

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, MAY 30TH, 2011

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

GALLERY

CALL TO ORDER:

The Mayor called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

RECESS TO PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING:

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE RECESSED AT 7:01 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 7:20 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION: MOSLIN/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT THE MAY 30TH, 2011, REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: WYERS/DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY MAY 9TH, 2011, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

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MOTION: THOMPSON/WIRISCHAGIN

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

DELEGATION:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Corporate Officer's Report – Grand Forks Water Demand Management Action Plan

The final version of the Water Demand Management Plan as authored by Urban Systems Ltd. that involves both water conservation and water auditing.

MOTION: THOMPSON/DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT THE GRAND FORKS WATER DEMAND MANAGEMENT PLAN, AUTHORED BY URBAN SYSTEMS LTD, AND DATED JANUARY 20TH, 2011, BE ENDORSED BY COUNCIL, AND A COPY FORWARDED TO THE RURAL BC SECRETARIAT AS PART OF COUNCIL'S OBLIGATION UNDER THE COMMUNITY FIRST AGREEMENT. CARRIED.

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Councillor Wyers spoke with regard to the Water Demand Management Plan and advised of the recommendations that were put forward by the Water Sustainability Sub-Committee of the Environment Committee:

MOTION: WYERS/MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT URBAN SYSTEMS, AS AUTHOR OF THE WATER DEMAND MANAGEMENT PLAN RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS IN WRITING FROM THE WATER SUSTAINABILITY SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AS AN ADDENDUM TO THE ORIGINAL REPORT: 1) A MORE PROACTIVE ASSESSMENT STUDY IS NEEDED SHOULD THE CO-GENERATION PLANT AS PROPOSED FROM INTERFOR BE CONSTRUCTED; 2) INTERFOR'S COMPLIANCE TO THE CITY BYLAW ON BACK FLOW VALVES SHOULD THE CO-GENERATION PLANT CONSTRUCTION GO AHEAD; 3) THE WATER DEMAND MANAGEMENT PLAN TO ADDRESS WINTER WATER BLEEDING; 4) THE WATER DEMAND MANAGEMENT PLAN TO INCLUDE A WATER EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR THE PUBLIC; 5) TO

EXPLORE THE NUMBER OF ABANDONED OR LEAKING HOME OIL TANKS LOCATED WITHIN GRAND FORKS IN CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE WATER CONSERVATION AS A SOURCE OF POSSIBLE WATER CONTAMINATION REFERENCING THE GOLDER AND ASSOCIATES REPORT DATED APRIL 17, 2003 THAT ADDRESSED CONTAMINATED SITES - PROCEEDS WITH RECOMMENDATION TO PURSUE THE RECLAMATION OF THESE CONTAMINATED SITES. CARRIED.

Council was advised that these recommendations could be forwarded to Urban Systems and that these recommendations be placed in writing from the Water Sustainability Sub-Committee.

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

Councillor Davies:

Councillor Davies advised that she had no report this evening.

Councillor Thompson:

Councillor Thompson reported on the following items:

- She reported that on Wednesday, May 11th, she toured the Castle Wood facility in Castlegar, an assisted and supportive housing complex built by Golden Life Management with other members of Council and Staff. She commented that the Grand Forks complex which is to be built by this group will be a tremendous asset to the community.
- She reported on her attendance at the Trails Grand Opening on Saturday, May 14th at the kiosk on 68th Avenue across from the Black Train Bridge. She further commented on the military ceremony that has dedicated the Black Train Bridge that is now known as the Darryl J. Priede Bridge. She further complimented Councillor Moslin and George Longden of the Grand Forks Trails Society for putting together an excellent program and dedication ceremony.
- She advised that she has been asked to sit on a Steering Committee of concerned citizens regarding health care and services in our area and reported that there will be a general meeting tomorrow evening at the Grand Forks Secondary School auditorium at 7:30 PM and urged everyone to attend.
- She thanked the City's managers and employees for keeping Council and the public informed on the water break and flooding issues this past weekend.

