

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
TUESDAY APRIL 26TH, 2011

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
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

L. Burch
D. Heinrich
C. Arnott

GALLERY

CALL TO ORDER:

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

RECESS TO PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING:

MOTION: WYERS/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 7:31 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

The mayor advised that the following late item is to be included in the agenda:

- a) The external auditor's presentation to Council regarding the 2010 Audited Financial Statements, as required under the Community Charter to be presented as a Delegation under Item 5 a) of the agenda

MOTION: DAVIES/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE APRIL 26TH, 2011, REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED. CARRIED.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY APRIL 11TH, 2011, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

DELEGATION:

- a) Delegation, Mr. Am Navqi of the firm Berg, Navqi, Lehman Chartered Accountants made a presentation to Council on the 2010 Audited Financial Statements, as required under the Community Charter.

Mr. Naqvi advised that due to changes in the accounting standards, the 2010 Financial Report required Council's prior approval before being made available for public viewing.

MOTION: THOMPSON/DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE PRESENTATION FROM AM NAQVI OF THE FIRM OF BERG, NAQVI, LEHMAN CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS, WITH REGARD TO THE 2010 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND FURTHER ACCEPTS THE 2010 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS REQUIRED UNDER THE COMMUNITY CHARTER. CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

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

Councillor Davies:

Councillor Davies advised that she did not have a report.

Councillor Thompson:

Councillor Thompson reported on the following items:

- She reported that the Boundary Museum Society held their monthly Board Meeting on April 13th and that plans are well underway for the May 1st opening. She further reported that the Boundary Museum Society held their Annual General Meeting on April 18th.
- She reported her attendance at an information session that included representatives of BC Transit and the Interior Health Association to discuss transit issues in our area. She advised that this was an excellent session and thanked Councillor Robert for setting up the meeting.
- She reported that, as a member of the Boundary Restorative Justice Program, she attended a lecture/seminar given by Dr. Jackson Katz on Friday, April 15th.
- She reported her attendance to the BC Arts and Culture Week reception on Saturday, April 16th and on the same day, attended the sod turning for the multi-plex that is to be built on 72nd Street by Habitat for Humanity Boundary.
- She reported on her attendance at an Asset Management meeting held at City Hall earlier today and advised that the Standing Committee is recommending that the services of Mike Trickey, P.Eng, who is an asset management specialist, be contracted to work with Staff on priority items that are required. She reported that the Committee is recommending that a referendum on infrastructure upgrades be held in conjunction with the municipal elections in November.

Councillor Robert:

Councillor Robert reported on the following items:

- He reported his attendance at the Environment Committee Meeting on April 15th. He spoke with regard to the Carbon Neutral Sub-Committee's motions that were passed:
 - That the environment committee recommend that the City host a series of focus groups to identify ways that the community can reduce its carbon emissions
 - That Climate Smart be contacted to provide audit materials to assist Boundary businesses in conducting audits to determine their carbon footprint, and;
 - That the Environment Committee endorse an application to the McConnell Foundation to assist the local Boundary Farmer's organization in strengthening the local food system.
- He reported his attendance at the Federal election all-candidates forum on April 19th at Grand Forks Senior Secondary High School.
- He reported his attendance at the Boundary Emergency and Transition Housing Society's first Annual General Meeting on April 19th with guest speaker, Mike McQue, from Stepping Stone Shelter in Nelson.
- He advised that he was invited to attend a press conference in Victoria on May 17th with regard to an analysis of the BC Forestry License Services.

MOTION: ROBERT/WYERS

RESOLVED THAT COUNCILLOR ROBERT BE AUTHORIZED TO REPRESENT THE CITY AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE ON MAY 17TH IN VICTORIA WITH REGARD TO BC FOREST LICENSE SERVICES AT NO COST TO THE CITY. CARRIED.

- He spoke with regard to CETA – the Canadian-European Trade Agreement and advised that the government still negotiating this Treaty.

Councillor Wirischagin:

Councillor Wirischagin advised that he did not have a report.

Councillor Moslin:

Councillor Moslin reported on the following items:

- He spoke with regard to motions that were put forward by the Air Quality Sub-Committee of the Environment Committee on April 15, 2011 as follows:
 - That a wireless internet connection be installed at the Carson Fire Hall for a weather met station;
 - That the Environment Committee investigates the usability of the AWOS and access to the data accessible through AWOS;
 - That the Environment Committee abstain from purchasing equipment at this time, due to cost;
 - That a log of air quality complaints be kept by the City and Interior Health.
 - He further advised of additional motions that were put forward by the Water Sustainability Sub-Committee of the Environment Committee as follows:
 - That the City promote water protection and conservation to insure the quality and quantity of all water needed, now and for future generations in Grand Forks and area;
 - That there be an audit of wells within the City and the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary and that the City together with the RDKB consider the implementation of a well closure bylaw;
 - That the City request an update on the status of the well monitoring being done by Chevron and any other contaminated sites within the municipality.
 - On April 19th, he reported his attendance at a Forest Society meeting with regard to obtaining community forest licenses.
 - He offered a reminder that representatives from various communities concerned with Deer issues will be meeting in Cranbrook on April 27th.
 - He spoke with regard to the Trails Grand Opening on May 14th and encouraged everyone to attend the ceremonies at the entrance to the trail across from the Black Train Bridge and that an additional ceremony would be done by the military to dedicate the Black Train Bridge to the late Darrel Priede.
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Councillor Wyers:

Councillor Wyers reported on the following items:

- She reported on her attendance at the April 15 Environment Committee and commented that the recommendations put forth by the Water Sustainability Sub-Committee were previously reported by Councillor Moslin.
- She spoke with regard to Drinking Water Week which is from May 1-7th, and that a Drinking Water Workshop has been scheduled for May 3rd at the Legion Hall Basement from 7:00 pm to

9 pm. She further advised that the workshop would be facilitated by Columbia Basin Trust with guest speaker Neal Klassen from Nelson.

- She reported on her attendance at the April 18th Annual General Meeting of the Boundary Museum Society
- She reported that Grand Forks & District Library Board held their monthly meeting on April 19th, but that she was unable to attend.
- Councillor Wyers reported on her attendance at a Boundary & District Arts Council Meeting last night at the Selkirk College and further reported that the Arts and Culture Week concluded on April 23rd and that they accommodated 93 exhibits.
- She reported that Volunteer Fire Fighters have a training session this weekend in Grand Forks and that approximately 400 firefighters from across the province will be here.
- She spoke with regard to the Fortis BC “FLIP” program and advised that their toll free number is 1-866-932-8283 or they can be emailed at flip@fortisbc.com. She further advised that a business must provide a Fortis BC account number and Fortis BC will advise whether or not your business is eligible for light replacements.
- She advised that the Choral Society is doing a performance from April 30 to May 1st titled, “I Heard It Through the Grapevine”, to be held at the Grand Forks Secondary High School.

Mayor Taylor:

The Mayor advised that he would be combining his Regional District report with his regular report.

- The Mayor advised that a meeting ensued with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure along with members of Council and Staff where the group discussed the trail crossing at Highway 3 by the A&W, and further advised that the group is looking at a cost sharing report. He commented that the Ministry will advise further in the near future.
- He congratulated Irene Perepolkin, Director for Area D, for setting up a Parks function for the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary. He advised that she will be working out the details and that he will be reporting back to Council.
- He advised that the Regional Environment Committee is looking to meet very shortly for a discussion on the area’s waste disposal program.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT ALL REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, GIVEN VERBALLY AT THIS MEETING, INCLUDING THE MAYOR’S REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY, BE RECEIVED. CARRIED.

REPORT FROM THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY (VERBAL)

The March 31st, 2011 Regional District of Kootenay Boundary minutes are included with this report.

- The Regional District Report is included in Mayor’s report above.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:

- a) Corporate Officer's Report – Application for a Development Variance Permit as requested by property owner, Walter Zulyniak of Kettle River Estates. The Mayor invited members of the public to speak with regard to this issue – no one from the public came forward.

MOTION: THOMPSON/WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT, THEREBY VARYING SECTION 37(2)(F)(II), ALLOWING FOR THE PROPOSED INTERIOR SETBACKS FROM 10 FEET TO 5 FEET OF THE PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOTS 1-6, BLOCK 4, DL 533, SDYD, PLAN 67, LOTS 6-18, BLOCK 4, DL 533, SDYD, PLAN 67 AND LOTS 9-22, BLOCK 2, DL 533, SDYD, PLAN 67 LOCATED AT THE SOUTH END OF 19TH STREET, AS SUBMITTED BY THE PROPERTY OWNER, WALTER ZULYNIK OF KETTLE RIVER ESTATES. CARRIED.

- b) Corporate Officer's Report – Show Cause Hearing – Unpaid business licenses. The show cause hearing is to provide owners/operators of businesses with unpaid licences, an opportunity to be heard.

There were no owner/operators from any of the listed businesses in attendance who came forward to speak.

MOTION: THOMPSON/WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL, UPON HEARING FROM THE OWNERS/OPERATORS OF BUSINESSES WITH UNPAID LICENCE FEES, CANCELS THE BUSINESS LICENCES SHOWN AS PER LIST ATTACHED TO THE REPORT WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE BUSINESS LISTED AS E-Z'S TREE CUTTING; WHO PAID THEIR BUSINESS LICENCE FEES AFTER THE CIRCULATION OF APRIL 26TH REGULAR MEETING AGENDA. CARRIED.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION: ROBERT/THOMPSON

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

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

CARRIED.

