

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH, 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

CALL TO ORDER:

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

RECESS TO PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING:

MOTION: ROBERT/THOMPSON

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 7:35 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION: ROBERT/WYERS

RESOLVED THAT THE SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2011, REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: MOSLIN/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2011, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

MOTION: THOMPSON/WYERS

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2011, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

MOTION: THOMPSON/MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2011, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

DELEGATION:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Corporate Officer's Report – Notice of Motion from Councillor Robert on a "For Profit Clinics" resolution

At the September 6th, 2011, Regular Meeting, Councillor Robert advised that he wished to put forward a notice of motion with regard to a "For Profit Clinics" Resolution intended to be put forward at the 2011 UBCM convention. As June 30th, 2011 was the deadline for submissions of resolutions to the UBCM, City Staff contacted UBCM staff was advised that a "For Profit Clinics" resolution was already on the floor for the 2011 UBCM from the City of Victoria.

MOTION: THOMPSON/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL RECEIVES THE REPORT FROM THE CORPORATE OFFICER DATED SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2011, WITH REGARD THE NOTICE OF MOTION ON THE FOR PROFIT CLINICS RESOLUTION FROM COUNCILLOR ROBERT.

CARRIED.

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

Councillor Davies:

Councillor Davies reported on the following items:

- She reported on her attendance at the Grand Forks Fall Fair on September 10th and 11th, and congratulated Les Braden and the Fall Fair committee for their hard work. She reported on her participation in collecting donations for chuck wagon tarp signatures, which she commented, was part of the Fall Fair's fundraising activities towards next year's mini-horse races.
- She reported on her attendance at the September 14th – Boundary Regional Chamber of Commerce Round table talk and advised that MLA, John Slater had attended.
- On September 14th, she reported her attendance to the Volunteer Recognition Evening at Gallery 2

MOTION: DAVIES/WYERS

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS COVER THE EXPENSES OF MR. CURTIS BRATTEN OF HASKAP BERRIES CENTRAL TO COME TO GRAND FORKS AND DELIVER A WORKSHOP ON HASKAP BERRY PRODUCTION AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000.00 CARRIED.

Councillor Thompson:

Councillor Thompson reported on the following items:

- She reported on her attendance at the Annual General Meeting of the Phoenix Foundation on September 7th. She announced that Maxine Ruzicka, who had completed 12 years of service, has retired from the Board in accordance with their constitution and bylaws. She further advised that the Foundation will now have 2 co-chairs - Leda Leander and Linda Manzon. Councillor Thompson advised that there will be a fall granting and that information will be made public in the near future.
 - She reported on her attendance at the Grand Forks Fall Fair last weekend and that the Board received many compliments about the Fair, and in particular, the mini-chuck wagon races.
 - On Tuesday, September 13th, she reported on her attendance at a discussion session hosted by the Boundary Country Regional Chamber of Commerce with John Les, Parliamentary Secretary to Premier Clark. She advised that the discussion was on Job Creation.
 - She advised that the Boundary Museum Society held their monthly Board Meeting on September 14th and that the Museum will be open to the public until the end of October.
 - She reported on her attendance at this year's Volunteer Appreciation Evening on September 14th at Gallery 2.
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Councillor Robert:

Councillor Robert reported on the following items:

- He reported on his attendance on September 7th at an Inter-Agency meeting with Kristine Eyre who gave a presentation on the BETHS (Boundary Emergency Transition Housing Society) and their plans for the upcoming severe weather season. He reported that other groups at the table included Whispers of Hope, Community Childcare, Community Futures, and CBAL Literacy for all and that their goal is to collaborate.
- On September 7th, he reported his attendance at a meeting with the “Friends of the Gilpin Grasslands”. He advised, that at this meeting, there was discussion regarding the lack of available habitat where degradation of natural values on Crown Land has forced wildlife to find easier food sources in valley bottoms.
- He spoke with regard to the article that appeared in the Gazette on funding issues confronting the Aquatic Centre and of the petition from users who miss the pool.
- He reported his attendance at a Carbon Neutral Sub-Committee Meeting on September 8th and advised the John Vere will be pursuing the Home Envelope Program to make sense of who is providing what incentives. He spoke with regard to other issues discussed at the meeting that included possible transit for Grand Forks, white roofing to reduce energy consumption, building construction to include solar ready conduit and water metering capabilities.
- He reported on his attendance at the Environment Committee Meeting at the RDKB Board Office on September 16th, 2011.

