

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
MONDAY NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</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

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

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**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

MOTION: MOSLIN/WYERS

**RESOLVED THAT** THE NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2011, REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

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MOTION: DAVIES/WIRISCHAGIN

**RESOLVED THAT** THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2011, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

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MOTION: THOMPSON/WYERS

**RESOLVED THAT** THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2011, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

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MOTION: THOMPSON/DAVIES

**RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2011, AND ALL RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.**

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**REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:**

None

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

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

**Councillor Wirischagin:**

Councillor Wirischagin reported on the following items:

- He announced to the public that the 2011 Municipal Election Voting Day is on November 19<sup>th</sup> and urged everyone to get out and vote; he further wished all candidates that were running for office the best of luck
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**Councillor Moslin:**

Councillor Moslin reported on the following items:

- He spoke of the announcement made by Premier Clark at the 2011 UBCM of the New Community Recreation Fund Grant of \$34,000,000 and reported that it is specifically earmarked for recreational projects. He spoke with regard to the tight timelines to submit the grant especially when local governments are into their elections. He further spoke with regard to the dream of the Trails Society to have the 16 kilometers of trail paved from 68<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Cascade. He advised that he is going to work on putting forward a grant application that would be presented and considered by the new City Council and the new Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Board of Directors in order to meet the December 28<sup>th</sup> Grant deadline.
- Councillor Moslin wished the best of luck to all of the candidates running for Council, Mayor, Trustees and Directors and offered a reminder for all to attend the All-Candidates Forum at GFSS on Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 9:00 PM.
- He advised that he has already enlisted in a new project and that he is going to be "Badger" in a Rivers Edge Production in the middle of February, 2012.

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**Councillor Wyers:**

Councillor Wyers reported on the following items:

- She reported that the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rick Hansen Relay is coming through our community on Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> and will be departing Saturday morning, April 28<sup>th</sup>. She advised that there is a public contest to be a "Medal Bearer". She reported that Grand Forks only has one application to date and that applications are available on the: [www.rickhansenrelay.com](http://www.rickhansenrelay.com) website. She advised that the Grand Forks Recreation Centre will be the venue for the event on Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>.
- She advised that the Christina Lake Living Arts Centre is hosting an event from 6:30 to 9:30 PM on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> called Chocolate and Champagne and that this event is sponsored by the Christina Lake Living Arts Group.
- She reported that the Boundary Country Regional Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting is on November 17<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at the Christina Lake Living Arts Centre
- She wished good luck to all the candidates participating in the election.

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**Councillor Robert:**

Councillor Robert reported on the following items:

- He reported on his attendance at a meeting on October 26<sup>th</sup> with Mayor Taylor, CAO Lynne Burch and Ingrid Hampf of Interior Health to discuss transportation issues for medical referrals out of town. He advised that Hospice, a non-profit society will be managing this program. He further advised that there will be stated costs: A trip to Kelowna \$140.00; Castlegar \$65.00; Trail \$75.00; and Nelson \$95.00. He further advised that the hospital social worker would be available for hardship cases.
- He spoke about recommendations from BC Transit regarding transit in Grand Forks and advised that a fixed-route service is not recommended at this time as the demand for this service is anticipated to be low.
- He spoke with regard to the importance of the November 11<sup>th</sup>, Remembrance Day events, and announced that his son came home from Afghanistan safe and sound.

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**Councillor Thompson:**

Councillor Thompson reported on the following items:

- She reported on her attendance to the morning and evening Public Outreach Information Sessions on October 26<sup>th</sup> regarding the two referendum questions that are being put forward to the electorate on November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011. She further advised that a third outreach session was held this evening.
- She reported on her attendance on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, to the fundraising event of the Phoenix Foundation at the Community Hall at Christina Lake

**Councillor Davies:**

Councillor Davies reported on the following items:

- She reported on her attendance to the fundraising event of the Phoenix Foundation at Christina Lake that featured keynote speaker, Hugh Culver.
- She announced that BC Regional Chamber of Commerce currently has 64 members from Grand Forks and a total of 110 for the area. She further advised that their Annual General Meeting is on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

