

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY FEBRUARY 14TH, 2011

PRESENT: MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR
COUNCILLOR JOY DAVIES
COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WIRISCHAGIN
COUNCILLOR CHRIS MOSLIN
COUNCILLOR CHRISTINE THOMPSON
COUNCILLOR CHER WYERS

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER L. Burch
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER C. Arnott
CORPORATE OFFICER D. Heinrich

GALLERY

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Amendments to the agenda:

- a) The Mayor advised that the Delegation from the Boundary Sentinel would be removed from the agenda, as their representative was unable to attend this meeting

MOTION: THOMPSON/WYERS

RESOLVED THAT THE FEBRUARY 14TH, 2011, REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED. CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: WYERS/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY JANUARY 13TH, 2011, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

MOTION: THOMPSON/DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY JANUARY 31ST, 2011, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/WYERS

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 31ST, 2011, AND ALL RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

a) Corporate Officer's Report – Delegation, Visitor's Choice Publications

Sandra Barron of Visitor's Choice Publications made a presentation proposing that the City purchase advertising in the 2011 Edition of the Boundary Country Visitor's Choice Publication which is to be distributed throughout BC and the Pacific Northwest. She spoke with regard to the publication's professional team capabilities and the distribution capabilities of the guide which is province wide. She further spoke with regard to the interactive on-line component and that a full page investment costs \$2,360.00.

Councillor Moslin inquired with regard to the Visitor's Choice App capabilities on "near me BC" and was advised by Ms. Barron that the app won't likely be completed until fall of this year; whereas this 2011 Edition will come out this spring.

Councillor Wirischagin questioned the positioning of Grand Forks within last year's brochure where Grand Forks was "buried" within the smaller communities. Ms. Barron commented that it would be too expensive for individual communities to promote themselves and the focus is to promote the entire boundary. She further advised that the guide would be designed to showcase communities in sections this year.

Councillor Davies questioned if all the communities are paying the same rates and was advised that all communities pay the same rates regardless of their population size.

MOTION: WYERS/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE PRESENTATION MADE BY SANDRA BARRON OF VISITOR'S CHOICE PUBLICATION WITH REGARD TO ADVERTISING IN THE 2011 EDITION OF THE BOUNDARY COUNTRY VISITOR'S CHOICE PUBLICATION. CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

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

Councillor Davies:

Councillor Davies reported on the following items:

- She reported that the Boundary Emergency Transition Housing Society (BETHS) has been open for approximately 12 days from 8 am to 8 pm – and advised that the shelter operates during all inclement weather conditions.
 - She offered apologies to the Mayor for assuming that she was the communicator for the Boundary Economic Development Committee.
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Councillor Thompson:

Councillor Thompson reported on the following items:

- She reported her participation in an ad hoc committee that included Councillor Moslin, Lynne Burch, Diane Heinrich and Daniel Drexler to review proposals received to design and develop a new website for the City. She further advised that a recommendation will be brought forward to Council at their next Regular Meeting on February 28th.
- She reported on her attendance to the monthly board meeting of the Boundary Museum Society on February 9th, where she advised that the board reviewed the work requirements needed to properly operate the museum and archive services.
- She reported that there have been a number of requests from those organizations that were given Grants In Aid funding for 2011 to have those funds released earlier.

MOTION: THOMPSON/MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT ALL 2011 GRANTS IN AID APPROVED BY COUNCIL BE RELEASED TO THE REQUESTING ORGANIZATIONS IMMEDIATELY. CARRIED.

- She advised that she has been asked by individuals where used vehicular batteries could be taken for disposal. She was advised that Lordco and Tool Time currently take them.
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Councillor Wyers:

Councillor Wyers reported on the following items:

- She reported that on February 5th, Grand Forks was featured in their “small town” segment on Global BC.
- She reported on her attendance at the February 8th Water Sustainability Sub-Committee meeting where a number of goals were decided upon. She advised that the approval of these minutes will be brought forward at the Environment Committee on February 25th, 2011. She further advised that the proposed Water Sustainability Act can be found on the website:www.livingwatersmart.ca.

