

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY APRIL 11TH, 2011

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

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.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION:

THE MAYOR PRESENTED THE GRAND FORKS SECONDARY SCHOOL SENIOR WOLVES GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM WITH A CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS FOR BEING THE MOST SPORTSMANSHIP TEAM AT THE PROVINCIAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT IN KAMLOOPS THIS SPRING.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION: MOSLIN/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE APRIL 11TH, 2011, REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: THOMPSON/MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY MARCH 28TH, 2011, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

MOTION: WYERS/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 28TH, 2011, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

MOTION: THOMPSON/DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 28TH, 2011, AND ALL RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Manager of Technical Services Report – Habitat for Humanity Multi-Family Sewer and Water Connections Request for approval of the use of City equipment, donation of required materials and supplies for Water and Sewer connections at their proposed new 7-Plex on 72nd Avenue

At the Primary Committee Meeting on March 28th, Council was advised that city employees, CUPE Local 4728, were approached by Habitat for Humanity Boundary to donate their in-kind services for the project on their own time which would involve employees from the water and sewer crews and other outside support staff depending on their needs. In addition, the City would provide the use of city equipment and supply all the required materials to deliver the water and sewer services to this residential project.

MOTION: ROBERT/DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE USE OF CITY EQUIPMENT AND THE SUPPLY OF REQUIRED MATERIALS FOR WATER AND SEWER UTILITY SERVICE INSTALLATIONS FOR THE PROPOSED HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BOUNDARY SEVEN PLEX PROJECT ON 72ND AVENUE, IN SUPPORT AND IN RECOGNITION OF CITY EMPLOYEES VOLUNTEERING THEIR SERVICES TO COMPLETE THESE INSTALLATIONS ON THEIR OWN TIME AND AT NO COST TO THE CITY. CARRIED.

.....

MOTION: THOMPSON/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT A LETTER BE SENT TO THE CUPE UNION LOCAL 4728 FROM THE MAYOR IN APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION OF THEIR CONTRIBUTION OF SERVICES TO THE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BOUNDARY 7-PLEX PROJECT ON 72ND AVENUE. CARRIED.

.....

b) Chief Financial Officer's Report – Adoption of the proposed Public Works – Electrical Utility Rate Increases Policy

At the Regular Meeting of Council on March 28th, 2011, Council brought forward a recommendation that directed Staff to bring forward a policy that ensures that the Grand Forks Electrical rates are maintained at a minimum of 98% of Fortis BC rates for residential, and that the commercial rates are adjusted to maintain competitive rates to Fortis while fostering energy conservation.

MOTION: THOMPSON/DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ADOPTS POLICY NUMBER 1205 “PUBLIC WORKS – ELECTRICAL UTILITY RATE INCREASES” TO BE IMPLEMENTED NO LATER THAN APRIL 11TH, 2011. CARRIED.

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

Councillor Davies:

Councillor Davies advised that she did not have a report.

Councillor Moslin:

Councillor Moslin reported on the following items:

- He spoke with regard to the long term care beds in the community and that Interior Health Association is currently taking in proposals for long term care beds for the Grand Forks area.

MOTION: MOSLIN/DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS WRITE A LETTER TO THE INTERIOR HEALTH AUTHORITY INQUIRING AS TO THE EXPECTED DATE OF AWARDING THE LONG TERM CARE BEDS CONTRACT FOR GRAND FORKS CARRIED.

The Mayor advised that he would deliver the correspondence during his participation at the Interior Health meeting in Castlegar on Tuesday, April 12th.

- Councillor Moslin reminded everyone that the Habitat for Humanity Boundary is having a sod-turning event on their new 7-plex project on Saturday, April 16th at 2:00 pm, and that everyone is invited.
- He advised that there is an Environment Committee meeting this Friday at 11:00 AM at Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Board Office

Councillor Wyers:

Councillor Wyers reported on the following items:

- She reported that William Kelly, a member of the Grand Forks Library Association has been elected to the Board of the British Columbia Trustee Library Association.
 - Councillor Wyers spoke with regard to the upcoming Grand Forks Library Board Meeting which is on April 19th at 7:00 pm.
 - She reported that Arts and Culture Week located at Gallery 2 is from April 10 to 16th is hosted by the Boundary District Arts Council, and that their title for the event is “Green it and Mean It”. She further advised that the British Columbia Arts Council is celebrating their 35th Anniversary this year
 - She advised that the City of Grand Forks is hosting a public awareness session regarding Drinking Water at the Royal Canadian Legion from 7:00 to 9:00 PM with guest speaker Neil Klassen from Columbia Basin Trust.
-

Councillor Robert:

Councillor Robert reported on the following items:

- He spoke with regard to the Green Job – Smart Meters initiative that government is currently exploring. He further advised that BC Hydro will have to be responsible for their financial performances.
 - He spoke with regard to Media Release from Boundary Emergency Transition Housing Society and advised that the Extreme weather program is now closed for the season. He further advised that the first Boundary Emergency Transition Housing Society Annual General Meeting will be held on April 19th at 7:00 pm in Room 8 at Selkirk College, and that the cost to attend the meeting is a \$1.00. He invited everyone to come to the meeting
-

Councillor Thompson:

Councillor Thompson reported on the following items:

- She reported that she participated in the Phoenix Foundation’s strategic planning meeting on Saturday, April 9th.
-

Mayor Taylor:

The Mayor reported on the following items:

- He spoke with regard to the newly formed Steering Committee for the City’s Asset Management Initiative comprised of he and Councillor Thompson, the Chief Financial Officer and the Chief Administrative Officer to address what is required to start the asset management process.

