

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY MARCH 14TH, 2011

PRESENT: MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR
COUNCILLOR CHRIS MOSLIN
COUNCILLOR GENE ROBERT
COUNCILLOR CHRISTINE THOMPSON
COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WIRISCHAGIN
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 7:03 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION: ROBERT/WIRISCHAGIN

**RESOLVED THAT THE MARCH 14TH, 2011, REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE
ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.**

MINUTES:

MOTION: WYERS/THOMPSON

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

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MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/MOSLIN

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

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

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

Councillor Wirischagin:

- Councillor Wirischagin had no report for this week.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE GRAND FORKS SENIOR GIRL'S BASKETBALL TEAM RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION FOR THEIR EFFORTS AT THE PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS. CARRIED.

Councillor Moslin:

Councillor Moslin reported on the following items:

- He expressed sorrow with regard to the earthquake disaster in Japan last week.
- He reported his attendance at a Nordic Ski Society Meeting and advised of their appreciation for the Grant in Aid funding which they received from the City. He further advised that the organization is planning on writing other grants in support of their sport. He commented that the Nordic Ski Society has agreed to participate in discussions with regard to stewardship of Marshall Lake. He asked the Mayor if the Society made a presentation to the Boundary Economic Development Committee. The Mayor advised that they had as they were reaching out to the Regional District and municipalities for financial support. Councillor Moslin asked the Mayor if the Nordic Ski Area could be included in future considerations should the Regional District decide upon a parks function at the Marshall Lake area.
- He spoke with regard to Habitat for Humanity and advised that the organization had received a significant grant for building green and that the chair for Habitat for Humanity Boundary will be attending a week long course with regard to building green.
- He spoke with regard to the Deer Committee and advised that the Committee is planning to meet on Wednesday, April 27th in conjunction with the AKBLG conference. He

commented that at least three other communities will be in attendance representing Kimberley, Cranbrook and Sparwood. He further advised that the Deer Committee will have a special unveiling of educational posters which will be displayed in parks and on trails in our community. He also advised that the committee is starting to work on a deer management plan and that their next meeting is on March 25th.

Councillor Wyers:

Councillor Wyers reported on the following items:

- She reported her attendance to the Grand Forks Public Library Annual General Meeting on March 2nd and announced that March 16th is the monthly library board meeting
- Councillor Wyers spoke with regard to the Environment Committee Meeting on February 25th and advised that one of the goals is education on Drinking Water.

MOTION: WYERS/MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DIRECTS STAFF TO CONTACT KINDY GOSAL, DIRECTOR - WATER & ENVIRONMENT, COLUMBIA BASIN TRUST AT KGOSAL@CBT.ORG , 250-344-7015 FOR THE PURPOSE OF A HOLDING A PUBLIC WORKSHOP PRESENTED BY THE COLUMBIA BASIN TRUST'S WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM DURING MAY 1 TO MAY 7TH, 2011 WHERE CITIZENS CAN LEARN WATER SAVING TECHNIQUES.

CARRIED.

- She spoke with regard to Earth Hour which is on March 26th, 2011 and recommended that everyone turn off their light switches and other power sources from 8:30 to 9:30 PM.
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Councillor Robert:

Councillor Robert reported on the following items:

- He spoke with regard to the Community Social Services Awareness Month

MOTION: ROBERT/WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS RECOGNIZE THE WORK THAT COMMUNITY SOCIAL SERVICES DOES IN THE COMMUNITY BY DISPLAYING THEIR POSTER AND PLACING THEIR PAMPHLETS ON THE COUNTER AT CITY HALL.

CARRIED.

- He spoke with regard to cheques that people are receiving from Telus in relation to the CRTC ruling that forced Telus to pay out a deferred account.
- He advised that the province has yet to act on last year's task force recommendations on Municipal reform
- He reported his attendance at a Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Environmental Services meeting regarding the proposed new garbage service system on March 3rd.
- He reported his attendance on March 7th, to a Gallery 2 meeting that included a discussion on customer service.

Councillor Thompson:

Councillor Thompson reported on the following items:

- She reported that the Boundary Museum Society held their regular board meeting on March 8th, and that approval had been given to the second phase of greening at Fructova. She further advised that the museum had been able to pursue the green renovations at Fructova due to grants received from Area D Director, Irene Perepolkin. Councillor Thompson further reported that the Museum staff are busy preparing for the May 1st opening.
- She advised that the Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting the BC Provincial Volunteer Fire Fighters Training weekend on April 29th, 30th and May 1st, and that approximately 400 fire fighters will be visiting Grand Forks during that time.