- She reported on her attendance to the Grand Opening of a new business in town called "Yaletown Acupuncture" on February 11th.
- She reported on her attendance at a February 16th Special Meeting of the Grand Forks & District Public Library where they are asking for nominations for four two year terms. She announced that the Annual General Meeting will follow on March 2nd.
- She reported that February 21-27th is the upcoming Heritage Week and that this would be an excellent time to visit Gallery 2 and show support for their valued work. She further advised that Gallery 2 is currently engaged in a membership drive.
- She spoke of the recent passing of Dottie Gunnarson and of treasured memories of Dottie's contribution to the community
- Councillor Wyers reported that Citizens on Patrol are looking for new volunteers and are offering extensive training. She advised to contact the local RCMP if anyone is interested in volunteering.
- She congratulated the Grand Forks Pee Wee Team for their recent poster contest win.
- She wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

Councillor Moslin:

Councillor Moslin reported on the following items:

- He reported with regard to the Habitat for Humanity and their plan to go forward with the construction of the multiplex project and advised that the sod turning is planned for April.
- He reported on his attendance at a meeting of the Phoenix Mountain Alpine Ski Society and advised that he has suggested that they consider their venue to other winter sports users.
- He reported that the Environment Committee and all three subcommittees have met and advised that the next Environment Committee meeting is scheduled for February 25th at the RDKB Board room at 11:00 am.
- He spoke with regard to the Deer Committee and their project regarding signage. He presented a few of the pictures which school kids drew with regard to control and management of deer. He advised that the Deer Committee is planning to spend some money in conjunction to the signage.
- He further reported that the Deer Committee also discussed the possibility of a limited entry hunt (L.E.H.) for 2012, where selected hunters would be chosen to participate. He advised that this would increase the hunter harvest by increasing the bag limit, where the third deer could be only from an urban hunting zone. He advised that the subject is going to the AKBLG and members of the Deer committee will meet with other communities in Kimberley.

Councillor Wirischagin:

Councillor Wirischagin reported on the following items:

- He reported that the Border Bruins hockey season is now finished.
- He reported on his attendance at the Hearts Journey production and that it was a great success
- He reported on his attendance at the Area C Budget meeting at the Community Centre in Christina Lake
- He reported that he plans to attend the Recreation Commission meeting this Thursday and reported that there are plans for cutbacks to the pool due to lack of funds.

Mayor Taylor:

The Mayor advised that he is combining his report with the Regional District report

- The Mayor reported that the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary is dealing with budgets and that they are trying to keep costs for the Regional Boundary down and will apprise council on further details.
- The Mayor reported on his attendance at the Volunteer Firefighters Awards evening and commented on the amazing contributions from this group of people.
- He spoke with regard to the response to finding the Red Cross a home and reported that he was pleased that Interior Health has offered use of space at the hospital for a month. He further advised that the problem has not gone away and that the Red Cross still needs to find a permanent home.
- The Mayor spoke regarding an RCMP issue which was discussed at the Regional table, where the Region was advised that criminal record checks will be done in Trail now. The Mayor reported that these record checks have to be done in person and could present an inconvenience to people looking for basic criminal record checks. He advised that the Regional District is on board to try to clarify that this service should be provided locally.

MOTION: THOMPSON/WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT ALL REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL INCLUDING THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY BY THE CITY'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, GIVEN VERBALLY AT THIS MEETING, BE RECEIVED.
CARRIED.

REPORT FROM THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY (VERBAL)

- Report as above.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:

- a) **Chief Administrative Officer's Report – RInC Pedestrian & Bike Path Project Grand Opening**

Representatives of the Grand Forks Community Trails Society have approached the City with a vision for a "grand opening" of the project on May 14th, 2011. Prior to granting the Society permission to proceed with arrangements, it is appropriate for Council members to determine the date for the opening and to forward invitations to government representatives, including those funding partners such as the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia, and attend the opening ceremonies.

MOTION: MOSLIN/DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DETERMINES THAT THE GRAND OPENING AND RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY FOR THE RINC PEDESTRIAN AND BIKE PATH BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 14TH, 2011, ON A TRAIL SITE TO BE DETERMINED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE CITY SEND FORMAL INVITATIONS TO ATTEND THE OPENING TO THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS:

- MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, ALEX ATAMANENKO
- WESTERN ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION REPRESENTATIVE
- JOHN SLATER, MLA
- MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT REPRESENTATIVE
- REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY, DIRECTORS FROM AREA C AND AREA D
- FREEMAN OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS
- DIRECTOR OF TRAILS, JOHN HAWKINGS – MINISTRY OF TOURISM, TRADE AND INVESTMENT
- URBAN SYSTEMS LTD.
- ARGOSY CONSTRUCTION

AND BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT STAFF BE AUTHORIZED TO WORK WITH THE GRAND FORKS COMMUNITY TRAILS SOCIETY TO DEVELOP AN AGENDA FOR THE EVENT AND TO MAKE THE ARRANGEMENTS. CARRIED.

b) Councillor Thompson & Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Proposed Resolution to Association of Kootenay Boundary Municipalities (AKBLG)

A proposed resolution brought forward by Councillor Thompson that involves petitioning the Province to amend the Local Government Tax Sale requirements by repealing those sections dealing with tax sale and implementing provisions which are similar to those of the Surveyor of Taxes Forfeiture Cycle.

