

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
MONDAY JANUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2011

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

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER L. Burch  
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER C. Arnott

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

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**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

MOTION: WYERS / THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT THE JANUARY 17TH, 2011, REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.**

CARRIED.

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**MINUTES:**

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY DECEMBER 20TH, 2010, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.**

CARRIED.

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MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY DECEMBER 20TH, 2010, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.**

CARRIED.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / ROBERT

**RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 20TH, 2010, AND ALL RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.**

CARRIED.

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**REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:**

None

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

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

**Councillor Davies:**

Councillor Davies advised she had no report for this meeting:

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**Councillor Thompson:**

Councillor Thompson reported on the following items:

- She wished everyone a happy new year.
- Reported on her attendance at the Fall Fair Society meeting held on January 5, 2011, and advised that she has agreed to be the treasurer for the Fall Fair Society.
- Advised that she met with Liberal candidate George Abbott on January 6<sup>th</sup>, and further advised that they discussed the concerns of Council as they relate to the lack of oil recycling service in Grand Forks.
- She reported that at the annual meeting of the Boundary Restorative Justice Society held on January 11, 2011; she was elected Secretary Treasurer, as there was no one else willing to take the position on. She further advised that Councillor Robert was elected Chair.
- Reported on her attendance at the announcement by the Grand Forks Credit Union of their \$30,000 grant in support of the Heritage Gallery display at the reception held at Gallery 2.
- Gave notice of her intent to bring forward a motion at the February 14<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting of Council regarding Annual Tax Sales for Council's consideration in forwarding onto the AKBLG for consideration at the regional conference in April.

**Councillor Robert:**

Councillor Robert reported on the following items:

- He reported on a published message from the President of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, wherein President Hans Cunningham suggests that local governments cannot depend on property tax revenue to fund the costly upgrades of municipal infrastructure.
  - He advised that Whispers of Hope is relying on a recently approved 2011 grant-in-aid to meet expenditures. He further advised that he will be looking to Council for a resolution to pay the 2011 grant-in-aid for Whispers of Hope as soon as the budget is approved at the end of January.
  - He reported that the Red Cross is looking for a space to occupy as they will need to vacate the former Hardy view lodge as the building is being shut down.
  - He spoke with regard to BC assessments recently circulated.
  - He spoke to a new partnership recently announced between the Grand Forks District Savings Credit Union and Grand Forks Art Gallery for the development of the Heritage Gallery.
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**Councillor Wyers:**

Councillor Wyers reported on the following items:

- She reported on her attendance at the Staff Long Service Awards held on Dec 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010.
  - She reported on her attendance at the Fall Fair Society and advised that she has been elected Secretary.
  - She reported on her meeting with Liberal candidate George Abbott.
  - She reported on her attendance at the Gallery 2 reception for the presentation of \$30,000 by Grand Forks & District Savings Credit Union for the permanent heritage display.
  - She reported her attendance at the 200 mile Dog Sled Race meeting on January 13th.
  - She announced that the Brown Bag Theatre will have a presentation at Gallery 2 on January 20, 2011.
  - Reported on the Grand Forks Library Association's programs for adults at the Library in partnership with the Columbia Basin Trust's literacy programs.
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**Councillor Moslin:**

Councillor Moslin reported on the following items:

- Wished everyone happy new year.
- He reported on his attendance at the Jan 11th Habitat for Humanity meeting and highlighted the fund-raising for the 7-unit special needs housing development. He announced that the Habitat for Humanity website has provision to make online donations and receive tax receipts.
- He reported his attendance on January 13 at Holy Joe McGee's Dance Extravaganza.
- He reported on his attendance on January 14 at the regular deer committee meeting, and advised that MOE will not fund the relocation deer pilot project. He gave notice of the intent of the committee to reach out to partner with neighboring municipalities in meeting this challenge.
- He reported on his attendance at the opening of the Phoenix Mountain Ski Society First Aid Station, at a ceremony last Saturday where donors, including the City of Grand Forks, were recognized.

- Advised that the inaugural meeting of the new Environment Committee will be held this Thursday at the RDKB office.
- Advised that the 200 Mile Dog Sled Race Committee is still looking for volunteers to assist at the event scheduled to take place January 28 – 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

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**Councillor Wirischagin:**

Councillor Wirischagin reported on the following items:

- He reported that he and his wife welcomed their new daughter Solara on January 5, 2011.
- He announced that the Senior Boys Basketball Team played the Harlem Crowns basketball team thanks to 2011 grads.
- He reported that the Border Bruins will play the Nelson Maple Leafs this Thursday.
- He advised that the 200 mile Dog Sled race is happening January 28-30.
- He gave notice of his intent to bring forward a motion at the next Regular Meeting, based on last summer's motion that Council moves forward with the construction of an undersized multi-use playing field in City Park, measuring 60 meters by 90 meters, with an additional 5 meter perimeter, funded from surplus.