Councillor Robert:

Councillor Robert reported on the following items:

- He reported on his attendance at a BCGEU meeting on May 17th regarding the state of the Forest Industry in our province, and advised that there is a pressing need for the government to reinvest in the management of our forests. He further advised that a new,

more balanced and integrated framework for sustainable forest management was needed. Other points which were discussed were: BC's forests communities want more input and control over forest matters, Government must take real action to diversify the industry and generate more value from BC forests, and to increase funding for a better forest inventory for the entire province. In addition, he advised that the Ministry of Forests research branch should be re-established and that funding increases to BC communities is required to mitigate risks from forest fires and to reconnect communities in developing a greater role in local forest lands.

- He reported his attendance at a Restorative Justice Meeting on May 10th. He advised that after Staff Sgt Jim Harrison presented his report to the Greenwood and Midway Councils, they have shown interest in the Restorative Justice Program.
- He commented on the Golden Life facility tour in Castlegar and advised that he was very impressed with the family emphasis in the facility.
- He announced that June 8th is Solar Day where the Solar Car races will take place in the parking lot at the Arena at 1:00 PM.
- He spoke with regard to the discussion with regard to the proposed expansion to the Aquatic Centre from the Primary Committee Meeting which included Area D Director, Irene Perepolkin.

MOTION: ROBERT/MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY INVITE JOHN MACKEY, DIRECTOR OF RECREATION & FACILITIES, TO DO A PRESENTATION ON THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF THE AQUATIC CENTRE AT THE NEXT PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING ON JUNE 27TH, 2011.
CARRIED.

Councillor Wyers:

Councillor Wyers reported on the following items:

- She reported on her attendance at the May 11th Water Sustainability Sub-Committee and spoke of the five recommendations that were presented to City Council with regard to the Water Demand Water Management Report.
- She reported on her attendance to the 2nd Annual Kootenay Library Federation Conference on May 12 to 14th, 2011. She further advised that 19 Libraries are represented in this federation. She commented that the Grand Forks Library in-person visits in 2010 numbered over 100,000 visits, and that Grand Forks came in second of the 19 libraries as the highest percentage of attendees. She further advised that the new Collective Agreement for the Grand Forks Public Library has been negotiated in one day and is in place until 2014.
- She reported on her attendance at the spring deer count last week.
- On May 19th, she reported her attendance at a Grand Forks Fall Fair Meeting and advised that plans are underway for this year's Fall Fair in September.
- On May 21st, she advised that the Citizens On Patrol organization held a Hog Dog Sale at Overwaitea, where the proceeds of this sale would contribute to the purchase of new communication equipment.
- She reported her attendance at a second Grand Forks Fall Fair Meeting on May 26th, and advised that the group is seeking volunteer assistance in setting up the fall fair this year.

Councillor Moslin:

Councillor Moslin reported on the following items:

- He spoke with regard to the smoke in the air and advised that the air quality jumped to moderate, and that this smoke is a result from fires in Alberta and wind direction.
- He spoke with regard to the Habitat for Humanity Boundary project and advised that the project is cash short, and that the Provincial Government needs to offer some assistance.

MOTION: MOSLIN/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR WRITE A LETTER TO THE HONOURABLE MINISTER RICHARD COLEMAN, MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINES, RESPONSIBLE FOR HOUSING, REQUESTING PROVINCIAL ASSISTANCE IN SUPPORT FOR THE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY 7-PLEX PROJECT. CARRIED.

- He reported his attendance at a Deer Committee Meeting and reported that they have drafted a Deer Management Plan that will be presented to Council by the Deer Committee at a later date.
- He offered a reminder to the community that June 8th is Solar Days that will include the Solar Car Races by school children. He advised that the event is at 1:00 PM, and will be at the Grand Forks arena. He further advised that the Boundary Woodworkers Guild has built a race track for the children to race their solar cars on.

Councillor Wirischagin:

Councillor Wirischagin reported on the following items:

- He reported his attendance at the 64th Annual Youth Festival of the USCC in Castlegar and advised that it was a great honor and privilege to represent the City.