MOTION: THOMPSON/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS CONTRIBUTES UP TO \$5,000 FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND ACCUMULATED SURPLUS TO BE USED TOWARDS THE COSTS OF HOSTING THE BC PROVINCIAL VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS SPRING TRAINING WEEKEND IN GRAND FORKS. CARRIED.

Mayor Taylor:

The Mayor reported on the following items which included the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary report:

- He spoke with regard to the Environmental Committee Meeting of the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary on March 3rd, and advised that there is a need to fine tune the plan with community members.
 - Councillor Robert asked for an update on BC Used Oil Management Association program. The Mayor advised that a strong position has been taken by Regional District of Kootenay Boundary. The Mayor further advised that as he is now chair of the Regional Environment Committee, he will be available to offer more input into this issue.
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MOTION: ROBERT/WIRISCHAGIN

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

CARRIED.

REPORT FROM THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY (VERBAL)

- The Mayor advised that the Regional District report is included within his Council report above.
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RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:

- a) Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Municipal Roadway between Roxul and former Canpar properties

To close the Municipal roadway between Roxul property and the former Canpar Property and exchange this roadway for an equal portion of Roxul Property on the corner of 2nd Street and 68th Avenue for future road purposes.

MOTION: THOMPSON/WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RESOLVES TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH THE ROAD EXCHANGE, AND DECLARES THAT PORTION OF ROADWAY RUNNING IN AN EAST-WEST DIRECTION BETWEEN THE ROXUL INC PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS LOT 2, PLAN 57972 TO THE SOUTH AND THE FORMER CANPAR INDUSTRIES PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS LOT 1, PLAN 66796 TO THE NORTH, MEASURING 3,400 SQUARE METRES, IS SURPLUS TO THE NEEDS OF THE CITY AND THAT THIS ROADWAY BE CLOSED, AND EVENTUALLY TRADED FOR A 3,400 SQUARE METRE PIECE OF ROXUL INC. PROPERTY, PART OF LOT 1, PLAN 66796.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT THE COSTS INCURRED IN CLOSING THE ROAD AND TRANSFERRING TITLE OF THE RESPECTIVE PROPERTIES WILL BE EQUALLY SHARED BETWEEN THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS AND ROXUL INC.

CARRIED.

Councillor Moslin questioned if the City is considering offering to sell that part of the road of 65th which is also gated. The Chief Administrative Officer advised that this is not the request from Roxul Inc.

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- b) Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Proposed Regional Fire Service

Request that the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary explore the option of a Regional Fire Rescue Service for areas served by Grand Forks Fire Rescue as proposed by the Grand Forks Rural Fire Protection District.

MOTION: ROBERT/WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS APPROACH THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY, AND REQUEST THAT THE OPTION OF A REGIONAL DISTRICT FIRE RESCUE SERVICE FOR THOSE PROPERTY OWNERS CURRENTLY SERVED BY THE GRAND FORKS FIRE RESCUE SERVICE, BE EXPLORED. CARRIED.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT INFORMATION ITEMS NUMBERED 10(a) TO 10(m)

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

CARRIED.

- a) Correspondence from the Ministry of Environment response letter advising that they cannot provide funding to support communities in participating in deer conflict reduction. **Recommend to receive for information – letter to be referred to the Deer Committee.**

MOTION: MOSLIN/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT CITY OF GRAND FORKS WRITE A RESPONSE LETTER TO THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT REITERATING THE POSITION REGARDING PROVINCIAL FUNDING SUPPORT FOR DEER CONFLICT REDUCTION THAT WAS ADOPTED AT THE UBCM CONFERENCE IN 2010.

CARRIED.

Councillor Robert voted against the motion.