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**Mayor Taylor:**

The Mayor reported on the following items:

- The Mayor reported that the newly formed Regional Chamber of Commerce held their first meeting last week, and that a temporary Board of Directors and a temporary Executive Director was put in place.
- He reported on his attendance at the Boundary Economic Development Committee meeting, and advised of the new direction of the committee. He advised that members of the Committee expressed a desire to hold a separate meeting, outside of the BEDC, to discuss governance and other regional issues.
- He commented on the contents of a letter from Frank Conrad who has expressed concerns as to pedestrians and cyclists using the Trans Canada Trail crossing Highway 3. The Mayor suggested that a way needs to be found to mitigate the danger in this area. He stated his appreciation that Mr. Conrad has brought these issues forward.

MOTION: ROBERT / DAVIES

**RESOLVED THAT ALL REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, GIVEN VERBALLY AT THIS MEETING, BE RECEIVED. CARRIED.**

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**REPORT FROM THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY (VERBAL)**

The minutes of the November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Regional District of Kootenay Boundary are attached to this report.

- Mayor Taylor reported that the RDKB Environmental Committee meeting was cancelled last week due to weather conditions.
- He advised that he has requested that the coordination of grants-in-aid be put on the RDKB Policy and Procedures Committee agenda.
- He advised that he will approach the Mayors from the Cities of Cranbrook and Kimberley to investigate the possibility of supporting a joint motion at AKBLG conference which would encourage the Ministry of Environment to get more involved in finding a resolve to the urban deer population issue.
- He spoke with regard to BC Used Oil Recycling program, stating his opinion that the association's approach to the program in Grand Forks is not working for our community.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT THE REPORT REGARDING THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY BY THE CITY'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, BE RECEIVED. CARRIED.**

**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:**

**a) Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Possible Downtown Core Amenities for Pedestrians**

Council's request for a report on possible downtown core amenities for Pedestrians, including downtown business owner's input

MOTION: ROBERT / DAVIES

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZES A COMPREHENSIVE MEETING, BETWEEN MEMBERS OF COUNCIL AND DOWNTOWN BUSINESS OWNERS, AND THEIR STAFF, AS WELL AS COMMERCIAL CORE PROPERTY OWNERS, TO DISCUSS DOWNTOWN CORE AMENITIES. CARRIED.**

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT DATED, DECEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2010, WITH REGARD TO POSSIBLE DOWNTOWN CORE AMENITIES.**

**CARRIED.**

**b) Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Property Owner Requested Improvements**

Approval of improvements to the boulevard and sidewalk adjacent to the property located at 7594 2<sup>nd</sup> Street as requested by property owner, Sharon Marshall.

MOTION: THOMPSON / WIRISCHAGIN

**RESOLVED THAT** THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT, DATED DECEMBER 28TH, 2010, REGARDING THE REQUESTED IMPROVEMENTS BY PROPERTY OWNER, SHARON MARSHALL, BE RECEIVED AND ADVISES MS. MARSHALL THAT STAFF WILL REMOVE A ONE METER BY TWO METER TRIANGULAR PORTION OF ASPHALT LOCATED ON HER PROPERTY, AND CURB THE BACKSIDE IN ORDER TO CONTROL THE FLOW OF WATER TO THIS DRAIN AND THAT THIS WORK WILL BE DONE AS TIME PERMITS IN THE SPRING OR SUMMER OF 2011. COUNCIL FURTHER ADVISES MS. MARSHALL THAT THE EXTENSION OF SIDEWALK ON 2<sup>ND</sup> STREET, FROM WHERE IT ENDS IN THE 7500 BLOCK TO THE NORTH TOWARDS THE WILDLIFE HALL, CAN BE COMPLETED AT THE PROPERTY OWNER'S COST, INASMUCH AS THE SIDEWALK IS NOT REQUIRED FOR RESIDENCES NORTH OF THE PROPERTY. CARRIED.

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**c) Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Lift Station Ground Rehabilitation and Additional Improvements**

Council approval of options to proceed with the rehabilitation and other improvements to the City Park Lift Station Grounds and Parking Areas.