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**Mayor Taylor:**

The Mayor reported on the following items including his report from the Regional District:

- He spoke with regard to the last Regional District Meeting, and that the City's fringe area plan was passed. He spoke with regard to exploratory mining that is occurring within our area. He reported that the Ministry approved the exploratory mining before the Regional District Board considered it.
- He encouraged everyone to come out to the Remembrance Day Celebrations on November 11<sup>th</sup> and advised that he would like support from Council to attend this occasion.
- He advised that the Regional District Board is currently discussing a Criminal Record Checks Policy.
- He spoke with regard to complaints about the reuse centre at the RDKB landfill and advised that large numbers of people are picking up and dropping things off. Cleaning up messes left behind is taking up considerable landfill staff time.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/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.

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

September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 Regional District Minutes were included in the agenda. The Regional District report is included in the Mayor's report above.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:**

- a) Corporate Officer's Report – Show Cause Hearing for 7630-17<sup>th</sup> Street Unightly Premises

Council provides the opportunity for property owners and the tenant to speak with regard to 7630-17<sup>th</sup> Street, which is in violation of the City's Unsightly Bylaw No. 1680

Mr. Dan Planidin addressed Council and advised that he is moving to a new location and is moving out all of the vehicles. He advised that the Public Trustee, Sharon Lang is currently in the process of moving his uncle into Boundary Lodge and selling the house.

MOTION: ROBERT/MOSLIN

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE CITY AND ITS CONTRACTORS TO ENTER THE PROPERTY ON NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2011, TO ESTIMATE THE COSTS AND TIMEFRAME FOR THE CLEAN UP OF OBJECTS AND DERELICT VEHICLES THAT ARE IN VIOLATION OF THE CITY'S UNSIGHTLY BYLAW NO. 1680, AT THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 7630-17<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 4, PLAN NUMBER 30628, D.L. 380, L.D. 54.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZES STAFF TO DELIVER A THIRD NOTICE TO EILEEN PLANIDIN, PROPERTY OWNER; SHARON LANG, PUBLIC GUARDIAN AND TRUSTEE FOR MR. LEO BOLINOFF, PROPERTY OWNER; AND MR. DAN PLANIDIN AS TENANT, ADVISING OF A DATE AND TIME WHICH THE CITY AND/OR ITS CONTRACTORS INTENDS TO ENTER THE PROPERTY AND REMOVE THE DERELICT VEHICLES AND ITEMS THAT ARE IN VIOLATION OF THE CITY'S UNSIGHTLY BYLAW NO. 1680.** CARRIED.

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- b) Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Agreement for cost sharing – Fringe Area Planning Agreement

Approval for the proposed "Agreement for Cost Sharing of Part 26 Services" proposed by the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary

MOTION: THOMPSON/ROBERT

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE "AGREEMENT FOR COST SHARING OF PART 26 SERVICES", BETWEEN THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS AND THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY, WITH THE IDENTIFIED ANNUAL REQUISITION OF \$1,668.00, IN THE FORM ATTACHED TO THIS REPORT, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZES CITY SIGNATORIES TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.** CARRIED.

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- c) Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Economic Development Advisory Committee

Potential make up of the Committee, Terms of Reference and Proposed Budget for the Committee.

Councillor Davies spoke with regard to the actions that were put in place by the Economic Development Task Force and that they were instrumental in bringing forward several grants to benefit the community.

MOTION: DAVIES/THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT, DATED OCTOBER 28, 2011, REGARDING THE POTENTIAL MAKE UP OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, TERMS OF REFERENCE AND PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE COMMITTEE.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ADOPTS THE ATTACHED POLICY WHICH OUTLINES THE TERMS OF REFERENCE AND MAKE UP OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AND FURTHER INSTRUCTS STAFF TO ADVERTISE TO FILL THE POSITIONS OUTLINED IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, WITH APPLICATIONS TO BE RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 25, 2011, AND THAT THE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE ON THE COMMITTEE WILL BE DETERMINED DURING THE NEW COUNCIL TERM.** CARRIED.