MOTION: MOSLIN/DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT A STANDING COMMITTEE BE FORMED COMPRISED OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR THOMPSON, TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ASSET MANAGEMENT POLICY AND PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDING TERMS OF REFERENCE TO BE BROUGHT FORWARD FOR COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION. CARRIED.

- He spoke with regard to the Arts and Culture week late item information that Erna Gobbett submitted to City Hall today and advised that the Boundary District Arts Council was inviting Council to participate in the event on April 15 and 16th. The Mayor advised that he would be able to attend the Saturday evening event.

MOTION: ROBERT/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 report are the Minutes of the February 24th, 2011 Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Meeting.

- The Mayor spoke with regard to the governance meeting at the Regional District Board Office where participants from the Regional District opened dialogue with Council with regard to targeting areas where costs could be shared between the municipality and the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary.
- Councillor Robert advised that this group also talked about Bylaw Enforcement and Pool improvements. He asked with regard to an update on the status of used oil. The Mayor advised that he had no additional information. He further inquired to the status of the Garbage Contract. The Mayor advised that the Regional District is floating a pilot project approach to the garbage services which would allow Grand Forks to move forward quickly and that would be arranged with the contractor.
- Councillor Moslin spoke with regard to the garbage pilot project and commented that it is geared toward an organic waste stream but further wanted to be clear on the costs involved. The Mayor advised that the Regional District doesn't have definitive answers as yet as to additional costs to the organic waste stream project, if any.
- Councillor Wyers asked the Mayor with regard to Kettle River Water Management Plan that the Regional District is doing. The Mayor advised that the next step of the plan is to consult with a technical advisory group that would be able to provide the kind of feedback on the Phase one process that the plan is currently in.

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) Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Boundary Museum Society Funding Agreement

At the November 22nd, 2010 Primary Committee Meeting, the Primary Committee recommended to Council that the City of Grand Forks include \$50,000. in the 2011 Financial Plan for the Boundary Museum Society and that the City and the Boundary Museum Society enter into discussions regarding the establishment of an annual funding agreement.

MOTION: THOMPSON/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE FUNDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS AND THE BOUNDARY MUSEUM SOCIETY, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZES THE MAYOR AND THE CORPORATE OFFICER SIGN THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY. CARRIED.

- b) Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Library Building Maintenance Agreement

Approval of the negotiated Building Maintenance Agreement between the City of Grand Forks and the Grand Forks Public Library Association

MOTION: MOSLIN/WYERS

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE FIVE-YEAR BUILDING MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS AND THE GRAND FORKS PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION IN THE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$15,000, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZES CITY SIGNATORIES TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY. CARRIED.

- c) Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Grand Forks Water Demand Management Action Plan

The final version of the Water Demand Management Plan as authored by Urban Systems Ltd. at the request of City Staff inasmuch as it was a function on the Community First Agreement to acquire water management reports such as this. This plan involves both water conservation and water auditing.

..... reported continued on next page/

MOTION: THOMPSON/DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ENDORSES THE GRAND FORKS WATER DEMAND MANAGEMENT PLAN, AUTHORED BY URBAN SYSTEMS LTD., AND DATED JANUARY 20TH, 2011, AND FURTHER DETERMINES THAT A COPY BE FORWARDED TO THE RURAL BC SECRETARIAT AS PART OF COUNCIL'S OBLIGATION UNDER THE COMMUNITY FIRST AGREEMENT.

MOTION TO DEFER

MOTION: MOSLIN/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE WATER DEMAND MANAGEMENT PLAN BE REFERRED TO THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE FOR THEIR COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS WITH THE PLAN TO BE BROUGHT BACK TO CITY STAFF BY MAY 15TH IN ORDER TO MEET THE GRANT DEADLINE. CARRIED.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION: THOMPSON/ROBERT

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

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

CARRIED.

- a) Correspondence from Sunshine Valley Community Services Group regarding concerns with regard to traffic lights – walk signals. **Manager of Works and Services has responded to the group advising that these controlled crossings are under the jurisdiction of Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.**

MOTION: THOMPSON/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE LETTER FROM THE SUNSHINE VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES GROUP BE FORWARDED TO THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THEIR INFORMATION AND RESPONSE. CARRIED.

- b) Correspondence from Gallery 2 advising of their semi-annual report on Gallery 2's activities. **Recommend to receive for information.**

- c) Community First Agreement Work Plan for Grand Forks – updated March 25th, 2011. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- d) Correspondence from West Coast Amusements advising that they are helping to support the food bank by collecting food donations at Sunday's Midway. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- e) Trash to Treasure event announcement that the event is on Saturday, April 23rd. **Recommend to receive for information – poster placed at City Hall.**
- f) March 28th Task List of completed and in-progress tasks. **Recommend to receive for information.**

BYLAWS:

- a) **Chief Financial Officer's Report – Bylaw 1916 – A Bylaw to Amend the City of Grand Forks Electrical Regulations and Rates**

MOTION: THOMPSON/DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1916, CITED AS THE "Electrical Utility Regulatory Amendment Bylaw No. 1916", BE GIVEN FINAL READING. CARRIED.

LATE ITEMS:

None

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 8:34 P.M. CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


CORPORATE OFFICER- DIANE HEINRICH