- a) Correspondence from the Canadian Cancer Society informing of this year's Daffodil Campaign. **Recommend to receive for information – Mayor and Council have received their pins**
- b) From Boundary Fibre Festival Society - Thanking Council for Grant In Aid Funds **Recommend to file.**
- c) From Les Folles Jambettes - Thanking Council for Grant In Aid Funds. **Recommend to file.**
- d) Correspondence from Okanagan Nation Alliance 3rd Annual Unity Run - Announcing their plans to run through Grand Forks & ending their destination in Christina Lake. **Mayor and Council to advise if they wish to attend the event at Christina Lake Provincial Park at noon on May 8th.**
- e) Email from the City of Kimberley advising that they will be unable to attend the Deer Committee Meeting on April 27th. **Refer information to the Mayor and Councillor Moslin as attending members of the April 27th Meeting.**
- f) Email from Al Grant and Barry Brandow - Information regarding Overton Creek and attached Resolutions from the Meetings it involved. **Recommend to receive for discussion and provide further direction, if any. Council advised that they have already done what they could, and that the matter lies with the Province and the Wildlife Management Groups.**
- g) Casino Proposal Business Outline brought in by Mr. Dan Norton. **Recommend to receive for discussion and provide further direction. The Mayor commented that he has advised Mr. Norton that he needs to take the proposal to the Ministry as a first step.**
- h) From Grand Forks International- Requesting the use of James Donaldson Park for this year's GFI. **Recommend that Council grants permission for the Grand Forks International for use of James Donaldson Park.**
- i) From Grand Forks International Requesting permission to sell liquor at James Donaldson Park for the 2011 GFI Baseball Tournament. **Recommend that Council approve the issuing of a special occasion liquor license.**

MOTION: MOSLIN/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE ISSUING OF A SPECIAL OCCASION LIQUOR LICENSE TO THE GRAND FORKS INTERNATIONAL FOR THE SIX DAY EVENT FROM AUGUST 31ST – SEPTEMBER 5th , 2011, AT THE JAMES DONALDSON PARK SUBJECT TO THE GFI OBTAINING 3RD PARTY (PARTY ALCOHOL) LIABILITY INSURANCE, NAMING THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS AS AN ADDITIONAL INSURED ON THAT POLICY FOR THE SIX DAY EVENT; ALL GFI LIQUOR PROVIDERS TO HOLD A SERVE-IT-RIGHT LICENSE CERTIFICATE; AND ICBC “DRINKING AND DRIVING” WARNING POSTERS TO BE DISPLAYED. CARRIED.

- j) Memorandum from Chief Administrative Officer- Library Board request to pursue renovation and expansion of library building. **Recommend that Council advise the Grand Forks Library Board that Council needs to review the provision of drawings, that the Grand Forks Library Board receives assurance from library patrons on the elimination of parking on north side of building and to clarify to Council how the project will be funded.**
- k) Email from Fortis BC - Results from the Earth Hour Community Challenge. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- l) Response from UBCM re: Excise Tax Act Amendment - Advising that they have written to the Provincial Government to make sure they are aware of the problem regarding public pension plans. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- m) GCC Communiqué on SMART Tool - BC Climate Action Tool Kit. **Recommend to receive for information-referred to Staff.**
- n) From the Ministry of Community, Sport & Cultural Development- Strategic Community Investment Fund Letter. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- o) Carbon Neutral Sub-Committee Minutes - Meeting From April 6th . **Recommend to receive for information.**
- p) April 11th Task List of Completed and In-Progress Tasks. **Recommend to file.**
- q) Deer Committee Minutes - Meeting from March 25th. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- r) Environment Committee Minutes (Draft) - Draft Minutes from April 15th. **Recommend to receive for information.**

BYLAWS:

None

LATE ITEMS:

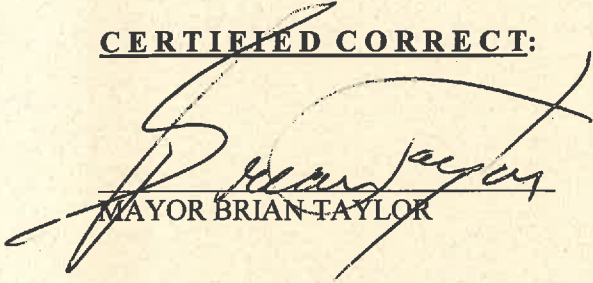
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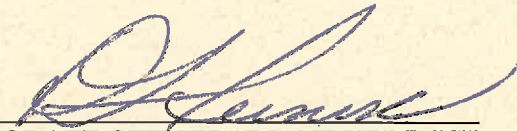
ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 8:55 P.M. CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


CORPORATE OFFICER- DIANE HEINRICH