

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>, 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  
CORPORATE OFFICER

L. Burch  
D. Heinrich

GALLERY

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

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**RECESS TO PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING:**

MOTION: ROBERT/WIRISCHAGIN

**RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE RECESSED AT 7:02 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 8:41 p.m.

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**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/ROBERT

**RESOLVED THAT THE SEPTEMBER 20TH, 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 TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2010, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.**  
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MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2010, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.**

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**REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:**

None

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

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

**Councillor Davies:**

Councillor Davies reported on the following items:

- Reported on her attendance at the Economic Development Focus Group where she advised that Story and Co is the consulting group who is doing the Branding project for the Boundary Region
- Councillor Davies questioned with regard to the Community First Agreement and if the steering committee could be restructured to include citizens. The Mayor advised that the steering committee comprises of members from the City, Provincial Representatives, School District, Interior Health and Selkirk College and that the project slate is pretty full. He further advised that in addition to the Imagine Grand Forks project and housing for emergency shelters that the fiber project is also a part of the Community First Agreement.
- She asked for clarification with regard to the Heritage Corridor Bylaw and advised that it doesn't direct residents who live in this corridor to keep heritage in mind when renovating their homes and businesses. She asked what the steps could be taken to ensure this information is communicated to those who apply for a building permit. She was advised that direction would have to be outlined in the Official Community Plan (OCP) for specific blocks of Central Avenue and was also advised that the OCP could be amended to include business sectors. Councillor Davies advised that perhaps an educational document could be constructed that would describe the City's future intentions. The Mayor suggested that Councillor Davies champion this project and she advised that she would be happy to construct an educational document that could be handed out at the front counter at City Hall.

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**Councillor Thompson:**

Councillor Thompson reported on the following items:

- Reported on her attendance at a Restorative Justice Training program on September 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>. She advised that this training program has been updated and that Grand Forks was the first in the province to receive it. She thanked the City for the use of the Council Lounge and flip charts.
- She advised that the Boundary Museum Society held their regular monthly meeting on September 15<sup>th</sup> and that the Museum received a JCP grant which was used to sand and paint the main building. She further reported that this grant would be used to construct a 20'x40' picnic shelter plus an addition to the oven house.
- Councillor Thompson suggested that a meeting be arranged (after the UBCM) between representatives of both Societies, namely the Boundary Museum Society, Grand Forks Art Gallery, and the City to review the Linda Wills report to determine the best solution for the community's archives.

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**Councillor Robert:**

Councillor Robert reported on the following items:

- He thanked Council for allocating funds to the 2011 Financial plan towards sidewalk repairs on 75<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- He advised that there is a dinner for the Grand Forks Art Gallery Volunteers on Tuesday night at 6:00 PM at the Art Gallery.
- Councillor Robert stated that he disagrees with the proposed anti-feeding deer bylaw and will not support a bylaw pertaining to this issue. He further suggested that the deer should be left alone.

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**Councillor Wyers:**

Councillor Wyers reported on the following items:

- Reported on her attendance at the monthly meeting at the September 15<sup>th</sup> Library Board Meeting and advised that October is Library Month. She further reported that the Library Board recently updated their policy manual.
- Reported on her attendance at a Boundary Air Quality Committee meeting on September 16<sup>th</sup>.
- She extended invitations to all community volunteers to attend the Annual Volunteer Recognition Evening this Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Grand Forks Art Gallery from 6:00 to 8:00 PM
- She announced that Gallery 2 is holding a fundraiser on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, and of their upcoming wine tasting event on November 27<sup>th</sup>.

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**Councillor Moslin:**

Councillor Moslin reported on the following items:

- He reported on the Boundary Air Quality Committee meeting held last Thursday on September 16<sup>th</sup> and that the committee put forward three major items:
  1. The Dispersion Modeling Study which was presented in draft form to the committee. He advised that the committee is currently going over the Study as some of the Environment MET Data may be incorrect. He further advised that the cost to rerun the data is approximately \$5000, but would be at no cost to the City as the local industries would pick up the tab.
  2. New Interfor Permit – Councillor Moslin advised that the committee supported the permit and that Interfor is certainly living up to their permit requirements.
  3. The Committee has considered a proposal for a new environmental committee and advised that present members of the BAQC are willing to participate. He further advised that the mandate of this new committee would be focused on:
    1. Air quality 2. Water quality; and 3. Carbon Neutrality with energy sufficiency.

