

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

**INAUGURAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY DECEMBER 5, 2011**

PRESENT: MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR
COUNCILLOR BOB KENDEL
COUNCILLOR NEIL KROG
COUNCILLOR PATRICK O'DOHERTY
COUNCILLOR GARY SMITH
COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WIRISCHAGIN
COUNCILLOR CHER WYERS

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	L. Burch
CORPORATE OFFICER	D. Heinrich
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	C. Arnott
FIRE CHIEF	B. Macgregor
DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF	D. Heriot
MANAGER OF ENVIRONMENTAL & BUILDING CONSTRUCTION SERVICES	W. Kopan
MANAGER OF TECHNICAL SERVICES	S. Bird

GALLERY

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, Mayor-Elect Brian Taylor, welcomed the City's guests for the evening including the Freeman of the City of Grand Forks, being:

- Erna Gobbett
- Richard Reid
- Betty Ann Mackay
- Jock Mackay

He went on to introduce Irene Perepolkin, Electoral Area D Director, and Electoral Area C Director, Grace McGregor

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, all newly elected Members of Council took the Oath of Office, witnessed by the Corporate Officer.

Mayor Brian Taylor called the Inaugural meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall.

Mayor Taylor invited Pastor Henry Klassen to come forward at this time to give the Invocation.

PRESENTATIONS TO RETIRING COUNCIL:

The Mayor presented Service Recognition Plaques to the retiring Members of Council:

Receiving plaques were:

- Joy Davies – 2008-2011
- Christine Thompson – 2008-2011
- Chris Moslin – 2005-2011
- Gene Robert – 2005-2011 (Gene Robert was unavailable to receive his award in person)

INAUGURAL MEETING ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION: WYERS/SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA FOR THIS INAUGURAL MEETING OF DECEMBER 5th, 2011, BE ADOPTED, AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL, HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2011, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2011, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

MOTION: KROG/WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 21, 2011, AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

**OPERATIONAL DISCUSSION &
PRESENTATIONS BY STAFF:**

None

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:

a) Corporate Officer's Report – Notice of 2012 Regular Meetings

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE LISTING OF 2012 REGULAR MEETINGS OF COUNCIL BE RECEIVED AND THAT STAFF BE DIRECTED TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF THE 2012 MEETINGS OF COUNCIL AS REQUIRED BY THE COMMUNITY CHARTER.

CARRIED.

b) Corporate Officer's Report – Chief Election Officer's Report

MOTION: O'DOHERTY/KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT THE REPORT OF THE CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER FOR THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS, ON THE FINAL OUTCOME OF THE 2011 LOCAL GOVERNMENT GENERAL ELECTION BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED.

c) Corporate Officer's Report – Acting Mayor Appointments for 2011-2012

MOTION: WYERS/WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING COUNCILLORS BE APPOINTED AS ACTING MAYOR FOR THE CORRESPONDING TWO-MONTH PERIOD FOR THE ENSUING COUNCIL YEAR:

Councillor Kendel – December 2011 and January 2012

Councillor Krog – February 2012 and March 2012

Councillor O'Doherty – April 2012 and May 2012

Councillor Smith – June 2012 and July 2012

Councillor Wirischagin – August 2012 and September 2012

Councillor Wyers – October 2012 and November 2012

CARRIED.

d) Corporate Officer's Report – Appointments to the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary

In addition to Councillor Krog letting his name stand as Council's alternate representative, Councillor Wyers advised that she would like to be considered for the Alternate representative position for the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary, as well.

MOTION: KROG/O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPOINTS MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR AS THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY, AND THE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE KOOTENAY BOUNDARY REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT AND THAT COUNCILLOR KROG BE APPOINTED AS COUNCIL'S ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE.

MOTION DEFEATED

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MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPOINTS MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR AS THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY, AND THE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE KOOTENAY BOUNDARY REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT. CARRIED.

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MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT COUNCILLOR WYERS BE APPOINTED AS COUNCIL'S ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY, AND ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE KOOTENAY BOUNDARY REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT. CARRIED.

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

Mayor Brian Taylor spoke with regard to the need for involvement in the Forestry Industry and that the City needs to have a closer relationship with its commercial tax payers including looking at the Grand Forks Municipal Airport as a small business. He advised that the new Council needs to find solutions for homelessness and to address community drug and alcohol addictions and rehabilitation. He further advised that, as a new Council, they need to look at how the Boundary governs itself and that Council needs to determine the direction that they need to take while working with their Regional Partners.

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December 5, 2011

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT THIS INAUGURAL MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 7:34
P.M.**

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


CORPORATE OFFICER, DIANE HEINRICH