

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>, 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  
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER C. Arnott

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CALL TO ORDER:

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

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RECESS TO PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING:

MOTION: ROBERT/THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE RECESSED AT 7:02 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 7:07 p.m.

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ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/MOSLIN

**RESOLVED THAT THE NOVEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2011, REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.**

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**MINUTES:**

MOTION: ROBERT/THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 7TH, 2011, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.**

CARRIED.

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**DELEGATION:**

None

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

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

**Councillor Davies:**

Councillor Davies reported on the following items:

- Councillor Davies congratulated Mayor Taylor, Councillor Wyers and Wirischagin on their re-election and spoke with regard to the work that Council had accomplished in the last three years.
  - She reported on her attendance along with Councillor Wyers, at the Boundary Regional Chamber of Commerce's first Annual General Meeting on November 17<sup>th</sup> and extended congratulations to the newly elected board.
  - She announced that an invitation for letters of interest to participate as a member of the Grand Forks Economic Development Advisory Committee is being advertised, and encouraged community members to submit their resumes.
  - Councillor Davies spoke with regard to the adoption of the Heritage Design Review Panel Bylaw and suggested that the OCP may have to be adjusted to reflect some of the guidelines to ensure compliance between the Heritage Bylaw and the OCP.
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**Councillor Thompson:**

Councillor Thompson reported on the following items:

- She extended her congratulations to Mayor Taylor, Councillors Wyers and Wirischagin on their re-election.
  - She advised that it was a privilege to serve the electorate as a member of Council and extended thanks to all of her supporters.
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**Councillor Robert:**

Councillor Robert reported on the following items:

- He congratulated members of Council who were re-elected and commented that it had been an honour to sit at the Council table for the last two terms.
  - He spoke with regard to the commitment involved in a Councillor's job and advised that in spite of sometimes heated debates, he has gained six friends.
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**Councillor Wyers:**

Councillor Wyers reported on the following items:

- She reported on her attendance at the November 16th monthly meeting for the Grand Forks Library Board and advised that this was her last meeting as liaison. She advised that the Grand Forks Library will be closed on December 24th and December 31<sup>st</sup> for statutory Christmas holidays. She spoke with regard to the Visitor stats for the month of October and that the library had 11,021 visits which averaged 551 visits per day.
  - She reported on her attendance to the Boundary Regional Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting on November 17<sup>th</sup> and advised that the organization is looking to increase their membership. She further advised that they currently have 118 members throughout the region.
  - She advised that the Grand Forks Art Gallery is having their 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Wine Gala on Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. She further advised that Gallery 2 memberships are now due.
  - She thanked everyone who voted for her in the 2011 Municipal Election for a second term and advised that she is looking forward to working with the new Council.
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**Councillor Moslin:**

Councillor Moslin reported on the following items:

- He congratulated Councillors Wirischagin and Wyers on being re-elected and to Mayor Taylor on his re-election and for his great leadership. He congratulated Councillors Thompson and Davies on their hard work and accomplishments during the last term. He further congratulated the four new members who are joining Council for the next term. Councillor Moslin offered three pieces of advice to the new members of Council: 1) Patience - with public, staff and other members of Council; 2) Tolerance – all people see the world differently; and 3) Be prepared to change your mind and be open to debate and new ideas.
  - He thanked the citizens of Grand Forks for whom he worked for and with in the last six years.
  - He offered his gratitude to Staff for their help and support and offered a special thank-you to Lynne Burch, Chief Administrative Officer, for her support, guidance, knowledge and respect.
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**Councillor Wirischagin:**

Councillor Wirischagin reported on the following items:

- He congratulated all members of Mayor and Council who were re-elected and the newly elected, and advised that he is looking forward to working with the new group.
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**Mayor Taylor:**

The Mayor reported on the following items:

- The Mayor spoke with regard to Council as being a functional group throughout the last term.
- He thanked the electorates who supported him in the election, and for their confidence in his leadership.

MOTION: ROBERT/DAVIES

**RESOLVED THAT ALL REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, GIVEN VERBALLY AT THIS MEETING, BE RECEIVED. CARRIED**

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**REPORT FROM THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY (VERBAL)**

- The Mayor spoke with regard to the continued partnership with the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary, and commented on continued efforts towards Regional thinking.

MOTION: THOMPSON/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.**

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**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:**

- a) Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Notice of Work & Reclamation Program Referral – Winner Exploration

Requests for comments on the application for Mineral Exploration from the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources.

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MOTION: ROBERT/THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT DATED NOVEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2011, REGARDING A REFERRAL NOTICE RECEIVED FROM THE MINISTRY FORESTS, LANDS AND NATURAL RESOURCES, REGARDING AN APPLICATION FOR MINERAL EXPLORATION NEXT TO THE EXISTING WINNER QUARRY, OWNED BY ROXUL INC., BE RECEIVED, AND THAT THE MINISTRY BE ADVISED THAT THE CITY'S INTERESTS ARE NOT AFFECTED BY THIS APPLICATION.**  
CARRIED.