Mayor Taylor:

The Mayor reported on the following items:

- The Mayor advised that the Flood preparedness is handled collectively by the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary and the City, and advised that the next high water peak is expected sometime in the next week or so.
- He commented on the local senior housing situation and advised that the City will have about 50 supportive housing units in total with 17 assisted living units at the Boundary Lodge, and an additional 40 units with the new construction by Golden Life Management. He commented that the City stills needs more in the way of intermediate housing requirements with the growing senior population that should include an improved home support program.
- The Mayor advised that Councillor Thompson has taken a lead role with the Steering Committee regarding Interior Health care issues.

MOTION: DAVIES/MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ENDORSES COUNCILLOR THOMPSON AS THE CITY REPRESENTATIVE ON THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR IMPROVED HEALTH CARE IN OUR AREA, WHICH INCLUDES COMMUNICATION WITH THE INTERIOR HEALTH ASSOCIATION. CARRIED.

MOTION: ROBERT/WIRISCHAGIN

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 April 21st, 2011 Regional District of Kootenay Boundary minutes are included with this report.

- He spoke with regard to the decision by Irene Perepolkin and himself to proceed with a referendum question for the expansion on the Recreation Center, and of Council's decision to invite John Mackey to the next Primary Committee Meeting.
- He advised that Councillor Robert wished to bring up the participation component in the Columbia Basin Treaty negotiations. Councillor Robert advised that he would have liked to have the Mayor as a participant in these negotiations. The Mayor advised that he would put his name forward in the future should Council have the appetite for this. The Mayor further spoke with regard to the Columbia Basin Trust and of their community initiatives program that has granted several communities approximately \$300,000 in funding.
- Councillor Moslin asked for clarification of the organic waste program. The Mayor advised that the program with Christina Lake Waste & Recycling would begin on July 1st, 2011. The Mayor advised that there will be no change in service and that there is no increase in rates at this time. Councillor Moslin inquired with regard to the proposed composting pilot project for the City. Council was advised that the pilot project regarding the proposed composting services for the City are currently being discussed between the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary and City Staff to decide on what this pilot project would look like.

MOTION: DAVIES/WIRISCHAGIN

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:

- a) Corporate Officer's Report – Application for a Development Variance Permit as requested by property owner, Darrell Turner. The Mayor invited members of the public to speak with regard to this issue – no one from the public came forward.

MOTION: ROBERT/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RESOLVES TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT, THEREBY VARYING SECTION 33(2)(f)(iii) OF THE ZONING BYLAW, ALLOWING FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING TO BE LOCATED 10 FEET FROM THE EXTERIOR SIDE PARCEL LINE, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 42, BLOCK 38, DL 108, SDYD, PLAN 72 LOCATED ON 10TH STREET SOUTH OF CENTRAL AVENUE. CARRIED.

- b) Corporate Officer's Report – Legislative: Employee Policies

Council to consider the adoption of an Excavation Safety Plan Policy for the City of Grand Forks.

MOTION: THOMPSON/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THAT COUNCIL ADOPTS THE EXCAVATION SAFETY PLAN POLICY FOR THE CITY OF GRAND, TO BE IDENTIFIED AS POLICY NUMBERED 604A. CARRIED.

- c) Manager of Environmental and Building Construction Services – Fiber Optic Network Equipment Connections

The Fiber Optic Network Equipment Connections project has been included in the adoption of the 2011-2015 Five Year Financial Plan in the amount of \$150,000. The borrowing for this project is within the approved bylaw amount. The estimated cost is approximately \$130,000 due to the fact that a number of the main components are already in place.

MOTION: THOMPSON/DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZES STAFF TO PROCEED WITH THE INSTALLATION OF THE FIBER OPTIC NETWORK EQUIPMENT CONNECTIONS THROUGH THE BORROWING PROCESS AS SET OUT IN THE 2011-2015 FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN, DESIGNED TO CONNECT TO THE CITY'S ESSENTIAL SERVICES NAMELY THE CITY'S WELLS, RESERVOIRS, LIFT STATIONS AND WASTE WATER TREATMENT FACILITIES, AS WELL AS CONNECTION TO VALUE ADDED SERVICES NAMELY THE WEATHER STATION AT OBSERVATION MOUNTAIN, THE CITY PARK CAMPGROUND FOR WIRELESS INTERNET SERVICE AND TO CITY HALL IN PREPARATION FOR THE NEW VOICE OVER INTERNET PROVIDER TELEPHONE SYSTEM. CARRIED.

