

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, AUGUST 15TH, 2011

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

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: THOMPSON/WIRISCHAGIN

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 7:58 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION: DAVIES/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT THE AUGUST 15TH, 2011, REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: ROBERT/WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY JULY 18TH, 2011, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY JULY 18TH, 2011, AND ALL RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

DELEGATIONS:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

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

Councillor Davies:

Councillor Davies reported on the following items:

- She wished to give accolades to the Kettle River Festival of the Arts that she attended on Sunday night and extended her congratulations to the Boundary District Arts Council.
 - She reported that a group has been formed to review the three part Heritage Report, and advised that they will present a report to Council by the end of September, 2011
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Councillor Thompson:

Councillor Thompson reported on the following items:

- She advised that the Concerned Citizens for Community Health Care have written a letter to Dr. Halpenny, CEO of Interior Health requesting a meeting to clarify and respond to unaddressed issues contained in their first letter.
- She reported that plans for the 2011 Fall Fair are coming together and that the organization is holding weekly meetings. She advised that she had been asked if the City would be interested in sponsoring a miniature chuck wagon tarp at a cost of \$500.00 and asked if there is any funding available in the advertising budget that could be used to cover this cost.

MOTION: THOMPSON/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS SPONSOR A TARP FOR DISPLAY ON A MINIATURE CHUCK WAGON AS PARTICIPANT OF THE MINIATURE CHUCK WAGON RACES DURING THE 2011 GRAND FORKS & DISTRICT FALL FAIR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500.00. CARRIED.

- She advised that Boundary Museum Society held their monthly meeting on August 10th. She further advised that the Society participated in the July 23rd Christina Lake Homecoming with a display of artifacts from that area.
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Councillor Robert:

Councillor Robert reported on the following items:

- He reported on the proposed establishment of a Municipal Auditor General and advised that this would be an office independent of the legislature that would scrutinize spending by municipalities.
 - He gave a CETA update and advised that municipalities are concerned with lack of transparency involved in the Canada European Trade Agreement.
 - He advised that the Grand Forks Invitational Baseball Tournament is on the horizon and that there is a team from Grand Forks competing this year.
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Councillor Moslin:

Councillor Moslin reported on the following items:

- He spoke with regard to opening of the newest stage in Grand Forks – the City Park stage and that this past weekend, the Boundary Chautaugua on August 13th was the first event for the stage. He thanked City Staff for getting grounds and stage ready for use, thanked the performers who provided the entertainment, and thanked the Mayor and his band that started out the festivities. He reported an estimated 150 plus chairs were filled.
- He spoke with regard to Habitat for Humanity Boundary going forward in the construction of their 7-plex unit and inquired if the City has received word back from the letter which the Mayor sent to Minister Coleman with regard to the request for proceeds from the old Hardy View Lodge to go towards the Habitat's 7-plex project. He was advised that the City has not received a reply to date.
- He spoke with regard to nuisance motorized traffic on City Trails and advised that Bylaw No. 1682 is in place that defines the non-use of motorized vehicles on Trans Canada Trails and Parks. He further advised that the Bylaw doesn't include any of the City's new trail systems such as Riverside Drive and the new RInC Trail. He suggested that the current Bylaw be amended to include all City trails.

MOTION: MOSLIN/DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT STAFF BE INSTRUCTED TO BRING FORWARD AN AMENDMENT TO BYLAW NO. 1682 TO EXCLUDE ALL MOTORIZED VEHICLES FROM ALL TRAILS WITHIN THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS. CARRIED.

- He reported that Solar Cars are having a race at the Grand Forks Fall Fair, and that the Public will not only get a chance to race them, but to modify them.

Councillor Wirischagin:

Councillor Wirischagin reported on the following items:

- He asked with regard to the progress of the Ramp and Sidewalk project along 25th Street and across Highway 3. The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the City had to obtain engineered drawings, and have recently received the drawings last Friday. She further advised that the Ministry Of Transportation is prepared to put the crosswalk across Highway #3 at 25 Street as soon as the ramp is installed.
- He inquired on the progress of the multi-use playing field for City Park. The CAO advised that the project is slated for the fall work plan with the Public works crews, and that the City is waiting for Telus to remove the pole that is in the way of the playing field.
- He reported that the Grand Forks International Baseball Tournament is only two weeks away and it looks to be a great tournament. He advised that volunteers are still required.
- He spoke with regard to the Canadian Sport Tourism Alliance and asked if the City could become a member which would benefit community sports groups.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS BECOMES A MEMBER OF THE SPORT TOURISM ALLIANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150.00. CARRIED.

Mayor Taylor:

The Mayor reported on the following items:

- The Mayor spoke with regard to the HELLOBC website and suggested that the City participate in a video intent on promoting the area. He further advised that the video cost is \$1,500 and this would be shared four ways with Community Futures, Area C and Area D as well as the City.

MOTION: THOMPSON/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS PARTICIPATE IN A VIDEO FOR THE HELLOBC WEBSITE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,500., A COST WHICH IS TO BE SHARED FOUR EQUAL WAYS WITH COMMUNITY FUTURES, AREA D, AND AREA C.

CARRIED.

- He advised that he and the Chief Administrative Officer are going to be meeting with Minister Ida Chong with regard to the Asset Management program for the City and spoke with regard to the presentation that will be done in partnership with the City of Cranbrook and Lake Country District.

MOTION: THOMPSON/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 June 23rd, 2011 Regional District of Kootenay Boundary minutes are included with this report.