MOTION: MOSLIN/WYERS

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL CREATE A STANDING COMMITTEE TO DEAL WITH AIR QUALITY, WATER QUALITY AND CARBON NEUTRALITY WITH ENERGY SUFFICIENCY AND THAT THE FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS TO SUPPORT THIS COMMITTEE ARE TO BE INCLUDED THE 2011-2015 FINANCIAL PLAN.**

CARRIED.

Councillor Thompson questioned Councillor Moslin with regard to the dollar amount, where he suggested that a ball park amount may be approximately \$5,000.00 for the year.

- He reported on the Deer Committee Meeting held last week on Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010. He advised that the Deer Count held last Tuesday morning was quite substantive and that a ratio of total fawns to adult deer is significantly higher than normal. He talked about the possibility of putting together a plebiscite and that a subcommittee is currently looking to put forward a survey for the area. He advised that the Deer Committee will come forward with recommendations at the October 4<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting as a delegation. The Mayor talked about an informational brochure that Jenny Coleshill put together and that this brochure will be distributed at the same time as the plebiscite. The Mayor further advised that this subcommittee is meeting tomorrow at 10:00 am at City Hall to discuss the matter further. Councillor Moslin further advised that the Deer Committee has made a recommendation to Council for signage alerting drivers to high deer contact areas. Councillor Davies questioned on the cost of signs and who was going to fund the project. Councillor Moslin indicated that the Deer Committee hasn't figured out where the money will come from with regard to signage.

**Councillor Wirischagin:**

- No report this week
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**Mayor Taylor:**

The Mayor reported on the following items:

- He talked with regard to the Kettle River Water Study and advised that the terms and conditions have been written and will form a part of the next meeting's information package. The Mayor reported to Council how much money that Areas C, D, E have contributed to this study with Area D at \$100,000; Area C at \$30,000 and Area E at \$150,000.
- He reported that there was a Regional Hospital Board Meeting last week and that he was asked by the Board to approach Council regarding the borrowing of money for future hospital upgrades. He further advised that the Boundary Hospital will require major work within the next 7-10 years. He asked Council if the City should consider beginning the tax process now, or to borrow the funds when the need arises. He further suggested that the tax burden could pose a major impact to the community and is interested in Council's opinion.

Councillor Thompson advised that Health Care is a major issue, and in particular, to seniors who have to travel and that it's a good management practice to put some funding away now to help offset future costs. She advised that she would support the accumulation of savings for the future.

- The Mayor reported on his participation in the Cops for Kids fund raiser on September 11<sup>th</sup>.
- The Mayor advised that he was requested by Councillor Davies to report back on the issue of Municipal District governance. He advised that the first step in the process for just looking at new governance is to have a concerted voice of all of the players involved from Areas C, D, & E, the City of Grand Forks, the City of Greenwood and the Town of Midway before the province would even listen. Councillor Robert asked if there was any polling done in the area with regard to combined governance. He was advised that there was a study called the Chris Woodward Study which was done in the 1990's. The Mayor suggested that Council get together with the other partners at the UBCM next week to see if there is any appetite to move this issue forward.

MOTION: MOSLIN/ROBERT

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS SUPPORT A PROCESS TO EXPLORE THE ISSUE OF GOVERNANCE WITH THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY, SPECIFICALLY AREAS C, D & E, IN ADDITION TO THE MUNICIPALITIES OF GREENWOOD AND MIDWAY. CARRIED.**

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MOTION: DAVIES/WIRISCHAGIN

**RESOLVED THAT ALL REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, GIVEN VERBALLY AT THIS MEETING, BE RECEIVED.**

CARRIED.

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**REPORT FROM THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY (VERBAL)**

The minutes from the August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010, Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Meeting are attached to this report.

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

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**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:**

None

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**REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:**

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**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

MOTION: MOSLIN/WIRISCHAGIN

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

CARRIED.