MOTION: THOMPSON / MOSLIN

WHEREAS ADMINISTRATION OF SECTIONS 420 TO 427 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT IS ONEROUS AND COSTLY TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS; AND

WHEREAS THE PROVISIONS OF THE SURVEYOR OF TAXES FORFEITURE CYCLE ARE CLEAR, CONCISE AND DO NOT PROVIDE FOR THE INVOLVEMENT OF THIRD PARTIES;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT UBCM PETITION THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA TO REPEAL SECTIONS 420 TO 427 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT AND REPLACE IT WITH PROVISIONS SIMILAR TO THOSE OF THE SURVEYOR OF TAXES FORFEITURE CYCLE, AND THAT THOSE PROVISIONS ENSURE THAT ANY UNREDEEMED PROPERTIES REVERT TO THE MUNICIPALITY. CARRIED.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / THOMPSON

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

CARRIED.

- a) Correspondence from the Seniors Branch #68 regarding thoughts on the proposed use of City Park. **Recommend to receive for information.**
 - b) CARIP report on Carbon Neutrality as submitted by staff. **Recommend to receive.**
 - c) BC Hydro Integrated Resource Plan invitation to a multi-stakeholder meeting in Castlegar. **Recommend to receive for information. Please email address provided if planning to attend.**
 - d) Correspondence from the Royal Canadian Legion Military Service Recognition Book request for advertising. **Recommend that the City place a ¼ page ad in the Military Service Recognition Book in the amount of \$450.00 as the City has done in previous years.**
 - e) Correspondence from Product Care Association Notice of Eco-Fee increases effective February 1st. **Recommend to receive for information.**
 - f) Correspondence from UBCM regarding a policy proposal of BC's proposed Water Sustainability Act. **Recommend to receive for information – deadline for comments is February 21st.**
 - g) Correspondence from UBCM – Sunshine Coast Regional District – request for policy change regarding drinking watersheds. **Recommend to receive for information.**
 - h) From UBCM – a response letter regarding a Benefit Plan for Volunteer Fire Fighters. **Recommend to receive for information – Manager of Member & Association Service to contact CAO regarding other alternatives for consideration.**
 - i) Correspondence from Community Social Services advising that March is Community Social Services Awareness Month. **Recommend to receive for information – the City does not issue proclamations.**
 - j) January 31st Task List of completed and in-progress tasks. **Recommend to file.**
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BYLAWS:

- a) **Corporate Officer's Report – Bylaw 1912 – Major Industrial Revitalization Tax Exemption Amendment**

Interfor has recently consolidated industrial properties which has resulted in a new Legal Description, and has requested a revised Major Industrial Revitalization Area Tax Exemption Certificate indicating the new legal description.

MOTION: THOMPSON/WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1912, CITED AS THE "AMENDMENT TO THE MAJOR INDUSTRIAL REVITALIZATION AREA TAX EXEMPTION RENEWAL (INTERFOR), BYLAW NO. 1912", BE GIVEN FIRST READING. CARRIED.

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MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/WYERS

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1912, CITED AS THE "AMENDMENT TO THE MAJOR INDUSTRIAL REVITALIZATION AREA TAX EXEMPTION RENEWAL (INTERFOR), BYLAW NO. 1912", BE GIVEN SECOND READING. CARRIED.

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MOTION: THOMPSON/DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1912, CITED AS THE "AMENDMENT TO THE MAJOR INDUSTRIAL REVITALIZATION AREA TAX EXEMPTION RENEWAL (INTERFOR), BYLAW NO. 1912", BE GIVEN THIRD READING. CARRIED.

LATE ITEMS:

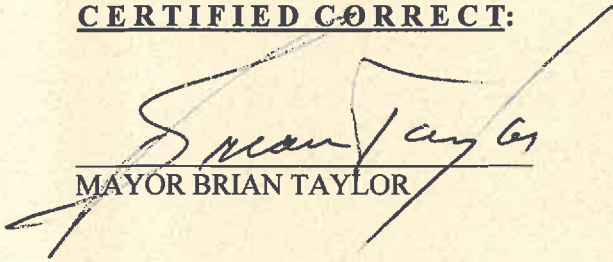
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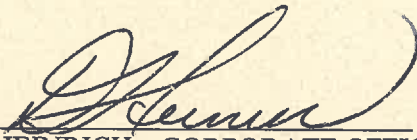
ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 8:42 P.M. CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


DIANE HEINRICH - CORPORATE OFFICER