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- b) Correspondence from BC Hydro encouraging the City to sign up for Earth Hour 2011. **The City of Grand Forks is already signed up - lights to go out at City Hall, Trails and Downtown Core.**
- c) Correspondence from the Union of Spiritual Communities of Christ inviting the Mayor to the 64th Annual Youth Festival in Castlegar. **The Mayor to advise by April 15th if he is planning to attend. The Mayor advised that either he or Councillor Wirischagin would attend on behalf of the City.**
- d) Correspondence from Nadine Heiberg (Nevokshenoff) on concerns regarding proposed water metering. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- e) Correspondence from the District of Sparwood requesting participation in the AKBLG Deer Committee meeting in Kimberley. **Receive for information – refer to the Deer Committee to respond. Councillor Moslin advised that he has already contacted The District of Sparwood.**
- f) Memorandum from the Chief Administrative Officer regarding bike racks in the downtown core. **Recommend to receive for information. Councillor Moslin stated that he would like to have bike rack placed at Gallery 2 and one close to the Seniors Centre in City Park. The CAO advised that Staff is currently looking at costs for larger bike racks for these areas, and would then need to order them. Councillor Robert advised that he would like to have Staff investigate the placement of racks by Yacque Jacque's and Art Effects.**
- g) Correspondence from Teresen Group announcing that they will be operating under FortisBC as of February 23rd. **Recommend to receive for information.**

- h) From UBCM –Provincial Mobilization Plan for Emergency Services – Information on a mutual aid planning process. **Recommend to receive for information – referred to the Fire Department.**
- i) From UBCM –National Public Works & Local Government Awareness Week from May 15-21, 2011. **Recommend to receive for information – The City does not issue proclamations.**

MOTION: THOMPSON/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR SEND A LETTER TO THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE WORK THAT THEY DO IN OBSERVANCE WITH THE NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS & LOCAL GOVERNMENT AWARENESS WEEK FROM MAY 15-21ST, 2011. CARRIED.

- j) From the AKBLG announcing that registration is now open for the convention at Kimberley in April. **Recommend that members of Council advise Diane if they're planning to attend. Councillors Thompson, Moslin and Wyers, and Mayor Taylor advised that they will be attending the AKBLG convention along with Cecile Arnott, Chief Financial Officer.**
- k) From the UBCM – RAR Variance Protocol – To deal with variances to the Streamside Protection and Enhancement Area setbacks. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- l) Correspondence from the City of Langley – Copy of letter sent to the Minister of Health regarding concerns to Medical Marijuana operations. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- m) February 28th Task List of Completed and In-Progress Tasks. **Recommend to file.**

BYLAWS:

- a) **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. 1501", BE GIVEN FINAL READING.

CARRIED.

Councillor Robert and Councillor Wirischagin voted against the motion.

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b) 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/WYERS

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1914, CITED AS THE “Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Sewer Regulations and Rates Bylaw No. 1500”, BE GIVEN FINAL READING.

CARRIED.

Councillor Robert and Councillor Wirischagin voted against the motion.
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c) Chief Financial Officer's Report – Bylaw 1915 – Electrical Utility Regulatory Amendment Bylaw

MOTION: THOMPSON/WYERS

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1915, CITED AS THE “City of Grand Forks Electrical Utility Regulatory Amendment Bylaw No. 1915”, BE GIVEN FIRST READING.

CARRIED.

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

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1915, CITED AS THE “City of Grand Forks Electrical Utility Regulatory Amendment Bylaw No. 1915”, BE GIVEN SECOND READING.

MOTION DEFEATED.

Councillor Robert, Councillor Moslin & Councillor Wirischagin voted against the motion.
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LATE ITEMS:

None

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

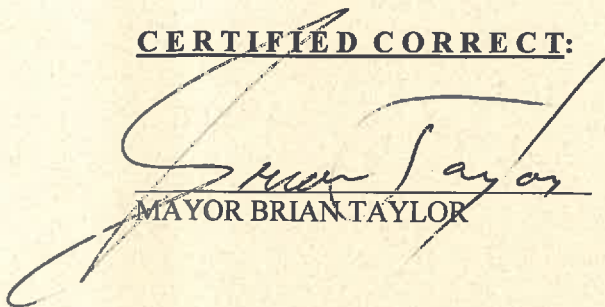
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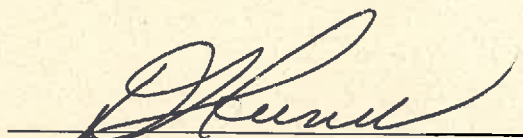
MOTION: ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 8:49 P.M.

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


CORPORATE OFFICER- DIANE HEINRICH