Councillor Robert inquired about potential wireless connection to Gyro Park and downtown locations. The CAO advised that she would investigate into these options with the City's IT technician(s).

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/THOMPSON

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

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

CARRIED.

- a) Correspondence from the Boundary Museum – Invitation to the Mayor and Council to conduct a Regular & Primary Committee Meeting at the Fructova Heritage Site. **Recommend that Council consider holding the July 18th, 2011 Regular and Primary Committee Meetings at the Fructova Heritage Site.**

MOTION: WYERS/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE REGULAR AND PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 18TH, 2011 BE HELD OUTSIDE THE MUNICIPALITY AT THE FRUCTOVA HERITAGE SITE TO COMMENCE AT 5:00 PM, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 5.1(2), SECTION 5.1(3) AND SECTION 13(1) OF BYLAW 1889, THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS PROCEDURE BYLAW.

CARRIED.

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MOTION: MOSLIN/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT STAFF INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBLILTY OF PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM CITY HALL FOR THE PUBLIC BY MEANS OF THE INTERIOR HEALTH ASSOCIATION BUS FOR THOSE WISHING TO TRAVEL TO THE FRUCTOVA LOCATION FOR THE JULY 18TH, 2011 REGULAR AND PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

CARRIED.

- b) Correspondence from the Canada Day Committee – Invitation to Mayor and Council to participate in the Opening Ceremonies. **Mayor and Council to advise if they plan to attend – Diane to notify Community Futures of attendees. The Mayor advised he'll be there, Councillor Davies will cut the cake; and Councillor Thompson advised that she will also attend.**
- c) Thank-you Card from the Grand Forks Pee Wee Rep Bruins - For Grant in Aid funding received. **Recommend to file.**
- d) Correspondence from the Canada Day Committee - Invitation to the Firefighters to participate in the Opening Ceremonies. **Fire Department to advise Community Futures if planning to attend**

- e) Correspondence from the Grand Forks Public Library-2010 Financial Statements. **Receive for information.**
- f) West Kootenay/Boundary Crime Stoppers - Request for funding for this community service. **Recommend to receive for discussion.**

MOTION: ROBERT/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY SEND A LETTER OF INVITATION TO THE WEST KOOTENAY/BOUNDARY CRIME STOPPERS TO ATTEND A FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING, AND TO FURTHER ADVISE THE ORGANIZATION THAT GRANT IN AID FUNDING HAS ALREADY BEEN DISPURSED FOR THE YEAR 2011.

CARRIED.

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- g) Correspondence from Bull, Housser & Tupper- Advising that the City Mineral Tenure is up for renewal. **Recommend that Council renew the existing Mineral Claims at a cost of approximately \$1,956.00.**

MOTION: ROBERT/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS RENEW THE ANNUAL CITY MINERAL TENURE WITH REGARD TO THE SLAG PILE AT A COST OF APPROXIMATELY \$1,956.00 AND THAT THIS ITEM IS TO BE INCLUDED IN FUTURE FINANCIAL PLANS AS A LINE ITEM.

CARRIED.

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- h) Letter from the Phoenix Interpretive Forest Society to the Minister of Forests, Lands - cc'd to Council- Advising of concerns that holders of a Community Forest License may not be aware of historical & non-timber resources evident in the Phoenix Forest Area. **Recommend to receive for information**
 - i) Background Paper from AKBLG - Regarding the Rural BC Project. **Recommend to receive for information.**
 - j) UBCM Member Release - Fiscal Management Report. **Recommend to receive for information.**
 - k) UBCM – 2010 Resolutions - Information regarding Part 2 of Resolutions that were put forward at the 2010 UBCM. **Recommend to receive for information.**
 - l) Discussion Paper Series from the AKBLG - Regarding Rural BC and what does it need to succeed. **Recommend to receive for information.**
 - m) Minutes from the Deer Committee Meeting - From May 18th Meeting. **Recommend to receive for information.**
 - n) May 9th Task List - List of Completed and In-Progress Tasks. **Recommend to file.**

BYLAWS:
None

LATE ITEMS:

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 8:58 P.M. CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


CORPORATE OFFICER- DIANE HEINRICH