

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR 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

CALL TO ORDER:

The Mayor called the Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

RECESS TO PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING:

MOTION: ROBERT/WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE RECESSED AT 5:01 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 5:59 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA:

The mayor advised that a late item would be added to the Regular Meeting Agenda as Late Item 13(a).

- 13(a) Corporate Officer's Report – Application for a Development Variance Permit – Ryan and Samantha Vaugeois, Property Owners

MOTION: ROBERT/WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE JULY 18TH, 2011, REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED. CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/WYERS

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY JUNE 27TH, 2011, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

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MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY JUNE 27TH, 2011, AND ALL RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

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MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/WYERS

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY JULY 11TH, 2011, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

DELEGATION:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Hutton School Crossing on Highway 3

The CAO's report for Council consideration regarding the approval to proceed with the upgrading of the 25th Street and Central Avenue Intersection and installation of 25th Street Sidewalk to allow for a safe crossing of Highway 3 for children attending Hutton Elementary School.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DIRECT STAFF TO PROCEED WITH PHASES 1 AND 2, OF THE HUTTON SCHOOL CROSSING PROJECT WHICH WILL INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A RAMP OF THE 25TH STREET CORRIDOR ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF HIGHWAY 3, AND THE INSTALLATION OF A SIDEWALK ON THE WEST SIDE OF 25TH STREET ON THE NORTH SIDE OF HIGHWAY 3 TO 75TH AVENUE, AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$95,000 TO BE FUNDED THROUGH SHORT TERM BORROWING.

CARRIED.

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

Councillor Davies:

Councillor Davies reported on the following items:

- She reported her attendance on June 15th at a Water Forum at Christina Lake which was hosted by Boundary Economic Development Committee
- On June 16th, she reported her attendance to the Regional Chamber of Commerce's "Business after Business" event held in Midway and advised that there were approximately 15 businesses representing Grand Forks.
- She reported her attendance at the Canada Day Celebrations where she and Councillor Thompson cut the Canada Day cake for the community
- She commented on the huge success for the Pie in July event on July 16th where she participated as judge. She further congratulated Allie Relkoff from the Boundary Museum Society on her hard work towards a successful event.

Councillor Thompson:

Councillor Thompson reported on the following items:

- She reported her attendance at the Canada Day Celebration where she and Councillor Davies cut the Canada Day cake. She further congratulated Ana Lactin of Community Futures Boundary for organizing the event.
- She reported that The Concerned Citizens for Community Health Care met on July 12th to review the response to a letter the organization had sent to Interior Health. She advised that the group would be meeting with Rod Gustafson on July 20th to obtain a better understanding of the issues surrounding the refusal by IHA to utilize his facility. She advised that the group intends to send a second letter to seek further clarification on unanswered issues not addressed by IHA in their first letter.
- She reported on her attendance at the July 13th monthly board meeting for the Boundary Museum Society. She further reported that the Museum's Pie in July held on July 16th was very successful and that she had the pleasure of being one of the judges for the event.

Councillor Robert:

Councillor Robert reported on the following items:

MOTION: ROBERT/WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL SUPPORTS THE EXPANSION OF THE AQUATIC CENTRE GOING TO REFERENDUM DURING THE 2011 MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

CARRIED.

- He spoke with regard to mosquito control and suggested that the person responsible for controlling mosquitoes be invited to a future Council meeting. The Mayor advised that this is a Regional District service and advised that he will forward Councillor Robert's concerns to the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary.
- He spoke with regard to dust control in the alleys and commented that Sasha Bird, Manager of Technical Services and Utilities was very helpful by advising him that dust control will be done.
- He inquired if any proposed STOP signs were going to be installed at the end of cowpath at the base of 72nd Avenue and 8th Street to slow down traffic coming around the corner.
- He announced that he attended the Sugimoto Park dedication on July 5th and advised that the plaque and the bridge were missing. The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the plaque was removed so that a protective covering can be applied to it; she further advised that she would check with Public Works as to when the plaque and bridge would be placed back in Sugimoto Park.
- On July 6th, he reported that he was asked to open the Music in the Park in Gyro Park. He wished to know if the Grand Forks Library and the Grand Forks Art Gallery could be approached regarding potential use of washrooms when this event is on. Councillor Wyers advised that the Library is closed on Wednesdays. The Mayor advised that he would speak to the organizations with regard to the use of their facilities. Councillor Moslin suggested that "Music in the Park" could go back to City Park.
- Councillor Robert reported his attendance to a barbeque on Saturday, July 16th for Citizens on Patrol and advised that the group has expanded to approximately 20 members who volunteer their services.
- He thanked Boundary Museum Society for hosting the Council meeting at their site this evening.

