

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY FEBRUARY 28TH, 2011

PRESENT: MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR
COUNCILLOR CHRIS MOSLIN
COUNCILLOR GENE ROBERT
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.

RECESS TO PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING:

MOTION: THOMPSON/WYERS

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 7:03 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION: MOSLIN/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT THE FEBRUARY 28TH, 2011, REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: THOMPSON/WYERS

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 14TH, 2011, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Corporate Officer's Report – Visitor's Guide Advertisement

Council to consider purchasing advertising in the 2011 Edition of the Boundary Country Visitor's Guide.

MOTION: ROBERT/WYERS

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE CORPORATE OFFICER'S REPORT DATED FEBRUARY 22ND, 2011 REGARDING ADVERTISING IN THE BOUNDARY COUNTRY VISITOR'S CHOICE GUIDE AND FURTHER DETERMINES TO PURCHASE A FULL PAGE AD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,360.00 IN 2011 EDITION OF THE BOUNDARY COUNTRY VISITOR'S CHOICE GUIDE. CARRIED.

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- b) Corporate Officer's Report – New City Web Site Recommendation

After the City received Request for Proposals for the design requirements for a new City of Grand Forks Web Site, an ad-hoc committee comprising of Councillor Chris Moslin; Councillor Christine Thompson; Chief Administrative Officer, Lynne Burch; Corporate Officer, Diane Heinrich; and the City's IT Technician, Daniel Drexler was formed to review all proposals and make a recommendation for Council's consideration. Several requirements for a City Web Page were weighed in comparison to the proposals including the best value for the tax payer's dollar.

MOTION: MOSLIN/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE CORPORATE OFFICER'S REPORT DATED FEBRUARY 18TH, 2011 WITH REGARD TO A NEW CITY WEB SITE CONTRACT AND AWARD PRO-CREATIVE DESIGN LAB FROM CASTLEGAR, BC, THE CONTRACT TO DESIGN AND DEVELOP A NEW WEBSITE TO BE OWNED AND MANAGED BY THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS AS PER THE CITY'S REQUIREMENTS FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000. CARRIED.

Councillor Robert asked if there any local submissions and was advised that there were two local bids of the nine proposals received.

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

Councillor Moslin:

Councillor Moslin reported on the following items:

- He reported on his attendance at a Heritage Workshop on February 16th that was put on by Berdine Jonkers. He advised that the intent of the workshop was to assist the community to develop a heritage resource process.
- He asked if Staff could investigate the availability of installing more bike racks in the downtown core. The CAO advised that she would prepare a report for Council with regard to bike racks.
- He reported his attendance at the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary's Area D Town Hall Meeting on February 21, 2011 where the Regional District's CAO, John MacLean spoke regarding their role as a local government. Councillor Moslin further advised that the Regional District's CAO discussed the costs to improve the pool and the need to go to referendum. In addition, Mr. Alan Stanley, the Regional District's Waste Manager, gave a presentation regarding a proposal for a new organic waste stream and garbage service that the Regional District is considering for Areas C, D and City of Grand Forks.
- Councillor Moslin spoke with regard to the Environment Committee meeting last Friday on February 26, 2011 and advised Council that the details of the meeting will be coming forward at the March 14th meeting. He advised that the committee is requesting the City to make 22nd Street their number one priority in infrastructure developments.
- He reminded everyone that Saturday, May 14th is the grand opening of the RInC Pathways and Black Train dedication and advised that the 44th squadron will attend the parade as well as several government officials.

Councillor Wyers:

Councillor Wyers reported on the following items:

- She reported her attendance at the February 16th Heritage Workshop at the Omega.
- She reported her attendance at the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Area D town meeting on February 21st.
- She reported her attendance at the Environment Committee Meeting on February 25th, where she advised that the Water Sustainability Subcommittee announced eight goals of the subcommittee that will be brought to Council within the next couple of weeks. She further announced that there will be a motion coming forward to have the Columbia Basin Trust visit our community and speak with regard to Water Sustainability. Councillor Wyers further reported that the Water Sustainability Act is available on-line at www.livingwatersmart.com.
- She reported her attendance at the February 27th Grand Forks Library appreciation brunch that was held at Gallery 2. She offered thanks to Grand Forks Art Gallery for a beautiful luncheon that was served at the appreciation brunch.

