

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY MAY 9TH, 2011

PRESENT: MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR
COUNCILLOR JOY DAVIES
COUNCILLOR CHRIS MOSLIN
COUNCILLOR GENE ROBERT
COUNCILLOR CHRISTINE THOMPSON
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 7:00 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

The mayor advised that the following late items are to be included in the agenda:

- a) Bylaw 1918 – The first three readings of the Flat Tax Bylaw Amendment to be presented under the Bylaws Section of the agenda section 11(b)
- b) To move the Late Items portion of the agenda as Item No. 4 as there are no Delegations this evening:
 - 4 (a) A Presentation from the Chief Financial Officer on the First Quarter Results
 - 4 (b) A Presentation from the Chief Financial Officer on the Tax Rates Bylaw. This Bylaw will be presented for Council's consideration under Bylaw Section 11 (a) for the first three readings tonight.

MOTION: ROBERT/DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT THE MAY 9TH, 2011, REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED. CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: THOMPSON/WYERS

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY APRIL 26TH, 2011, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

MOTION: WYERS/DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 26TH, 2011, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

MOTION: ROBERT/DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 26TH, 2011, AND ALL RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

LATE ITEMS:

- a) Chief Financial Officer's Presentation – First Quarter Financial Report 2011

The Chief Financial Officer made a presentation to Council with regard to the First Quarterly Report for 2011.

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b) Chief Financial Officer's Presentation – Property Tax Rates for 2011

The Chief Financial Officer made a presentation to Council with regard to 2011 Property Taxation Rates. She spoke with regard to different options that Council may consider when determining the Property Tax Rates for 2011.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

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

Councillor Davies:

Councillor Davies reported on the following items:

- She reported her attendance at the AKBLG in Kimberley along with other members of Council. She advised that she did some networking while at the AKBLG and advised that she spoke with Barry Aulloff from Selkirk College with regard to the proposed use of the Grand Forks airport as a training ground for the Selkirk, and further advised that he is going to be meeting with City Council tomorrow at 1:00 pm at City Hall.
 - She asked if Councillor Robert could go back to the Recreation Commission with regard to her requests on what the cost would be to have the pool open two hours in the evening, and further that the request was intended for new users of the facility.
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Councillor Thompson:

Councillor Thompson reported on the following items:

- She reported her attendance at the AKBLG conference on April 28-30th which was held at the new Kimberley Conference Centre. She advised that the Honourable Ida Chong, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development spoke with regard to the 2011 Election term being 2 years and 11 months. She further reported that this was due to the 2014 Election being moved to October of 2014 rather than November 2014 as recommended by the UBCM. She also spoke with regard to various keynote speakers in attendance at the AKBLG, and of the workshops that she participated in, including one on the importance of Strategic Planning and another on "Freeing up Biomass Feedstock".
 - Councillor Thompson advised that the delegates considered a total of 20 resolutions, one of which the City of Grand Forks put forward regarding the Annual Tax Sale process which was endorsed and will go to the UBCM in September. She further advised that the City of Greenwood brought forward a resolution regarding recycling deposit and refund system. Councillor Thompson advised that she took this opportunity to bring forward the used oil and solvent recycling issue that our City is currently experiencing where there is no where in the City to take these used products. She advised that the executive of the AKBLG would look into the issue and make a recommendation.
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Councillor Robert:

Councillor Robert reported on the following items:

- He reported on his attendance at a Recreation commission meeting on May 28th where several issues were discussed including the consideration of a chip walking trail which was determined to be very expensive at \$45,000 per km. He advised that 69% of aquatic centre users saw no use for this type of trail. He further advised that he brought forward the suggestion for an evening swim for seniors and reported that the majority felt that an evening swim was too late and that there was no funding for it. He further spoke with regard to motions that were adopted at the meeting: 1) A request that the Regional District prepare a question for referendum on aquatic centre expansion for an adjoining fitness centre; 2) Have Staff contact Kaslo, BC, with regard to purchasing fitness centre equipment priced at \$5,000; and 3) To defer the decision on the Recreation Commission's Mission statement. He further commented that the Recreation Commission office had received tourist inquiries regarding highway signage regarding the City Dog Park.
- He spoke with regard to the Visitor Information Centre Staff and Volunteer Updates and advised that venues are starting to open up for the season such as the Farmer's Market. He

advised that the new Boundary Country Visitor's Choice 2011 Brochure is out and that West Boundary has put out a new brochure as well, that contains a Calendar of Events.

