

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2011

PRESENT: ACTING MAYOR CHRISTINE THOMPSON  
COUNCILLOR JOY DAVIES  
COUNCILLOR GENE ROBERT  
COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WIRISCHAGIN  
COUNCILLOR CHER WYERS

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER L. Burch  
CORPORATE OFFICER D. Heinrich  
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER C. Arnott

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The Acting Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:03p.m.

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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

MOTION: WYERS/WIRISCHAGIN

**RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD MONDAY, JUNE 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2011, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.**

CARRIED.

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REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

- a) Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Delegation, Tatiana Robertson, Manager of Community Adjustment, Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Innovation for the Rural BC Secretariat made a presentation regarding the finalized Community First Agreement.

Ms. Robertson spoke with regard to the various projects contained within the document. She advised that different organizations were involved that make the Grand Forks' Community First Agreement a success, which included City Staff, a community non-profit organization group, Community Futures Boundary as well as the Province.

MOTION: DAVIES/WIRISCHAGIN

**RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT THE PRESENTATION MADE BY TATIANA ROBERTSON, MANAGER OF COMMUNITY ADJUSTMENT, REGARDING THE RESULTS OF THE COMMUNITY FIRST AGREEMENT, BETWEEN THE PROVINCE AND CITY OF GRAND FORKS, BE RECEIVED.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL, THAT THE FINALIZED WORKPLAN OF THE IDENTIFIED ACTIONS IN THE AGREEMENT, BE RECEIVED.**

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL, THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE, STRUCK FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE COMMUNITY FIRST AGREEMENT, BE FORMALLY THANKED FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS BY WAY OF A PERSONAL THANK YOU LETTER FROM THE MAYOR.** CARRIED.

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- b) Corporate Officer's Report – Delegation, Greg Walker, Manager of Public Affairs for the British Columbia Lottery Commission made a presentation to Council.

He advised that the BCLC is dedicated to ensure that people who are engaged in gambling are aware of the risks. He further reported that 4.6% of the adult population is challenged by these gambling-style games, and that the BCLC have a problem gambling help line to assist those individuals. He further spoke with regard to the Facility Approval Process, and advised that BCLC is the organization that determines where the facilities are located, or if a facility is required for that particular area. He advised that companies or organizations wishing to start up a gaming facility for a particular area, need to approach BCLC first for approval and that these organizations are not to approach the municipality – it is the British Columbia Lottery Commission that would contact the Municipality. He further advised that they are not contemplating on opening a gaming facility in the Grand Forks region.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/ROBERT

**RESOLVED THAT PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO RECEIVE THE PRESENTATION MADE BY GREG WALKER, MANAGER OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS FOR THE BRITISH COLUMBIA LOTTERY COMMISSION WITH REGARD TO BRITISH COLUMBIA GAMING GUIDELINES.** CARRIED.

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- c) Corporate Officer's Report – Delegation, John Mackey, Director of Recreation and Facilities for the Grand Forks and District Recreation Commission, made a presentation with regard to the proposed expansion of the Aquatic Centre.

He advised that the proposed exercise facility would be geared to handle approximately 100 persons and that the facility would be a green project, that will be powered by geothermal means as opposed to fossil fuels.

MOTION: ROBERT/WYERS

**RESOLVED THAT PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO RECEIVE THE PRESENTATION MADE BY JOHN MACKAY, DIRECTOR OF RECREATION AND FACILITIES FOR THE GRAND FORKS AND DISTRICT RECREATION COMMISSION REGARDING THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF THE AQUATIC CENTRE. CARRIED.**

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- d) Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Delegation, Mark Andison, the Director of Planning for the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary, made a presentation on Fringe Area Planning.

He advised that the Local Government Act is set up to offer Municipalities three options with regard to Fringe Area Planning: 1) to be a full participant in the planning program 2) a planning agreement which allows Council to have a partial participation in the planning agreement for a lesser fee, and 3) decide not to participate at all.

He advised that the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary is restructuring the planning criteria which are compliant with the legislated prerequisites. He further advised that each Municipality will map out the area where they would like to have the ability to vote or have a say in their chosen specified area.