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- b) Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Notice of Work & Reclamation Program Referral – Greenwood Golden Crown

Requests for comments on the application for Mineral Exploration from the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources.

MOTION: ROBERT/THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT DATED NOVEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2011, REGARDING A REFERRAL NOTICE RECEIVED FROM THE MINISTRY FORESTS, LANDS AND NATURAL RESOURCES, REGARDING AN APPLICATION FOR MINERAL EXPLORATION IN THE GRAND FORKS AREA BE RECEIVED, AND THAT THE MINISTRY BE ADVISED THAT THE CITY'S INTERESTS ARE NOT AFFECTED BY THIS APPLICATION.**  
CARRIED.

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**REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

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**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

MOTION: ROBERT/THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT INFORMATION ITEMS NUMBERED 11(a) TO 11(f) BE RECEIVED AND ACTED UPON AS RECOMMENDED AND/OR AS AMENDED.**

CARRIED.

- a) From Fortis BC - Proposed amalgamation of natural gas utilities into one legal entity. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- b) From Gallery 2 - Response to Council regarding their exhibition policy and door counting system. **Recommend to receive for information.**

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- c) From CBC Radio One in Kamloops, BC- Request for support for application to CRTC to operate a new English language FM Station in Kamloops. **Should Council wish to support CBC Radio One application for a new English language FM Station in the Kamloops area, adopt a resolution to forward the attached letter of support to the CRTC.**

MOTION: DAVIES/THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL SUPPORTS THE CBC RADIO ONE APPLICATION FOR A NEW ENGLISH LANGUAGE FM STATION IN THE KAMLOOPS AREA AND DETERMINES TO FORWARD A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO THE CRTC.** CARRIED.

- d) From Statistics Canada - Community Outreach News – Issue No. 1. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- e) Minutes from the Grand Forks Public Library - From Meeting of October 19<sup>th</sup>. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- f) November 7<sup>th</sup> Task List - List of Completed and In-Progress Tasks. **Recommend to file.**

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**BYLAWS:**

- a) **Corporate Officer's Report – Bylaw 1927 – Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Zoning Bylaw.**

Public Hearing was waived pursuant to Section 890(4) of the Local Government Act. The proposed bylaw has been duly advertising in accordance to Section 893 of the Local Government Act. As the proposed bylaw is a housekeeping bylaw, it does not require Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure approval.

MOTION: ROBERT/DAVIES

**RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1927, CITED AS THE “Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Zoning Bylaw”, BE GIVEN THIRD READING.**

CARRIED.

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MOTION: THOMPSON/MOSLIN

**RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1927, CITED AS THE “Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Zoning Bylaw”, BE GIVEN FINAL READING.**

CARRIED.

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- b) **Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Bylaw 1929 – Heritage Advisory Design Panel Establishment Bylaw**

MOTION: THOMPSON/DAVIES

**RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1929, CITED AS THE "Grand Forks Heritage Advisory Design Panel Bylaw No. 1929, 2011" BE GIVEN FIRST READING.**

CARRIED.

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AMENDMENT TO BYLAW NO. 1929:

MOTION: MOSLIN/THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1929, CITED AS THE "Grand Forks Heritage Advisory Design Panel Bylaw No. 1929, 2011", BE AMENDED BY AMENDING SECTION 2.6 TO READ THAT MEMBERS OF THE PANEL SHALL BE ELECTED AT LARGE, FROM THE GRAND FORKS COMMUNITY, INCLUDING INDIVIDUALS NOT RESIDING WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS.**

CARRIED.

*Councillor Davies voted against the motion*

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MOTION: WYERS/THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1929, CITED AS THE "Grand Forks Heritage Advisory Design Panel Bylaw No. 1929, 2011" BE GIVEN SECOND READING AS AMENDED.**

CARRIED.

*Councillor Davies voted against the motion*

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MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1929, CITED AS THE "Grand Forks Heritage Advisory Design Panel Bylaw No. 1929, 2011" BE GIVEN THIRD READING AS AMENDED.**

CARRIED.

*Councillor Davies voted against the motion*

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**LATE ITEMS:**

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**QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

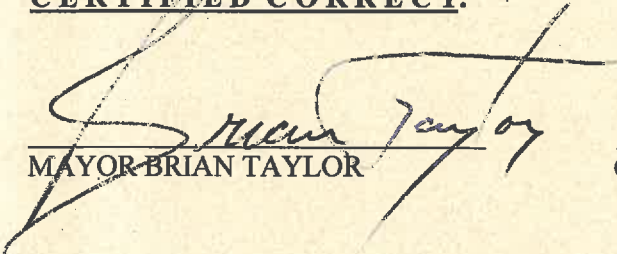
MOTION: THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 7:53  
P.M. CARRIED.**

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**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

  
MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR

  
CORPORATE OFFICER- DIANE HEINRICH