- He spoke with regard to the collaboration between Granby Wilderness Society and the Boundary Museum Society where he advised they are researching the endangered Tiger Salamander that is found at Saddle Lake, and that the species is losing ground due to the non-indigenous goldfish eating them.
 - He reported his attendance at the Children of the Streets Society Workshop at Grand Forks Secondary School on May 5th. He advised that this Society is a Provincial Safety and Federal Charity comprised of community members who are concerned about the growing numbers of children that are being sexually exploited.
 - He spoke with regard to the HST debate and advised that the Provincial Government is conducting a \$500,000 campaign dedicated to convincing the electorates to reconsider the HST initiative.
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Councillor Wyers:

Councillor Wyers reported on the following items:

- She reported on her attendance at the AKBLG in Kimberley and advised that this year's conference was titled "Embracing the Phoenix". She further reported her attendance at a Solar Initiative Session and advised that the former Sullivan Mine is now called the "Sun Mine". She advised that due to the facilities' location, it is ideal for the use of Solar Panels.
 - She spoke with regard to the Water Education Public Awareness Session that was held on May 5th at the Legion. She advised that the workshop was titled, "Water and Our Way of Life". She further advised that although attendance was small, there were interesting and engaging discussions. She advised that Columbia Basin Trust provided the presentation free of charge which included guest speaker Neal Klassen. She spoke with regard to the use of water within our municipality, and that the usage changes exponentially from winter to summer months due to watering of lawns and gardens.
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Councillor Moslin:

Councillor Moslin reported on the following items:

- He reported his attendance at a Deer Committee Meeting held on April 27th in Cranbrook and advised that there was representation from Cranbrook, Invermere, Kimberley and Sparwood as well as from Grand Forks. He spoke with regard to a discussion on "culls", and advised that this method is only one aspect of a deer management plan. He advised that the group decided that the best course of action is to have budgeted deer management plans in place. Councillor Moslin advised that Grand Forks Deer Committee is currently working on a plan that includes a budget that would be proposed to City Council, and to other municipalities for consideration to collaborate in a shared resource for both East and West Kootenay. He further advised that the Deer Committee continues to lobby the government for financial assistance.
- He spoke with regard to Solar Cars that students constructed last year from kits which were part of the SolarBC program, and advised that the Solar Car program will be implemented again this year. He further reported that the Solar Committee is looking for ways to

complete a memorandum of understanding that would allow the application for a \$2,500.00 grant used for solar initiatives for the community.

- He spoke with regard to an Off-highway Vehicles Bylaw No. 1682, that bans the use of motorized vehicles as defined in the bylaw, from driving on the Trans Canada Trail, and advised that he personally witnessed a violation regarding a motor bike on the trails. He suggested that the current bylaw needs to be re-addressed and modified to ensure the safety of people using the trails.
- He reminded the public that May 14th is the Trails Grand Opening to be held across from the Black Train Bridge entrance at 1:00 PM. He advised that there is a ribbon cutting ceremony in addition to military involvement regarding the dedication of the Black Train Bridge to Darrel Priede, a Grand Forks resident, who was killed in the line of duty while serving a Tour of Duty in Afghanistan.

Mayor Taylor:

The Mayor reported on the following items and advised that he will be including the RDKB report as well:

- He spoke with regard to Rick Hansen's new tour through Canada, and asked if a member of Council would be interested to offer to coordinate Rick Hansen's visit next year as a contact person. Councillor Wyers offered to be the contact.
- The Mayor advised that he was pleased that Columbia Basin Trust came to the City to discuss Water Education to the public. He commented that the watering of lawns is the biggest culprit on water demand useage. He reported that he had attended a session at the AKBLG on Smart Meters that would benefit and track water usage.
- The Mayor advised that the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary is reviewing how business is done with regard to committees and committees of the whole and how they meet.
- He advised that he is asking for a Regional District Environment Services Meeting to be held as soon as possible.
- He reported his attendance at the Deer Committee Meeting that was held on April 27th in Cranbrook, and advised that the Committee needs to review the harvesting of deer meat, it's availability to sell it on the market, and further, that the profits from the selling of the meat should go back into the Deer Management plan.