MOTION: ROBERT/WIRISCHAGIN

**RESOLVED THAT PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO RECEIVE THE PRESENTATION MADE BY MARK ANDISON, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING FOR THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY, WITH REGARD TO FRINGE AREA PLANNING AND TO REFER THE ISSUE FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION. CARRIED.**

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- e) Corporate Officer's Report – Delegation, Lawrence Radford, President of the Boundary Museum Society presented their annual report in accordance with the funding agreement. Bob DeMaertelaere, Director of the Boundary Museum Society presented their proposed budget for 2012.

Lawrence Radford, President of the Boundary Museum Society, made a verbal presentation while a PowerPoint presentation displayed historic pictures of the Grand Forks area on the overhead screen. Mr. Bob DeMaertelaere, Director of the Society, presented the Boundary Museum Society's budget proposal, and advised that the society is approximately \$40,000 short for the year of services that they have planned. He advised that this shortfall is after taking into consideration a \$50,000 operating grant from the City. He advised that the Boundary Museum Society is now in a position to apply for a BC Arts Council grant which is approximately \$8,000 a year.

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MOTION: ROBERT/DAVIES

**RESOLVED THAT PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO RECEIVE THE PRESENTATIONS MADE BY LAWRENCE RADFORD AND BOB DEMAERTELAERE, REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE BOUNDARY MUSEUM SOCIETY REGARDING THEIR ANNUAL REPORT AND BUDGET PRESENTATION WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS ISSUES AS THEY COME FORWARD. CARRIED.**

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- a) Corporate Officer's Report – Delegation, representatives from the Grand Forks Art Gallery Society, Robert Morton and Steve Hollett, made a presentation with regard to their proposed budget for 2012.

Mr. Bob Morton reported that 29,000 people passed through the doors of Gallery 2 in the last year. He advised that Mr. Steve Hollett, Treasurer for the Art Gallery Society Board would speak to the financial budget. Mr. Hollett advised that he performed an operations review by researching the Society's past financial history. He spoke about different options to obtain revenues and advised that after following a lot of research, that charging admission is not a favourable way to generate revenue for an Art Gallery. He spoke with regard to the Art Gallery's expenditures, and to their core operational budget, and further advised that their bottom line shows a deficit of approximately \$26,700.

MOTION: ROBERT/WYERS

**RESOLVED THAT PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO RECEIVE THE PRESENTATION MADE BY ROBERT MORTON, PRESIDENT, AND STEVE HOLLETT, TREASURER OF THE GRAND FORKS ART GALLERY SOCIETY REGARDING THEIR BUDGET PRESENTATION WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS ISSUES AS THEY COME FORWARD. CARRIED.**

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

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**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

None

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**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

None

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**PROPOSED BYLAWS FOR DISCUSSION:**

None

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**LATE ITEMS:**

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

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**QUESTION PERIOD FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Acting Mayor Christine Thompson 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, she advised that Council has set up some parameters to follow, and the normal rules apply.

- SYLVIA TREPTOW – Inquired with regard to the number of questions she posed to Council with regard to Electrical Rates, and was advised that her questions will be brought forward for discussion during the 2012-2016 Financial Planning process. She further commented on the first reading with regard to the Sustainable Community Plan Bylaw, and why the Public Hearing was held in August and not in September. She was advised the time line was chosen was so that the Bylaw would be completed prior to nomination period for the 2011 Municipal Election.
  - BRIAN JOHNSON – He advised that he owns Flexus Body Systems in Grand Forks, and spoke of concerns he had with regard to the proposed aquatic expansion, and of the possible conflict of the proposed facility with businesses such as the one he operates. He advised that he felt he should have been asked for his input in the proposed aquatic expansion process.
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**ADJOURNMENT:**

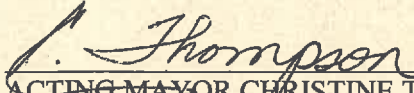
MOTION: ROBERT


**RESOLVED THAT THIS PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING IS ADJOURNED AT 8:56 P.M.  
CARRIED.**

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**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

  
ACTING MAYOR CHRISTINE THOMPSON

  
CORPORATE OFFICER - DIANE HEINRICH