MOTION: ROBERT / WYERS

**RESOLVED THAT** THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT DATED JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2011, REGARDING THE LIFT STATION GROUNDS REHABILITATION AND ADDITIONAL IMPROVEMENTS, BE RECEIVED.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** THAT COUNCIL DIRECTS STAFF TO PROCEED WITH PHASE ONE OF THE SEWER LIFT STATION REHABILITATION, TO BE COMPLETED USING PROJECT FUNDING, AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$172,588.50, AND FURTHER DIRECTS STAFF TO INCLUDE THE REMAINING PHASES 2 TO 4 IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS. CARRIED.

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**REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

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**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / WYERS

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

- a) Correspondence from Statistics Canada regarding the National Census scheduled for May, 2011. **Recommend to place information in the City's March Newsletter as per direction from the Census communication team.**
- b) Correspondence from the Boundary Museum Society requesting a meeting with Council to discuss options to house the community archival collection. **Recommend to refer to Staff to make arrangements for the Boundary Museum Board to attend a Primary Committee Meeting in January or February, 2011. Suggested that they be invited to January 31<sup>st</sup> primary committee meeting. Liaison directed to advise the BMS that Council is supportive of the archives being housed in City Hall.**
- c) Correspondence from British Columbia Used Oil Management Association to Marguerite Rotvold advising of BCUOMA's position in providing services. **Recommend to receive for discussion.**

MOTION: ROBERT / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS CONTACT THE BRITISH COLUMBIA USED OIL MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION TO BEGIN A PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY, TO COLLECT USED OIL IN GRAND FORKS. CARRIED.

- d) Correspondence from the BC Health Coalition to Councillor Robert thanking him for his support of Resolution B155 at the UBCM. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- e) Correspondence from Berg Naqvi Lehmann, Accountants for the City of Grand Forks submitting an Audit Planning Letter. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- f) Correspondence from the UBCM regarding a Community to Community Forum on a day of dialogue on building relationships with First Nations and Tribal Councils. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- g) Correspondence from the AKBLG regarding notice of Annual General Meeting and the Second Call for Resolutions 2011. **Recommend that Council provide staff with proposed resolutions.**
- h) December 20<sup>th</sup> Task List of completed and in-progress tasks. **Recommend to file.**

**BYLAWS:**

- a) **Corporate Officer's Report – Bylaw 1903 – To Close and Remove the Dedication of that portion of 8<sup>th</sup> Street shown on Plan 72, DL 108, SDYD**

MOTION: MOSLIN / THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1903, CITED AS THE "8<sup>TH</sup> STREET ROAD CLOSURE BYLAW NO. 1903, 2010", BE GIVEN FINAL READING.**

CARRIED.

**b) Corporate Officer's Report – Bylaw 1905 – Amendments to the City of Grand Forks Official Community Plan Designation Bylaw**

MOTION: THOMPSON / MOSLIN

**RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1905, CITED AS THE “AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN DESIGNATION BYLAW NO. 1905, 2010”, BE GIVEN FINAL READING.**

CARRIED.

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**c) Corporate Officer's Report – Bylaw 1906 – Amendments to the City of Grand Forks Zoning Bylaw**

MOTION: THOMPSON / WYERS

**RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1906, CITED AS THE “AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS ZONING BYLAW NO. 1906, 2010”, BE GIVEN FINAL READING.**

CARRIED.

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**d) Chief Financial Officer's Report – Bylaw 1907 – City of Grand Forks 2011-2015 Financial Plan Bylaw**

MOTION: THOMPSON / WYERS

**RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1907, CITED AS THE “YEAR 2011-2015 FINANCIAL PLAN BYLAW NO. 1907, 2010”, BE GIVEN THIRD READING.**

CARRIED.

Councillors Wirischagin and Robert voted against the motion.

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**e) Chief Financial Officer's Report – Bylaw 1911 – City of Grand Forks Revenue Anticipation Bylaw**

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1911, CITED AS THE “CITY OF GRAND FORKS REVENUE ANTICIPATION BORROWING BYLAW NO. 1911, 2011”, BE GIVEN FINAL READING.**

CARRIED.

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**LATE ITEMS:**

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**QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA:**

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: ROBERT

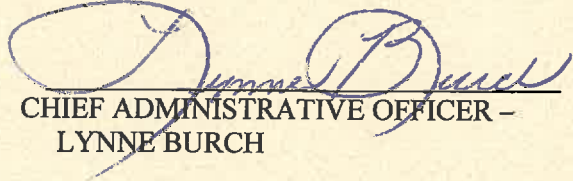
**RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 8:40 P.M. CARRIED.**

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**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

  
MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR

  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER -  
LYNNE BURCH