Councillor Wyers:

Councillor Wyers reported on the following items:

- She thanked the Boundary Museum Society staff for a lovely lunch and for hosting the venue for this evening
- She reported on her attendance to the July 1st Canada Day celebrations and advised that the Grand Forks Elks organization served over 500 guests at their Pancake Breakfast.
- She reported on her attendance at the Sugimoto park dedication on July 5th.
- She advised that the Grand Forks Public Library is holding their regular meeting on July 19th at 7:00 PM

Councillor Moslin:

Councillor Moslin reported on the following items:

- He congratulated the Boundary Museum Society for hosting this evening's Council meeting and on a job well done.
- He advised that the Pie in July event hosted by Boundary Museum was a huge success.

- He advised that Habitat for Humanity Boundary has begun construction on their 7-plex on 72nd Avenue on June 2nd. He further advised that they are constructing a build-green structure that has a high caliber for energy savings and that the 7-plex will provide homes to seven disabled men. He reported that HFH is looking to complete the project this fall. He further reported that the organization is going to be short by approximately \$250,000 and queried if the City received a response from the Ministry regarding the proceeds from Hardy View Lodge going towards the HFH needs. Staff advised that they have not received any response from the Ministry.
- He wished to inform that the Boundary Chautaugua is going ahead on August 13th at 6:00 PM and invited all types of performers to participate.

Councillor Wirischagin:

Councillor Wirischagin advised that he did not have a report for this evening.

Mayor Taylor:

The Mayor reported on the following items:

- The Mayor spoke with regard to unsightly premises issues and advised that mental health issues are involved as well as the devaluation of properties that are located in the vicinity to these unsightly premises. He commented that public meetings can be slanderous and advised that, as a Council, this sensitive issue needs to be dealt with. He further advised that the City needs to have some level of intervention in this issue, but the City coming in and removing debris and unsightly objects isn't the answer as stuff will eventually re-accumulate by hoarders who suffer from this mental illness. The Mayor advised that the mental health association needs to come to the table. Councillor Robert suggested that the Mayor write a letter to the local Mental Health association inviting them to appear before Council to address the issue. The Mayor advised that he will follow up on this.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/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)

- The Mayor spoke with regard to the West Kootenay Regional Airport Advisory Committee and advised that this committee supports only Castlegar. He further advised that the committee suggested that Grand Forks form their own committee.
- He advised that there is a meeting of the Mayors with regard to the state of Highway 3.
- He advised that Area E has received Gas Tax Money and that Phoenix Ski Hill will be receiving \$65,000 for doors and windows.

- He advised that the Regional District has made a decision to approve an amendment to the Kitchen Waste plan and will do a pilot project in the City of Grand Forks but that location is yet to be determined.
- He advised that Christina Lake has received approved funds for new fire truck.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/WYERS

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:

None

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION: WYERS/THOMPSON

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

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

CARRIED.

- a) Correspondence from the Grand Forks & District Fall Fair Society requesting permission to hold a beer garden and to use Dick Bartlett Park for the Grand Forks 2011 Fall Fair.
Recommend that Council grant permission by the following resolutions:

MOTION: WYERS/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE ISSUING OF A SPECIAL OCCASION LIQUOR LICENSE TO THE GRAND FORKS & DISTRICT FALL FAIR ON SEPTEMBER 10 & 11TH, 2011, AT DICK BARTLETT PARK SUBJECT TO THE GRAND FORKS FALL FAIR SOCIETY OBTAINING 3RD PARTY (PARTY ALCOHOL) LIABILITY INSURANCE, NAMING THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS AS AN ADDITIONAL INSURED ON THAT POLICY FOR THE TWO DAY EVENT; ALL GRAND FORKS FALL FAIR LIQUOR PROVIDERS TO HOLD A SERVE-IT-RIGHT LICENSE CERTIFICATE; AND ICBC "DRINKING AND DRIVING" WARNING POSTERS TO BE DISPLAYED. CARRIED.

MOTION: THOMPSON/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT PERMISSION BE GRANTED FOR THE USE OF DICK BARTLETT PARK FOR THE GRAND FORKS & DISTRICT 2011 FALL FAIR SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 10TH TO 11TH, SUBJECT TO THE GRAND FORKS & DISTRICT FALL FAIR SOCIETY ENTERING INTO A PARK USE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY, AND CONTINGENT UPON PROVISION OF 3RD PARTY LIABILITY INSURANCE NAMING THE CITY AS AN ADDITIONAL INSURED, AND THAT STAFF BE AUTHORIZED TO WORK WITH THE VOLUNTEERS TO PREPARE THE PARK AS REQUESTED.
CARRIED.