- The Mayor asked if any members of Council had any questions regarding the Regional District minutes.
- Councillor Robert commented on the environment assessment extension of the Cascade Power Project. The Mayor advised that it was opposed at the Regional table but the permit was granted extension by the province.
- Councillor Robert inquired about the implementation organics program in relation to garbage collection and if Grand Forks is still going to be involved in Pilot program. The Mayor advised that the chosen area within Grand Forks needs to be approached and that this is the responsibility of the Regional District.
- Councillor Robert inquired if the Mayor received a letter of support from the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary regarding the Asset Management program and the City's visit with Minister Ida Chong. Mayor advised that he didn't receive a letter of support for this project as asset management isn't on the Regional District's plate.
- Mayor advised that there are three outlets for used oil.
- Councillor Moslin asked the Mayor with regard to the adopted Bylaw pertaining to Regional Parks and Services and queried on the implications of having a regional parks and services bylaw. The Mayor advised that the bylaw would encompass the area around Saddle Lake, which would include connecting Saddle Lake with the Boundary Museum.

MOTION: DAVIES/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR'S REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY, GIVEN VERBALLY AT THIS MEETING, BE RECEIVED. CARRIED.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:

a) Corporate Officer's Report – Application for a Development Permit

The applicants, Silver Kettle Developments Ltd., wish to construct a new 42 suite residential care facility and 48 suite supportive housing facility on property located between 70th and 72nd Avenue in the 2300 Block area adjacent to The Gables housing development.

MOTION: THOMPSON/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION FROM SILVER KETTLE DEVELOPMENTS ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW 42 SUITE RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITY AND A 48 SUITE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FACILITY ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED BETWEEN 70TH AND 72ND AVENUE IN THE 2300 BLOCK AREA ADJACENT TO THE GABLES HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, SUBJECT TO COMPLIANCE WITH CITY BYLAWS, AND IN SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE WITH THE PLANS PRESENTED IN THE APPLICATION. CARRIED.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION: THOMPSON/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT INFORMATION ITEMS NUMBERED 11(a) TO 11(d)

BE RECEIVED AND ACTED UPON AS RECOMMENDED AND/OR AS AMENDED.

CARRIED.

- a) Correspondence from the Grand Forks & District Fall Fair – Asking for Mayor and Council participation in the parade on Saturday, Sept 10th at 10:00 am. Recommend that Council to direct staff to prepare a ride/float if they wish to participate in the parade.

MOTION: MOSLIN/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL PARTICIPATES IN THE GRAND FORKS AND DISTRICT FALL FAIR PARADE ON SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2011. CARRIED.

- b) Thank-you card to the Manager of Technical Services & Utilities from Gallery 2 for the installation of a recent bike rack and bench and for regular upkeep at the Gallery site. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- c) Chief Financial Officer's Report – SOFI - Request for Council's approval of the statements and schedules included in the Statement of Financial Information produced under the Financial Information Act. **Council to receive the Chief Financial Officer's Report. Council further approves the statements and schedules included in the Statement of Financial Information for the City of Grand Forks as at December 31st, 2010, as attached.**

MOTION: THOMPSON/MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT WITH REGARD TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION (SOFI), AND FURTHER APPROVES THE STATEMENTS AND SCHEDULES INCLUDED IN SOFI FOR THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS AS AT DECEMBER 31ST, 2010. CARRIED.

- d) July 18th Task List - List of Completed and In-Progress Tasks. **Recommend to file.**

BYLAWS:

- a) Corporate Officer's Report – Bylaw 1920 – Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Zoning Bylaw

MOTION: ROBERT/WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1920, CITED AS THE "Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Zoning Bylaw No. 1920, 2011", BE GIVEN FIRST READING.

CARRIED.

MOTION: ROBERT/WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1920, CITED AS THE "Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Zoning Bylaw No. 1920, 2011", BE GIVEN SECOND READING.

CARRIED.

- b) Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Amendment to Bylaw No. 1923, City of Grand Forks Capital Renewal Loan Authorization Bylaw

A proposed amendment to Bylaw 1923 as required by the Inspector of Municipalities. Prior to submitting the question to the Electors, the bylaw requires the approval of the Inspector of Municipalities.

MOTION: THOMPSON/MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RESCINDS THE THIRD READING TO BYLAW NO. 1923 CITED AS THE "City of Grand Forks Capital Renewal Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1923, 2011", THAT WAS ADOPTED AT THE JULY 18TH, 2011 REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL. CARRIED.

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MOTION: THOMPSON/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO.1923, CITED AS "City of Grand Forks Capital Renewal Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1923, 2011, BE AMENDED BY REPLACING SECTION 1 OF BYLAW 1923, WITH A NEW SECTION 1 TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

"Council of the City of Grand Forks is hereby authorized to:

- a) Borrow upon the credit of the City a sum not exceeding four million and two hundred Thousand (\$4,200,000), for multi-utility projects that combine road, water and sewer needs into the same project and estimated to be 45% for roadways, 35% for water system, and 20% for sewer system, for the purpose of undertaking and carrying out, or causing to be carried out, the planning, study, design and construction of works for the provision of the facilities and equipment relating to the road, water and sewer capital renewal projects; and*
- b) Acquire all real property, easements, rights-of-way, leases, licences, rights or authorities as may be requisite, or desirable for, or in connection with the construction of the road, water and sewer capital renewal projects.*

CARRIED.

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MOTION: THOMPSON/DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1923, CITED AS THE "Capital Renewal Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1923, 2011", BE GIVEN THIRD READING AS AMENDED. CARRIED

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LATE ITEMS:

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QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

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ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 8:58 P.M. CARRIED.

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CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


CORPORATE OFFICER- DIANE HEINRICH