

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 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

GALLERY

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:01p.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

MOTION: THOMPSON/WYERS

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2011, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

None

PROPOSED BYLAWS FOR DISCUSSION:

None

LATE ITEMS:

None

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

None

QUESTION PERIOD FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mayor Taylor 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, he advised that Council has set up some parameters to follow, and the normal rules apply.

- SHEILA DOBIE – A representative from Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy, extended an invitation for Council to participate in a community program called “Reach A Reader” which is on Wednesday, October 5th in Grand Forks. She advised that the group is seeking high profile people, such as members of Council, to campaign the streets for donations. She further advised that those that donate will receive a free paper in return. She commented that the group will define six locations in Grand Forks that each area will have four time slots between 10 and 3:30 PM. All members of Council who were present at the meeting: Councillors Wyers, Thompson, Davies, Moslin, Robert and Mayor Taylor have offered their services. Sheila advised that she will email the schedules to each member of Council.
- NIGEL JAMES – He wished to comment on his appreciation of the Public Works crew for their work in the community’s parks, and for their work at the Grand Forks Fall Fair. He also expressed his congratulations to the Public Works crew on the recent sidewalk cleaning.
- CARL YU – He questioned members of Council to what they plan on attending while at the UBCM Conference in Vancouver this year. Individual members advised on the various meetings, workshops and resolution sessions which they each plan to participate in.
- Councillor Davies advised that Mr. Bob Kendall, the lead person from the Agricultural Team of the Economic Development Task Force would like to speak

with regard to a proposed Haskap Berry Workshop for Grand Forks. She advised that the proposed production of commercial Haskap Berries for the Grand Forks area was an initiative brought forward from the EDTF-Agriculture Committee, and consequently was adopted by Council to include as part of the EDTF initiatives. She further advised that Gary Smith, who was also in attendance, is working with Mr. Kendall to coordinate the workshop.

BOB KENDALL advised that the Agriculture Committee of the EDTF would like to bring in Curtis Brattison from Henribourg, Saskatchewan, to conduct a Haskap Berry Workshop. Gary Smith advised that this would be a great opportunity to discover a potential for a market in Grand Forks.

Councillor Davies advised that the maximum cost to bring in Mr. Brattison would be \$2,000., and further advised, that upon checking with Staff, there is money available in the committee budget to support a workshop. Councillor Davies further advised that she would be putting forward a resolution in tonight's Regular Meeting during her report to support this initiative.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT THIS PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING IS ADJOURNED AT 7:35 P.M.
CARRIED.**

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


CORPORATE OFFICER – DIANE HEINRICH