- a) Correspondence from Kettle River Festival of the Arts – Invitation to participate in the 2011 Kettle River Festival of the Arts scheduled between August 4<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011. **Council authorizes the Kettle River Festival of the Arts to place an advertisement as part of a City Newsletter and to further advise the Festival organization to fill out the necessary Events Request Form(s) which would be coordinated with Public Works.**
- b) Correspondence from Columbia Institute – Information regarding the Comprehensive Economic & Trade Agreement (CETA). **Receive for information.**
- c) Copy of the Gallery 2 Newsletter for September-October, 2010. **Recommend to file.**
- d) Correspondence from Premier Gordon Campbell with regard to British Columbia Wage Rates. **Recommend to receive for information.**

- e) Notice from the AKBLG (Association of Kootenay Boundary Local Government) of a Workshop in Nelson called "Leading in the Kootenay Boundary". **Council to advise Diane if planning to attend.**
- f) Correspondence from the District of Elkford – Two resolutions to the UBCM regarding the long form of the Canada Census and CETA (Comprehensive Economic & Trade Agreement). **Recommend to receive for information.**
- g) Copy of the 2010 UBCM endorsed resolutions from the City of Grand Forks. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- h) September 7<sup>th</sup> Task List of completed and in-progress tasks. **Recommend to file.**

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**BYLAWS:**

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

Councillor Wirischagin stated his intention to vacate Council Chambers at this time due to the fact that his wife, Jessica, is the president of the Grand Forks Child Care Society, an organization that is included in the 2011 Annual tax Exemption Bylaw, and that in participating in the matter, he may be perceived to be in a conflict of interest. Councillor Wirischagin left Council Chambers at 9:51p.m.

MOTION: THOMPSON/MOSLIN

**RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1904, CITED AS "Year 2011 Annual Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1904", BE GIVEN FIRST READING.**

CARRIED.

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MOTION: WYERS/ROBERT

**RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1904, CITED AS "Year 2011 Annual Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1904", BE GIVEN SECOND READING.**

CARRIED.

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MOTION: THOMPSON/DAVIES

**RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1904, CITED AS "Year 2011 Annual Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1904", BE GIVEN THIRD READING.**

CARRIED.

Councillor Wirischagin returned to Council Chambers at 9:55 p.m.

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**b) Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Bylaw 1884 – Deer Feeding Prohibition Bylaw.**

MOTION: MOSLIN/THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1884, CITED AS “DEER FEEDING BYLAW NO. 1884”, 2010, BE GIVEN FIRST READING. CARRIED.**

Councillors Davies and Councillor Robert voted against the motion

**DISCUSSION ON THE FIRST READING:**

Councillor Moslin advised that the Bylaw is basically mirrored by Cranbrook's bylaw and is intended as an educational bylaw.

Councillor Davies advised that she is not going to support this bylaw and commented on the tourism component regarding deer.

The Mayor spoke in favour of this motion and advised that feeding the deer is animal abuse.

Councillor Robert advised that he is not going to support the motion. He suggested that this bylaw could be a tool to pit neighbour against neighbour.

Councillor Wyers spoke in support of this bylaw because it represents a health hazard to children in the school grounds and that the community has been encouraging the deer to come into community by feeding them and further advised that it's not natural to feed them.

Councillor Thompson spoke in support of this bylaw and advised that the animals are not healthy and most are likely diseased. Citizens are not doing any favours to the deer by putting out food.

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MOTION: THOMPSON/WYERS

**RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1884, CITED AS “DEER FEEDING BYLAW NO. 1884”, 2010, BE GIVEN SECOND READING. CARRIED.**

Councillors Davies and Councillor Robert voted against the motion

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MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1884, CITED AS “DEER FEEDING BYLAW NO. 1884”, BE GIVEN THIRD READING. CARRIED.**

Councillors Davies and Councillor Robert voted against the motion

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**LATE ITEMS:**

**QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA:**

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: ROBERT

**RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 10:15 P.M. CARRIED.**

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**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**



MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR



CORPORATE OFFICER- DIANE HEINRICH