

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY JULY 18TH, 2011

MEETING HELD AT REMOTE LOCATION AT THE BOUNDARY MUSEUM SITE AT
6145 RESERVOIR ROAD, GRAND FORKS, BC.

PRESENT: MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR
COUNCILLOR JOY DAVIES
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

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/MOSLIN

**RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF
COUNCIL HELD MONDAY, JULY 18TH, 2011, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.**

CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

- a) Corporate Officer's Report – Delegation – LiveSmartBC Presentation by Gerry Sawkins, New Homes Energy Advisor for LiveSmartBC and the Federal Government and Suzanne Stansbury of FortisBC PowerSense.

Mr. Sawkins and Ms. Stansbury made a presentation regarding the LiveSmartBC initiatives that are available to the public, and that LiveSmartBC is a BC Government program. Mr. Sawkins spoke with regard to the NRCan EcoEnergy plan and advised that the program is primarily a resource centre. Ms. Stansbury advised two energy savings incentive rebate programs exist – ecoEnergy trust Fund and the Efficiency Incentive Program, and that FortisBC should be looked at as a back-up to these other programs. The presenters advised that residents interested in taking advantage of

these rebates need to pre-register either by phone or on-line. Ms. Stansbury further advised that they have been offering loans for \$10,000 for 120 months at 4.9% for affordable financing for residents, and that there is a FLIP program that offers \$5,500 of free lighting retrofits for small businesses that use less than \$21,000 year in electrical costs.

MOTION: DAVIES/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO RECEIVE THE PRESENTATION GIVEN BY MR. GERRY SAWKINS, NEW HOMES ENERGY ADVISOR FOR LIVSMARTBC AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AND SUZANNE STANSBURY OF FORTIS BC POWERSENSE REGARDING THE LIVSMARTBC PROGRAM. CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

a) Corporate Officer's Report – Proposed Amendment to the Zoning Bylaw

A report to Primary Committee to recommend to Council on their consideration to amend the current Zoning Bylaw by rezoning property located at 1726-72nd Avenue from the current R-1 (single and two family) to R-2 (residential small lot).

MOTION: THOMPSON/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL THAT STAFF BE DIRECTED TO DRAFT THE APPROPRIATE ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1726-72ND AVENUE LEGALLY KNOWN AS LOTS 13, 14 & 15, BLK 10, DL 380, PLAN 35 FROM R-1 (SINGLE & TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (SMALL LOT RESIDENTIAL), AND THAT THIS BYLAW BE PERMITTED TO PROCEED TO PUBLIC HEARING. CARRIED.

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b) Chief Financial Officer's Report – Financial Report from January 1st to June 30, 2011

The Chief Financial Officer made a verbal presentation of the financial activities from January 1st to June 30th, 2011.

MOTION: DAVIES/WYERS

RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO RECEIVE THE REPORT AND VERBAL PRESENTATION GIVEN BY THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER WITH REGARD TO THE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FROM JANUARY 1ST TO JUNE 30TH, 2011. CARRIED.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

None

PROPOSED BYLAWS FOR DISCUSSION:

None

LATE ITEMS:

None

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

None

QUESTION PERIOD FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mayor Taylor stated that City Council is interested in hearing from the public on the issues it is dealing with or on any other issue that is of interest to the general public. To ensure that this process is open and does not feel uncomfortable to anyone, he advised that Council has set up some parameters to follow, and the normal rules apply.

- SYLVIA TREPTOW – She asked with regard to the Asset Management Report from the Special Meeting of July 11, 2011 and of the transfer of funds between systems, if this included transfer of electrical funds to general. The Chief Financial Officer advised that the Asset Management Plan indicated that there were no funds from one area. The Chief Financial Officer further advised Ms. Treptow that the intent of the comment in the Asset Management Plan, was to show no transfer in instances where borrowing from one fund to another for simplicity.
- Ms. Treptow further inquired with regard to the referendum question bylaws that are going to be presented later on in the agenda and asked if the public information could include how much that it is going to cost the tax payers in reference to the monies outlined in each of the two questions.
- Ms. Treptow further inquired how the proposed 25th Street-Hutton School crossing would affect the resident's property taxes. She was advised that there was going to be a cost in relation to the short term borrowing.
- Ms. Treptow referred to the Primary Committee Minutes from June 27th, 2011 with regard to her list of questions on the electrical utility where the minutes stated that her questions would be addressed during the 2012-2016 Financial Budget progress, and the fact that Council's budget preparation meetings are not open to the public. Councillor Thompson, who was acting Mayor for the June 27th meeting assured Ms. Treptow that her questions will be addressed during the process.

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ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: DAVIES

**RESOLVED THAT THIS PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING IS ADJOURNED AT 5:59 P.M.
CARRIED.**

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


CORPORATE OFFICER – DIANE HEINRICH