- She reported that February 27th was “Oscar Nights” in Grand Forks at the Gem Theatre. She advised that many people participated in the celebration including “Marilyn Monroe”.
 - Councillor Wyers offered a reminder that Gallery 2 is hosting their membership drive and advised that the membership includes a 10% discount in the Gallery 2 Gift Shop and many other reciprocal benefits.
 - She announced that March 5th, 2011 is the day for the upcoming Partners in Parenting one day workshop in Rock Creek.
 - She advised that the Grand Forks Public Library Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 2nd at 7:00 PM. She further reported that elections have taken place for four two-year terms which will be announced at the AGM.
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Councillor Robert:

Councillor Robert reported on the following items:

- He spoke with regard to the old BC Place Dome that was being removed. He advised that a citizen contacted him with ideas for community uses for the old dome. Councillor Robert advised that the old BC Place dome was removed and that it has been recycled.
 - He reported that he will be attending a Carbon Neutrality Subcommittee Meeting of the Environment Committee on March 1st at 1:00 pm at Kocomos.
 - He reported his attendance at the Environment Committee Meeting on February 25th.
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Councillor Thompson:

Councillor Thompson reported on the following items:

- She reported her attendance to a Local Government Leadership Academy on February 16-18th and thanked Council for giving her the opportunity to attend the conference. She further spoke with regard to several sessions and workshops in addition to keynote speakers which she attended while at the conference. She reported that an update from the Elections Task Force announced that effective in 2014, local government elections will be held the 3rd Saturday in October. Councillor Thompson further advised that she received her Level One Certificate in Local Government Leadership from Minister Stephanie Cadieux from the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development.
 - She advised that the Phoenix Foundation held their Board Meeting on February 23rd and that the Foundation will be holding their Strategic Planning Session on April 9th, which she plans to attend.
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Mayor Taylor:

- The Mayor advised that he did not have a report this evening.
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MOTION: ROBERT/MOSLIN

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 minutes from the January 27th, 2011 Regional District of Kootenay Boundary meeting.

- The Mayor advised that there is a Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Meeting on the 7th of March and has asked if the Chief Financial Officer would attend the meeting to preview the shared services between City of Grand Forks and the Regional District.
- The Mayor expressed concerns that the USA may begin charging Canadians to cross the border by vehicle and advised that he will alert the RDKB of possible future ramifications.
- He advised that there is an Environment Services Meeting on Thursday, March 4th at the Regional District Board Room.

MOTION: MOSLIN/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 – RInC Multi-use Pathway Project Extension of Time

Required support resolution for request for extension of the RInC (Recreational Infrastructure for Canada) Multi-use Pathway Project Completion Date - Amendment

MOTION: THOMPSON/MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL FOR THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS REQUESTS THAT THE DEADLINE FOR COMPLETION FOR THE RInC MULTI-USE PATHWAY PROJECT, PROJECT NUMBER 8215, BE EXTENDED TO OCTOBER 31ST, 2011.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A CLAIM FOR ELIGIBLE COSTS INCURRED UP TO MARCH 31, 2011 BE SUBMITTED TO WESTERN ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION CANADA PRIOR TO APRIL 30, 2011.

AND BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS ACCEPTS RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY COSTS FOR THIS PROJECT WHICH ARE INCURRED BEYOND OCTOBER 31ST, 2011. CARRIED.

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

Required approval of Council for a Development Permit for property owners Baun F. Mark and Mei-Lan Mark to re-develop 377 Central Avenue and 4th Street (7458-4th Street).

MOTION: THOMPSON/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVE THE CORPORATE OFFICER'S REPORT DATED FEBRUARY 22, 2011, REGARDING A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT AND APPROVES THE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION MADE BY BAUN F. MARK AND MEI-LAN MARK AT THE PROPERTY LEGALLY KNOWN AS LOT 20, 22-25 EXCEPT PARCEL A ON PLAN B5865, BLOCK 12, D.L. 108, S.D.Y.D., PLAN 23, LOCATED AT 377 CENTRAL AVENUE & 7458-4TH STREET SUBJECT TO COMPLIANCE WITH CITY BYLAWS, THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT'S REQUIREMENTS AND IN SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE WITH THE PLANS PRESENTED IN THE APPLICATION. CARRIED.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION: MOSLIN/ROBERT

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

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

CARRIED.