MOTION: THOMPSON/WYERS

RESOLVED THAT ALL REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL INCLUDING THE MAYOR'S REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY, GIVEN VERBALLY AT THIS MEETING, BE RECEIVED. CARRIED.

REPORT FROM THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY (VERBAL)

- Please see the Mayor's report above

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:

- a) Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Community Use (Seniors Housing Development)

The presentation of the Offer to Purchase on the publicly advertised City property of a 3.25 acre subdivided portion of Lot 3, District Lots 380 & 520, SDYD, Plan 32149 to Golden Life Management.

MOTION: THOMPSON/DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE STAFF REPORT DATED, MAY 3RD, 2011, AND ACCEPTS THE OFFER FROM GOLDEN LIFE MANAGEMENT TO PURCHASE A 3.25 ACRE PORTION OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 3, DISTRICT LOTS 380 & 520, SDYD, PLAN 32149, FOR THE OFFERED PRICE OF \$300,000, SUBJECT TO THE TERMS OUTLINED IN THE CITY'S PROPERTY FOR SALE PUBLIC NOTICE.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT STAFF BE AUTHORIZED TO WORK WITH THE PURCHASER ON FINALIZING A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT, AND TRANSFERRING TITLE ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30TH, 2011. CARRIED.

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- b) Manager of Technical Services – The Saddies Live on Canada Day

Zak and Peter Waterlow have submitted a request to hold an event at James Donaldson Park for Canada Day called the Saddies Live.

MOTION: DAVIES/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE USE OF JAMES DONALDSON PARK ON JUNE 30TH, JULY 1ST AND JULY 2ND, 2011, FOR THE LIVE MUSIC CONCERT, "THE SADDIES LIVE ON CANADA DAY", SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS: 1. ZAK AND PETER WATERLOW ENTERING INTO A PARK USE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS; 2. THE WATERLOWS PROVIDING EVIDENCE OF THE 3RD PARTY LIABILITY INSURANCE NAMING THE CITY AS AN ADDITIONAL INSURED; AND 3. COUNCIL WAIVES SECTION 6 (B) OF BYLAW NO. 1681, NOISE CONTROL BYLAW, ALLOWING THE CONCERT TO CONTINUE TO 11:00 PM.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DETERMINES TO SET UP A RESERVE ACCOUNT FOR ANY PROFITS MADE FROM THE CONCERT FOR FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS TO JAMES DONALDSON PARK. CARRIED.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION: DAVIES/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT INFORMATION ITEMS NUMBERED 10(a) TO 10(k)

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

CARRIED.

- a) Correspondence from the British Columbia Lottery Commission- Advising that BCLC makes the decisions on facility locations and that they are not considering any additional gaming services in the Grand Forks Region. **Recommend to receive for information**

MOTION: DAVIES/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT THE BRITISH COLUMBIA LOTTERY COMMISSION BE INVITED TO ATTEND A FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING TO PROVIDE CASINO GAMING GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS AS SET OUT BY BCLC.

CARRIED.