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**REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:**

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**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/DAVIES

**RESOLVED THAT INFORMATION ITEMS NUMBERED 10(a) TO 10(h)**

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

CARRIED.

- a) Correspondence from Emcon Services - Advising of User Group Meeting on November 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. **Mayor and Council are invited to attend – Deputy Fire Chief and Manager of Technical Services and Utilities will be in attendance.**
- b) Correspondence from the Grand Forks Community Trail Society - Concerns regarding barricades where Trans Canada Trail crosses the Highway. **Refer to the Mayor to respond**
- c) Correspondence from the Gazette – Annual Winter Shop Local Campaign - Asking for City to sponsor in the Shop Local Campaign in the amount of \$700. **Recommend that Council support this event as they have in the past by contributing \$700.00 as a sponsorship fee to the Grand Forks Gazette for this year's Winter Shop Local Campaign**

MOTION: WYERS/DAVIES

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL SUPPORT THE 2011 WINTER SHOP LOCAL CAMPAIGN BY CONTRIBUTING \$700.00 AS A SPONSORSHIP FEE TO THE GRAND FORKS GAZETTE.** CARRIED.

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- d) Staff Memorandum from the Manager of Technical Services - Regarding a GFI Request for Improvements to the infield at James Donaldson Park. **Recommend that it be referred to the 2012-2016 Financial Plan process.**
- e) Memorandum from Alex Love regarding Smart Meters/AMR Meter Information Session - Follow up information from October 24<sup>th</sup> Staff presentation from City's Electrical Consultant. **Recommend to receive for information – This memorandum is posted on the City's bulletin board.**
- f) Correspondence from the Grand Forks Parade Committee - Asking for funds to support the Grand Forks Annual Canada Day, Fall Fair and Santa Claus Parade in the amount of \$600.00. **Recommend that it be referred to the 2012-2016 Financial Plan process**
- g) Correspondence from Emcon Services - Advising of Safe Winter Driving Information Advertising and on Web Site. **Receive for information**
- h) October 24<sup>th</sup> Task List - List of Completed and In-Progress Items. **Recommend to file.**

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**BYLAWS:**

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

MOTION: THOMPSON/ROBERT

**RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1927, CITED AS THE “Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Zoning Bylaw No. 1927, 2011”, BE GIVEN FIRST READING.**

CARRIED.

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MOTION: WYERS/WIRISCHAGIN

**RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1927, CITED AS THE “Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Zoning Bylaw No. 1927, 2011”, BE GIVEN SECOND READING.**

CARRIED.

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**QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA:**

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**RESOLUTION TO GO IN-CAMERA:**

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL CONVENE AN IN-CAMERA MEETING AS OUTLINED UNDER SECTION 90 OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER TO DISCUSS MATTERS IN A CLOSED MEETING WHICH ARE THE SUBJECT OF SECTION 90(1)(a), PERSONAL INFORMATION ABOUT AN IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL WHO HOLDS OR IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR A POSITION AS AN OFFICER, EMPLOYEE OF THE MUNICIPALITY; 90(1)(e), THE ACQUISITION, DISPOSITION OF EXPROPRIATION OF LAND OR IMPROVEMENTS, AND 90(1)(j), INFORMATION THAT IS PROHIBITED, FROM DISCLOSURE UNDER SECTION 21 OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION & PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT 3<sup>RD</sup> PARTY INTERESTS, OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT PERSONS, OTHER THAN MEMBERS, OFFICERS, OR OTHER PERSONS TO WHOM COUNCIL MAY DEEM NECESSARY TO CONDUCT CITY BUSINESS, WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM THE IN-CAMERA MEETING. CARRIED.**

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: ROBERT

**RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 8:24 P.M. CARRIED.**

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**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

  
MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR

  
CORPORATE OFFICER- DIANE HEINRICH