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- b) BC Retired Teacher’s Association Correspondence asking for Council’s support on a resolution to be presented at 2011 UBCM to eliminate MSP Premiums for BC Seniors. **Council receives for information.**
- c) Correspondence from the Council of Senior Citizens’ Organizations of BC asking for Council’s support on a resolution to be presented at 2011 UBCM to eliminate MSP Premiums for BC Seniors. **Council receives for information. Councillor Robert read out an additional letter from the local BC Senior’s organization written by Ray Hansen.**

MOTION: ROBERT/WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED TO SEND A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO THE UBCM IN THE ELIMINATION OF MSP PREMIUMS FOR BC SENIORS. MOTION DEFEATED.

Councillor Davies wished to advise that, in her opinion, the motion was redundant as the correspondence was written for informational purposes and that this does not mean she doesn’t support the issue.

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- d) Memo from the Corporate Officer – Regarding the reinstatement of two 2011 Business licenses. **The Council reinstates the 2011 Business Licenses of Kost Fire Safety Limited and Spike Investments Ltd.**
- e) Correspondence from the BC Cancer Agency on information regarding Cancer Prevention. **Receive for information.**
- f) From Western Economic Partnership Agreement (WEPA) – A proposal summary on a Climate Smart Training Program. **Recommend to receive for information.**

MOTION: ROBERT/MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY SEND A LETTER OF SUPPORT AS PER OUTLINED LETTER ATTACHED TO THE REPORT TO WESTERN ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION CANADA, IN PRINCIPLE, FOR THE TIDES CANADA AND CLIMATE SMART PROPOSAL FOR FUNDING UNDER THE WESTERN ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT.
CARRIED.

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- g) Minutes from the Environment Committee Meeting from June 17th. **Recommend to receive for information.**

h) June 27th Task List - List of Completed and In-Progress Tasks. **Recommend to file.**

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The Mayor spoke with regard to the several emails that he received from members of PETA with regard to the Deer situation. The Mayor advised that a lot more research would need to be done before any decisions would be made with regard to the deer population issue in our City.

BYLAWS:

- a) Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Bylaw 1919 – The City of Grand Forks Community Sustainable Plan

MOTION: ROBERT/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW 1919, SITED AS THE "City of Grand Forks Sustainable Community Plan Bylaw No. 1919, 2011".BE GIVEN SECOND READING, AND THAT COUNCIL DETERMINES TO PRESENT BYLAW 1919 AT A PUBLIC HEARING, TO BE SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 15, 2011.
CARRIED.

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- b) Chief Financial Officer's Report – Bylaw 1922 – Emergency Water Supply for Fire Protection Loan Authorization

MOTION: ROBERT/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1922, CITED AS THE "Emergency Water Supply for Fire Protection Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1922, 2011", BE GIVEN FIRST READING.
CARRIED.

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MOTION: THOMPSON/WYERS

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1922, CITED AS THE "Emergency Water Supply for Fire Protection Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1922, 2011", BE GIVEN SECOND READING.
CARRIED.

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MOTION: DAVIES/WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1922, CITED AS THE "Emergency Water Supply for Fire Protection Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1922, 2011", BE GIVEN THIRD READING.
CARRIED.

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- c) Chief Financial Officer's Report – Bylaw 1923 – Capital Renewal Loan Authorization

MOTION: THOMPSON/WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1923, CITED AS THE "Capital Renewal Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1923, 2011", BE GIVEN FIRST READING.
CARRIED.

MOTION: DAVIES/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1923, CITED AS THE "Capital Renewal Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1923, 2011", BE GIVEN SECOND READING.

CARRIED.

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MOTION: WYERS/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1923, CITED AS THE "Capital Renewal Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1923, 2011", BE GIVEN THIRD READING.

CARRIED.

LATE ITEMS:

- a) Corporate Officer's Report – Application for a Development Variance Permit as requested by property owner, Ryan & Samantha Vaugeois. The Mayor asked if there were any members of the public wishing to speak on the variance and no one came forward.

MOTION: ROBERT/WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT, THEREBY VARYING SECTION 33(2)(f)(i) OF THE ZONING BYLAW, REDUCING THE REQUIRED FRONT SETBACK FROM 20 FEET TO 13 FEET ALLOWING FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITION TO AN EXISTING RESIDENCE, ON PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 19, BLOCK 8, DL 585, SDYD, PLAN 52 LOCATED AT 151-78TH AVENUE AS SUBMITTED BY THE PROPERTY OWNERS, RYAN AND SAMANTHA VAUGEOIS.

CARRIED.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Roy Ronaghan asked with regard to the Heritage Report that resulted from a workshop held in the spring. The Mayor advised that he will review the document and consequently will release it to the public after this review.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 7:23 P.M.

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


CORPORATE OFFICER- DIANE HEINRICH