

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2010

PRESENT: MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR
COUNCILLOR JOY DAVIES
COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WIRISCHAGIN
COUNCILLOR CHRIS MOSLIN
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.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION: DAVIES/WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2010, REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: WYERS/WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY AUGUST 16TH, 2010, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

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MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 16TH, 2010, AND ALL RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Corporate Officer's Report – Repair/Replacement of a Portion of Sidewalk on 75th Avenue between 5th and 6th Street

At their Regular Meeting on July 19th, Council adopted a resolution to table the following motion to the September 7th, 2010 Regular Meeting with regard to the repair/replacement of a portion of sidewalk on 75th Avenue.

MOTION: DAVIES/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE CORPORATE OFFICER'S REPORT DATED AUGUST 27TH, 2010, WITH REGARD TO THE REPAIR/REPLACEMENT OF A PORTION OF SIDEWALK ON 75TH AVENUE AND DETERMINES TO FORWARD THE MATTER OF THE 75TH AVENUE SIDEWALK, BETWEEN 5TH AND 6TH STREETS, TO THE 2011-2015 FINANCIAL PLAN. CARRIED.

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

Councillor Wirischagin:

Councillor Wirischagin reported on the following items:

- He reported on his attendance at the Grand Forks International Baseball Tournament and commented on the great community spirit displayed during the tournament.
- He reported on his attendance at the Border Bruins' first hockey game of the season.

Councillor Moslin:

Councillor Moslin reported on the following items:

- He reported on the arranged City Park Stage Tour with some of the community's performing artists on August 19th and advised that approximately 20 people showed up to discuss future stage requirements and landscaping. He advised that a couple of drawings were displayed on the bulletin board wall in Council Chambers and urged the public to take a look at the plans. He advised that the attending performing arts representatives were very excited with the new venue.

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- He talked about the urban deer population issue within the City of Grand Forks, and advised that the Cities of Kimberley and Cranbrook are currently holding plebiscites asking for their communities to respond to their own urban deer problems. He further advised that he feels that it would be in order for the City of Grand Forks to hold its own plebiscite.

MOTION: MOSLIN/DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL REFER THE MATTER OF A PUBLIC PLEBISCITE PERTAINING TO URBAN DEER ISSUES WITHIN THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS TO THE DEER COMMITTEE FOR THEIR COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. CARRIED.

Councillor Wyers:

Councillor Wyers reported on the following items:

- She reported on her attendance at the Grand Forks & District Library Meeting on August 19th where Helen Idler was a speaker.
 - She reported on her attendance at a tour of the new City Lift Station on August 19th.
 - She reported on her attendance at a Kootenay Boundary Region Economic Workshop on August 26th where George Penfold was keynote speaker.
 - She reported that on August 27th and 28th, she attended the 100th Grand Forks Fall Fair event and extended congratulations to Irene Perepolkin and her group of Volunteers.
 - She reported on her attendance at the 30th Tournament of the Grand Forks International and that she wished to congratulate Joan Thomas on her work in making the event very successful.
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Councillor Thompson:

Councillor Thompson reported on the following items:

- She reported on her attendance at the celebration of life of Clare Redding on August 21st. She advised that Mr. Redding was an alderman for the City of Grand Forks for one term and was a valued contributor to Council.
 - She reported her attendance at the 100th Grand Forks Fall Fair on August 27th and 28th and spoke about the need for more volunteers to assist in setting up the fair.
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Councillor Davies:

Councillor Davies reported on the following items:

- She reported her attendance at the 100th Grand Forks Fall Fair on August 27th and 28th and advised that the Solar Energy Team had a booth set up.

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- She reported on her attendance at the Kootenay Boundary Region Economic Workshop featuring George Penfold as the keynote speaker on August 26th. In reference to Mr. Penfold's presentation, Councillor Davies asked the Mayor what the process was with regard to investigating the formation of a District Municipality. The Mayor advised that there are discussions regarding the financial feasibility of a District Municipality, and further advised that Trail as a community, is looking at this option. Councillor Davies advised that she would be putting forward a notice of motion with regard to investigating the formation of a District Municipality for the Grand Forks area.
- She reported on her attendance to a TOTA (Thompson Okanagan Tourist Association) workshop this August.
- She advised that she received an inquiry from a community member that lives at the end of the airport and that they had concerns with low flying planes that are constantly taking off and landing. Councillor Wyers advised that these planes are practicing their landing and taking off requirements as part of their necessary flight training. Councillor Davies asked if the complainant could be advised of the situation regarding the active flight training.
- She advised that the "Imagine Grand Forks" project team has not been successful in receiving funding from applications for Grants and wished to put forward the following motion:

MOTION: DAVIES/

RESOLVED THAT STAFF APPLY FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE CANADIAN FEDERATION OF MUNICIPALITIES FOR GREEN FUNDING; FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION FOR WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT & ANY OTHER SOURCES OF GRANTS THAT WILL PROVIDE FUNDING TO COMPLETE PHASE II OF IMAGINE GRAND FORKS TO ALLOW THE PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PRESENTATION NECESSARY TO MOVE FORWARD.

MOTION WITHDRAWN.

The Mayor suggested that he, Councillor Davies and Lynne Burch to get together to discuss actions regarding grant applications rather than making a motion at this time. Councillor Davies advised that she would withdraw the motion.

Mayor Taylor:

The Mayor reported on the following items:

- The Mayor reported his attendance to the TOTA (Thompson Okanagan Tourist Association) workshop this August and advised how a Regional Chamber of Commerce will assist us in moving forward to finding a reasonable approach to Tourism. He spoke with regard to the Branding Process that was discussed at the workshop and advised that this process is much more than simply creating a logo for the area.
- He reported his attendance at the 100th Grand Forks Fall Fair and of his participation in the City Float which was a part of the Fall Fair parade.

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- He advised that the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary is currently doing a review of the landfill located at Grand Forks and reported that there is approximately 25 years of landfill usage left. He further advised that the area's recycling efforts may extend the life of this landfill.
- He reported on his attendance at the Kootenay Boundary Region Economic Workshop on August 26th with George Penfold as the keynote speaker. He advised that Mr. Penfold was very pointed in his presentation regarding the present governance model and how it does not support the advancement of our community. The Mayor advised that it is time to review a possible restructuring of our governance model.
- Councillor Thompson asked the Mayor for information regarding the Park function issue with the Regional District. The Mayor advised that the Regional District is reluctant to accept a parks service function solely, and advised that there is discussion at the Regional District level with regard to sharing costs at different structural levels. The Mayor further advised that the Regional district will consider sharing costs to support for their portion of this function.
- The Mayor advised that the Deer Committee has recommended that a deer feeding bylaw should be implemented and that this bylaw should be an educational one as opposed to a bylaw which imposes penalties.

MOTION: MOSLIN/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DIRECT STAFF TO COMPOSE A BYLAW PROHIBITING THE FEEDING OF DEER THAT DOES NOT HAVE A PENALTY CLAUSE WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS FOR COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION.

CARRIED.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/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)

Attached to the Regional District report are the Regional District Minutes of July 29th, 2010.

- There was no verbal report for the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:

- a) **Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Application for a Development Variance Permit requested by Habitat for Humanity Boundary Society to the City's Zoning Bylaw Requirement for a 20 Foot Front Yard Setback**

The Mayor asked if any member of the public wished to speak in regard to this permit application and it was noted that no one came forward.

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MOTION: MOSLIN/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT DATED, AUGUST 20TH, REGARDING THE APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT REQUESTED BY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BOUNDARY SOCIETY AND APPROVES THE APPLICATION, SUBMITTED BY PROPERTY OWNER, HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BOUNDARY SOCIETY, FOR A DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT, THEREBY VARYING SECTION 33(2)(f)(i), ALLOWING FOR THE LOCATION OF A DUPLEX UNIT, ON PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT E, BLK 35, DISTRICT LOT 108, PLAN 72 AND LOCATED AT 873-72ND AVENUE, TO BE LOCATED 14.44 FEET FROM THE FRONT YARD PROPERTY LINE; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE FEES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$350.00 BE REFUNDED TO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY.

CARRIED.

Councillor Wirischagin excused himself from the meeting at 8:06 PM as he advised Council that his wife is President of the Sunshine Valley Little People's Centre, an applicant requesting inclusion in the 2011 Tax Exemption Bylaw.

b) Corporate Officer's Report – Annual Tax Exemption Bylaw Applications requesting inclusion in the 2011 Annual Tax Exemption Bylaw

MOTION: THOMPSON/MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT THE CORPORATE OFFICER'S REPORT, DATED AUGUST 26, 2010, REGARDING THE APPLICATIONS REQUESTING INCLUSION IN THE 2011 ANNUAL TAX EXEMPTION BYLAW, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THAT THE APPLICANTS LISTED BELOW BE INCLUDED IN THE 2011 ANNUAL TAX EXEMPTION BYLAW.

