the Economy.
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Councillor Davies:

Councillor Davies reported on the following items:

- She reported her attendance at the UBCM Conference in Whistler, and of her participation in a workshop regarding Drug and Alcohol Abuse. She advised that 40% of prison inmates have fetal alcohol syndrome. She further spoke with regard to a resolution from the City of Victoria regarding Medical Marijuana that was ~~brought forward~~ ^{introduced at} the UBCM conference. ** see attachment to amendment to these minutes*
- Councillor Davies read a letter from Libby Davies, MP for Vancouver East with regard to Health Canada undertaking public consultation in regard to possible regulatory changes to Medical Marijuana.
- She advised that the deadline for Grant In Aid applications is October 31, 2010.

MOTION: DAVIES/

RESOLVED THAT STAFF CONTACT AND ADVISE ALL NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS OF THE GRANT IN AID PROCESS AND TO ADVISE THEM OF THE OCTOBER 31ST DEADLINE.

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- By not receiving a seconder to her above motion, Councillor Davies asked if Staff could provide her with a list of phone numbers of the non-profit organizations and their contact names, she will contact as many organizations as possible to advise them of the upcoming deadline.
 - She spoke with regard to Solar Hot Water for schools and that our Grand Forks schools were notified of funding available to convert school's heating to Solar heating. She further advised that since none of the three schools in Grand Forks responded that approximately \$80,000, the cost to install this system, went to the Midway School.
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MINUTES:

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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.

*Amendment to October 4th Minutes
adopted at October 18th, 2010 Regular
Meeting. DD*

Mayor Taylor:

The Mayor reported on the following items:

- The Mayor reported that he & Councillor Wirischagin attended a Regional District Recreation Commission Meeting recently.
- He spoke with regard to his attendance at the UBCM, and of the meeting with the Ministry of Environment, Minister Penner, regarding the Urban Wildlife issue. He advised of his attendance at the Industrial Taxation workshop during the UBCM conference and commented with regard to various municipalities that are dealing with fair taxation for their industries.
- He reported his intention to attend a BEDC (Boundary Economic Development Committee) meeting tomorrow, regarding branding for the region and of a planned discussion regarding the governance review for the area. He further advised that this topic has been on the books for a couple of years and that the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Board has voted to proceed with a governance review.
- He advised that there is an Environmental Services Level meeting scheduled for Thursday in Trail where the number one issue will be recycled oil stewardship.

MOTION: ROBERT/THOMPSON

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 the Regional District Information in his above report

The meeting was recessed at 9:05 PM and reconvened at 9:12 PM

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:

- a) **Corporate Officer's Report – Application for a Site-Specific Exemption to the City of Grand Forks Floodplain Bylaw in the 7000 Block of 2nd Street**

MOTION: ROBERT/WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE CORPORATE OFFICER'S REPORT DATED, SEPTEMBER 28TH, REGARDING THE APPLICATION FOR A SITE SPECIFIC EXEMPTION TO THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS FLOODPLAIN BYLAW AND FURTHER APPROVES THE APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY THE PROPERTY OWNERS, CALVERT AND BARBARA SMULAND, FOR A SITE-SPECIFIC EXEMPTION TO THE GRAND FORKS FLOODPLAIN BYLAW, THEREBY VARYING SECTION 5.0(2) FROM 514.25 METERS TO 513.25 METERS, ALLOWING FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE IN THE 7000 BLOCK ON 2ND STREET OF WHICH ACCESS WILL BE BY WAY OF A RAMP INSTEAD OF STAIRS, SUBJECT TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE ENGINEER'S REPORT BEING REQUIRED.

CARRIED.

b) **Corporate Officer's Report – Application for a Site-Specific Exemption to the City of Grand Forks Floodplain Bylaw in the 6500 Block of 9th Street**

Councillor Davies excused herself at 9:15 PM due to the fact that this address is across the street from her home and felt she would be in a conflict of interest if she participated in any discussion and resolution on this matter.

MOTION: ROBERT/WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE CORPORATE OFFICER'S REPORT DATED, SEPTEMBER 28TH, REGARDING THE APPLICATION FOR A SITE SPECIFIC EXEMPTION TO THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS FLOODPLAIN BYLAW AND FURTHER APPROVES THE APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY THE PROPERTY OWNERS, PAULINE AND WILLIAM FOFONOFF, FOR A SITE-SPECIFIC EXEMPTION TO THE GRAND FORKS FLOODPLAIN BYLAW, THEREBY VARYING SECTION 5.0(2) FROM 516 METERS TO 515.5 METERS, AND SECTION 5.2(1) FLOODPLAIN SETBACKS FROM 30 METERS TO 15 METERS, ALLOWING FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE IN THE 6500 BLOCK ON 9TH STREET THAT ALLOWS FOR EASIER ACCESS, SUBJECT TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE ENGINEER'S REPORT BEING REQUIRED.

CARRIED.

Councillor Davies returned to the meeting at 9:19 PM

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/WYERS

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

CARRIED.

- a) Kettle River Watershed Management Plan. The Mayor advised at the September 20th Regular Meeting that this document would be placed in the Summary of Information Items for the October 4th Meeting. **Recommend to receive for discussion**

The Mayor advised that the Water Study committee will be meeting in the future to further discuss this Management Plan. The Mayor advised that the study ranges from Big White to the United States Border and includes the Kettle River.

- b) Correspondence from Richard Gilbert – Centre of Sustainable Transportation. Child & Youth Friendly Land Use & Transportation Planning Guidelines. **Recommend to receive for information.**

- c) Correspondence from the Duncan Firefighters Historical Society. Thanking the Fire Chief and those involved in creating a successful Fire Bells and Fanfare Celebration. **Recommend to file.**
- d) BC Hydro 2010 Community Relations Annual Report. Report all their activities for the Thompson/Okanagan/Columbia Region. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- e) Excerpt from an Internet newspaper in Ontario regarding the Federal Government hinting at extending stimulus funding deadlines. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- f) Correspondence from the Minister of Forests and Range advising Local Government to develop a Woodworks resolution to support the Province's Forest Industry. **Recommend to file – The City of Grand Forks has already adopted a WoodWorks Policy earlier this year.**
- g) Response letter to the Mayor from the Liquor Control & Licensing Branch regarding Local Government's input on Liquor License applications. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- h) Correspondence from the FCM (Federation of Canadian municipalities) regarding payment to the City in relation to the Grand Forks Lift Station Heat Exchange System from the Green Municipal Fund Study Grant Agreement. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- i) Minutes from the Grand Forks Deer Committee Meeting from September 14th, 2010 Meeting. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- j) Task List of completed and in-progress tasks for Meetings which were scheduled on September 20th, 2010. **Recommend to file.**

BYLAWS:

- a) **Corporate Officer's Report – Bylaw 1884 – Deer Feeding Prohibition Bylaw.**

MOTION: THOMPSON/MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1884, CITED AS "DEER FEEDING BYLAW NO. 1884", 2010, BE GIVEN FINAL READING. CARRIED.

Councillors Davies and Councillor Robert voted against the motion

LATE ITEMS:

None

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA:

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: ROBERT

**RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 9:58
P.M. CARRIED.**

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


CORPORATE OFFICER- DIANE HEINRICH