- b) Correspondence from Lawrence Antifaev with regard to inquiries and suggestions regarding different community oriented items. **Recommend that the Mayor respond with regard to the listed items. The Mayor advised that he will respond to Mr. Antifaev.**
- c) Correspondence from the Local Government Leadership Academy – advising Councillor Thompson that she has been awarded a Level 2 Certificate in the program. **Recommend to receive for information- congratulations to Councillor Thompson on her achievements. The LGLA to advise on date for presentation of Certificate.**
- d) Invitation from Community Futures Boundary on June 15th at the Christina Lake Community Hall to a Community Economic Development Forum from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at a cost of \$40.00 per person. **Members of Council to advise if planning to attend – RSVP deadline is June 5th. Councillor Thompson; Councillor Davies have advised that they would like to attend.**
- e) Correspondence from the Grand Forks Cycle Club – Advising on their intended route for their 4th Annual Masters Race Weekend. **Recommend to receive for information – copy forwarded to Staff for City route information.**
- f) Memo regarding reinstatement of Two Business Licenses – Advising that two of the cancelled business licenses have paid for their 2011 Business License. **Recommend that Council reinstates the 2011 Business Licenses of D.G. Painting and Sunny Lane Gardens.**
- g) Email from Arts BC – Announcing that the Executive Director has resigned due to health reasons. **Recommend to receive for information.**

- h) UBCM – Member Release – Local Government Elections Task Force Recommendations will not be in effect for the 2011 Election. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- i) UBCM – Message from the Village of Slocan – Indicating their support for Online Municipal Voting. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- j) UBCM – Member Release – 2010 Resolutions put forward by the City of Grand Forks and endorsed at the UBCM Convention. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- k) April 26th Task List – List of Completed and In-Progress Items. **Recommend to file.**

BYLAWS:

- a) **Chief Financial Officer’s Report – Bylaw 1917 – A Bylaw to set property taxation rates for 2011.**

MOTION: THOMPSON/DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1917, CITED AS THE “2011 Annual Tax Rates Bylaw No. 1917”, BE GIVEN FIRST READING. CARRIED.

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MOTION: THOMPSON/DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1917, CITED AS THE “2011 Annual Tax Rates Bylaw No. 1917”, BE GIVEN SECOND READING. CARRIED.

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MOTION: THOMPSON/DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1917, CITED AS THE “2011 Annual Tax Rates Bylaw No. 1917”, BE GIVEN THIRD READING. CARRIED.

- b) **Chief Financial Officer’s Report – Bylaw 1918 – A Bylaw to amend the Flat Tax**

MOTION: DAVIES/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1918, CITED AS THE “City of Grand Forks Flat Tax Amendment Bylaw No. 1918, 2011”, BE GIVEN FIRST READING. CARRIED.

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MOTION: WYERS/DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1918, CITED AS THE “City of Grand Forks Flat Tax Amendment Bylaw No. 1918, 2011”, BE GIVEN SECOND READING. CARRIED.

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MOTION: ROBERT/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1918, CITED AS THE "City of Grand Forks Flat Tax Amendment Bylaw No. 1918, 2011", BE GIVEN THIRD READING. CARRIED.

The Mayor advised the public that there will be a Special Meeting in Council Chambers on Wednesday at 3:30 PM for consideration of final reading for the above two Bylaws.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

The Mayor advised that Sylvia Treptow had submitted several questions at a prior meeting with regard to the Electrical Utility and further advised that if members of the public wish to have their intent recorded in the public minutes, that it should be submitted to the City in writing. He further advised that verbal questions from the public are not recorded in the minutes as the intent could be misinterpreted by the minute taker.

MOTION: ROBERT/DAVIES

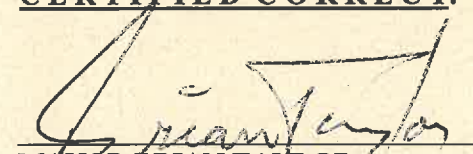
RESOLVED THAT THE ITEMS LISTED IN SYLVIA TREPTOW'S WRITTEN QUESTION PAPER WITH REGARD THE ELECTRICAL UTILITY TO BE REFERRED FOR DISCUSSION DURING THE 2012-2016 FIVE-YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN. CARRIED.

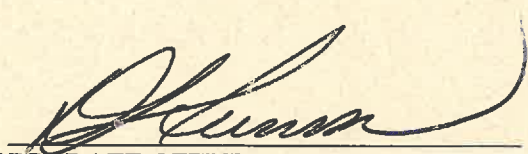
ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 9:23 P.M. CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


CORPORATE OFFICER- DIANE HEINRICH