GRAND FORKS SENIOR CITIZENS SOCIETY BRANCH 143 (SLAVONICS)
GRAND FORKS HOSPITAL AUXILIARY (THRIFT SHOP)
GRAND FORKS SENIOR CITIZENS SOCIETY BRANCH 28 (CITY PARK)
SUNSHINE VALLEY LITTLE PEOPLE'S CENTRE
ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH 59
HARMONY LODGE FREEMASONS (MASONIC HALL)
GRAND FORKS WILDLIFE ASSOCIATION (WILDLIFE HALL)
ABBEYFIELD CENTENNIAL HOUSE
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BOUNDARY SOCIETY
BOUNDARY LODGE ASSISTED LIVING

CARRIED.

Councillor Wirischagin returned to the meeting at 8:08 PM

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/MOSLIN

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

CARRIED.

- a) Mayor Challenge - Cops for Kids Charitable Foundation advising that they are coming through Grand Forks on Saturday, September 11th, 2010. **The Mayor to advise if he's able to participate. The Mayor advised that he's open to this challenge, but further advised that he needs pledge and donation support**
- b) Correspondence from the BC Coalition for Action on Alcohol Reform thanking municipalities who supported their past resolutions. **Recommend receive for information.**
- c) Correspondence from Freida Michie regarding Deer Concerns. **Recommend to refer correspondence to the Deer Committee.**
- d) Email from Barb Zabinsky regarding call2recycle, a non-profit organization that provides free battery and cell phone recycling. Looking for space in City newsletter to advertise their community service. **Recommend that Council gives permission for call2recycle to place an advertisement in the City Newsletter regarding their service.**
- e) Correspondence from the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary regarding the 2010 budget for Museum Service. Also included in this item, is an email from the Regional District stating that Area C Director, Grace MacGregor has requested that \$5,000. be allocated for the Grand Forks Art Gallery. **Recommend that Council grant the disbursement of funds as per wishes of the Area C & D Directors by allocating \$25,000. to the Boundary Museum Society and \$5,000.00 to the Grand Forks Art Gallery.**

Councillor Davies advised that she would like to have the legalities of Area C Director's request researched for validity.

- f) Letter from Kelly Burkholder & Terry Carlyle regarding concerns of the sidewalk condition at 357-75th Avenue. Also included in this item is a Memo from the Manager of Works and Services advising of repairs to this area which is included in the City's fall work plan. **Recommend that Staff respond to Kelly Burkholder & Terry Carlyle advising them that an investigation has been done regarding the condition of the sidewalk at 357-75th Avenue and that repairs will be attended to in the City's fall work plan which will be completed approximately by the end of September, 2010.**
- g) Boundary Survey Request from Community Futures Boundary asking for input from Boundary residents to develop Branding for the area. **Recommend to receive for information – anyone wishing to fill out the survey may do so at www.BoundarySurvey.ca.**

- h) Press Release from the Government of Canada regarding the announcement of BizPal for Grand Forks. BizPal is an on-line service for Business License inquiries. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- i) Press Release from the Ministry of Community and Rural Development regarding the Communities First Agreement initiative. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- j) UBCM Member Notice regarding a request for nominations for four local government representatives to sit on the "Small Water Systems Working Group". **Recommend to receive for information. Councillor Moslin asked if Council would nominate him to serve on this committee.**

MOTION: THOMPSON/DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL NOMINATES COUNCILLOR MOSLIN TO BE A REPRESENTATIVE TO SIT ON THE COMMITTEE FOR THE SMALL WATER SYSTEMS WORKING GROUP. CARRIED.

- k) Correspondence from the Village of Queen Charlotte sending resolutions against oil tank traffic and Tar Sands Oil traffic on BC's Northwest Coast to the UBCM. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- l) Task List from August 16th Meetings of completed and in-progress tasks. **Recommend to receive for information.**

BYLAWS:

None

LATE ITEMS:

None

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA:

Councillor Wyers wished to congratulate Public Works for their excellent maintenance during the Grand Forks International Baseball Tournament.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 8:30 P.M. CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


CORPORATE OFFICER- DIANE HEINRICH