Councillor Wyers:

Councillor Wyers reported on the following items:

- She advised that the Columbia Basin Alliance Literacy event was on September 7th where recognition was given to Mr. Kelly and that the Grand Forks Library was given the Community Literacy Award for 2011. She further advised that the Library has public meetings every month and that tomorrow night (Tuesday) is the next public meeting.
- She reported on her attendance at a Water Sustainability Sub-Committee meeting on September 7th at City Hall. She reported that Cheryl Unger of Interior Health spoke with regard to official well closure procedures and that the Province doesn’t support well closures.
- She announced that September 25th is the 31st Annual BC Rivers Day, and that the Boundary Anglers Association will be doing a cleanup at 9:00 am on some of the Community’s Trails.

MOTION: WYERS/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL SUPPORT THE 31ST ANNUAL BC RIVERS DAY TO ASSIST IN THE CLEAN UP PROCEEDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100.00. CARRIED.

- She reported on her attendance at the Grand Forks Fall Fair last weekend and extended congratulations to the Fall Fair committee on their volunteerism and hard work on this event. She further commended the committee on their work to make the mini-horse races a success and further recognized City Works for their participation in this event.

Councillor Moslin:

Councillor Moslin reported on the following items:

- He congratulated the Art Gallery and City Staff on their work towards a great Volunteer Appreciation Evening on September 14th.
- He spoke with regard to the Habitat For Humanity project and advised that the roof is in place and that the 7-plex project is proceeding towards lock up somewhere near the end of September. He spoke with regard to the response from Minister Coleman to the letter that the City had sent on June 15th, and advised that he was disappointed with the Minister's response and advised that he will continue to pursue BC Housing to give the proceeds from the sale of Hardy View Lodge building back to the City.
- He reported on his attendance at a Deer Committee Meeting and advised that a deer count did take place through the five zones and that the count was very close to 2010 numbers. He thanked the participants of the Deer Committee for their hard work. He commented that the Ministry of Environment has accepted the City of Cranbrook's proposal for a Deer Cull of approximately 25 animals in December of this year at a cost of approximately \$15,000.
- He reported his attendance to the September 16th, 2011 Environment Committee Meeting at the RDKB Board Room and commended the members of this committee for their work. He advised that Draft Minutes of the September 16th meeting will be distributed to Council this week that the minutes contain recommendations for Council to consider.
- He invited any member of the public who is interested in solar technology to attend a Solar Tour at the City Park campground on October 7th at 10:00 am at City Park.

Mayor Taylor:

The Mayor reported on the following items:

- The Mayor advised that Councillor Wyers will be the liaison for Council with regard to the West End Grand Forks Signage Committee which was proposed at the September 6th, 2011 meeting.
- He commented with regard to the Deer Committee Meeting and advised that the group is continuing to see a high number of fawns being borne and observing what the deer are consuming for food outside of their natural habitat. He advised that the Deer Committee will be monitoring the City of Cranbrook's Deer Cull. He further spoke with regard to a Diversionary Management Plan where the intent is to move the deer back into their natural habitats. The Mayor extended his invitation to Councillor Wyers to attend the Deer Committee meetings.

MOTION: ROBERT/THOMPSON

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 July 28th, 2011 Regional District of Kootenay Boundary minutes are included with this report.

- The Mayor spoke with regard to Mr. Dempski's property and the article that appeared in the Gazette. He advised that he is pressing hard to have the Regional District deal with this issue and that this also addresses the lack of low income housing needs as these individuals have no other place to go
- He advised that Regional District Budgeting Process is getting underway and that he will be asking, in particular, with regard to the Kitchen Waste Pilot program.
- Councillor Thompson asked with regard to the BC Hunting Regulation (no shooting long range rifle areas), and was advised by the Mayor that this only encompasses a portion of Area D.
- Councillor Robert asked with regard to FortisBC holding open houses regarding Smart Meters. The Mayor advised that Fortis is promoting the use of Smart Meters. The CAO advised that Alex Love, the City's Electrical Consultant, will make a presentation to Council in October with regard to Smart Metering.
- Councillor Wyers asked for an update regarding the Kettle Falls International Railway. The Mayor advised that they have nothing to report and are waiting for responses from the Stakeholders. The CAO advised that she will provide an update on the deadline for the Railway purchasing process.

MOTION: ROBERT/THOMPSON

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 – Annual Tax Exemption Applications for Council's consideration.

The City has received 10 applications for 2012 Tax Exemption. The recommendation of Staff is made on the premise that all ten applications meet the criteria for exemption as outlined in the Community Charter.

MOTION: ROBERT/DAVIES

RESOLVED THAT THE CORPORATE OFFICER'S REPORT, DATED SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2011, REGARDING THE APPLICATIONS REQUESTING INCLUSION IN THE 2012 ANNUAL TAX EXEMPTION BYLAW, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THAT THE APPLICATIONS LISTED BELOW BE INCLUDED IN THE 2012 ANNUAL TAX EXEMPTION BYLAW.