- a) Correspondence from Nadine Nevokshenoff regarding environmental concerns. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- b) Correspondence from Marguerite Rotvold, Chair of the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary to the BC Used Oil Management Association. **Recommend to receive for information. The Mayor advised that he will bring the letter forward at the Environmental Meeting.**
- c) Correspondence from S. Dubois of UBC – requesting to participate as an observer in Deer Committee Meeting decisions. **Refer to the Deer Committee to respond to Ms. Dubois. Councillor Moslin advised he has corresponded with Ms. Dubois that she is interested in attending the Deer Community Meeting on April 27th in conjunction with the AKBLG convention in Kimberley.**
- d) Memo from the Manager of Works and Services to the CAO regarding a home owner request to have a tree removed at 587-72nd Avenue. **Recommend to receive for information – Staff advises that tree will be removed in the next couple of weeks.**
- e) Correspondence from Louise Currier regarding concerns to the intersection at 72nd Avenue and 2nd Street. **Refer to Staff for investigation, consultation with the RCMP and report**

back to Council. Councillor Thompson asked if the report could include the intersection at Market and 2nd Street as well. Councillor Moslin inquired on a time line to the report and was advised that he could expect it to be brought back at end of March or early April at the latest, as Staff needs to consult with RCMP.

- f) Correspondence from Grand Forks Secondary School surveying for continued support in the 2011 Scholarship Program. **Recommend Staff to write a letter advising GFSS that Council has allocated funds for the continued Scholarship program as outlined, with funds in the amount of \$1,000 from the 2011 Grant In Aid process.**
- g) From West Coast Amusements Ltd. – requesting permission to operate a Carnival in April in Dick Bartlett Park. **Recommend that Council grant permission to West Coast Amusements and direct Staff to forward a property use contract to West Coast Amusements.**
- h) Latest updates on Plastic & Styrofoam Recycling – Offering services for a collection system. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- i) From Canadian Electrical Stewardship Association, Communications Coordinator – Advising on the upcoming BC Small Appliance Recycling Program. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- j) From the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary regarding 2011 Collection Calendars – advising of calendar distribution sites. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- k) From UBCM “In the House” – 2011 Throne/Budget Speech. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- l) From the AKBLG – Discussion paper of Rural BC Project. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- m) February 14th Task List of Completed and In-Progress Tasks. **Recommend to file.**

BYLAWS:

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

MOTION: THOMPSON/MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1912, CITED AS THE “Amendment to the Major Industrial Revitalization Area Tax Exemption Renewal (Interfor), Bylaw No. 1912”, BE GIVEN FINAL READING.

CARRIED.

b) Chief Financial Officer's Report – Bylaw 1913 – A Bylaw to Amend the City of Grand Forks Water Regulations and Rates Bylaw No. 1501

MOTION: THOMPSON/WYERS

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1913, CITED AS THE “Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Water Regulations and Rates, Bylaw No. 1913”, BE GIVEN FIRST READING.

CARRIED.

Councillor Robert asked if the 4% increase is for this year only and was advised by the CFO that it was.

Councillor Robert voted against the motion.
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MOTION: THOMPSON/MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1913, CITED AS THE “Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Water Regulations and Rates, Bylaw No. 1913”, BE GIVEN SECOND READING.

CARRIED.

Councillor Robert voted against the motion.
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MOTION: THOMPSON/MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1913, CITED AS THE “Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Water Regulations and Rates, Bylaw No. 1913”, BE GIVEN THIRD READING.

CARRIED.

Councillor Robert voted against the motion.
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c) Chief Financial Officer's Report – Bylaw 1914 – A Bylaw to Amend the City of Grand Forks Sewer Regulations and Rates Bylaw No. 1500

MOTION: THOMPSON/MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1914, CITED AS THE “Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Sewer Regulations and Rates, Bylaw No. 1914”, BE GIVEN FIRST READING.

CARRIED.

Councillor Robert voted against the motion.
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MOTION: THOMPSON/WYERS

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1914, CITED AS THE “Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Sewer Regulations and Rates, Bylaw No. 1914”, BE GIVEN SECOND READING.

CARRIED.

Councillor Robert voted against the motion.
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MOTION: THOMPSON/MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1914, CITED AS THE "Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Sewer Regulations and Rates, Bylaw No. 1914", BE GIVEN THIRD READING.

CARRIED.

Councillor Robert and Councillor Moslin voted against the motion.

LATE ITEMS:

None

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 8:24 P.M.

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR
CORPORATE OFFICER- DIANE HEINRICH