GRAND FORKS SENIOR CITIZENS SOCIETY BRANCH 143 (SLAVONICS)
GRAND FORKS HOSPITAL AUXILIARY (THRIFT SHOP)
GRAND FORKS SENIOR CITIZENS SOCIETY BRANCH 68 (CITY PARK)
SUNSHINE VALLEY LITTLE PEOPLE'S CENTRE
ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH 59
HARMONY LODGE FREEMASONS (MASONIC HALL)
GRAND FORKS WILDLIFE ASSOCIATION (WILDLIFE HALL)
ABBNEYFIELD CENTENNIAL HOUSE
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BOUNDARY SOCIETY
BOUNDARY LODGE ASSISTED LIVING

CARRIED.

b) Corporate Officer's Report – Grand Forks Hotel Request to include add an Outdoor Patio to their permanent Liquor License Permit

The Grand Forks Hotel has applied to the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch to include a 506 sq.ft. Outdoor Patio intended to seat 39 people, to be added to their permanent Liquor License. As part of the process, the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch requires a resolution from Council.

The Mayor asked if anyone from the public wished to speak.

MR.PARK OF THE IMPERIAL MOTEL: He spoke with regard to the noise emitted by the new patio area and advised that he has received complaints from his customers who stay at his Motel. He commented that he had asked the bar to reduce the noise (around 2:00 am), but received no cooperation. He advised that the noise was worse with the outside patio. The Mayor advised that Council needs to talk with the Grand Forks Hotel with regard to their hours of operation and noise control.

MOTION: DAVIES/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DEFERS THE MOTION WITH REGARD TO THE GRAND FORKS HOTEL APPLICATION TO THE LIQUOR CONTROL AND LICENSING BRANCH FOR A PERMANENT CHANGE TO THEIR LIQUOR LICENCE FOR THE PREMISES LOCATED AT 7382-2ND STREET TO INCLUDE AN OUTDOOR PATIO, AND FURTHER DETERMINES THAT ADDITIONAL WRITTEN INFORMATION REGARDING THE CONTROL FOR NOISE CONTROL AND HOURS OF OPERATION FOR THE OUTDOOR PATIO BE PROVIDED TO COUNCIL FROM THE GRAND FORKS HOTEL FOR THE OCTOBER 11TH REGULAR MEETING.

CARRIED.

c) Manager of Environmental and Building Construction Services – Bike Rack Proposal in the Downtown Core

At the September 6th, Regular Meeting, Council received a delegation from Susan Klarner with regard to a proposed secure bike rack in front of Kocomo's Coffee Shop. Council requested that Staff do a report with regard to a proposed bicycle rack in this area as well as to research alternative spots in the downtown core that may be suitable. Staff was asked to consider costing, traffic flow and safety as well.

MOTION: DAVIES/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT THE MOTION WITH REGARD TO OPTIONS FOR DOWNTOWN BIKE RACKS BE REFERRED TO THE HERITAGE REVIEW COMMITTEE TO RESEARCH OPTIONS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF BIKE RACKS IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA, AND FOR THE COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER INPUT FROM THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES AS PART OF THE PROCESS.

CARRIED.

d) Corporate Officer's Report – Application for Development Variance Permit

The City is in receipt of an application for a Development Variance Permit to vary Sections 33(2)(e)- Accessory Buildings – in order to construct an accessory building which exceeds the maximum height requirement of 16 feet to 20 feet 4 inches, and 33(2)(g)-Accessory Building Ratio from 50% to 61%.

The Mayor asked if any member of public wished to speak.

NIGEL JAMES: He advised that some of the setbacks as indicated in the diagram in the report show variances which are less than they should be in accordance to the Bylaw. He advised that he further noticed that there are two other buildings on the property that are not on the submitted plan.

MOTION: ROBERT/MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT THE APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT, THEREBY VARYING SECTION 33(2)(e) AND SECTION 33(2)(g) WITH REGARD TO THE PROPERTY AT 7536-10TH STREET LEGALLY KNOWN AS LOT 19, BLOCK 37, DL'S 108 & 381, SDYD, PLAN 72 AS APPLIED BY THE APPLICANTS, CHARLES AND CHRISTINE ARNOLD, BE DEFERRED TO THE OCTOBER 11TH, 2011 REGULAR MEETING SO THAT MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THE APPLICATION CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE TO COUNCIL.

CARRIED.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

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) Email – Quantum Leaps Sponsorship request via Councillor Moslin. -Looking for financial support to attend Conference in Castlegar. **Receive for discussion.**

MOTION: MOSLIN/ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS SPONSOR A STUDENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE QUANTUM LEAPS CONFERENCE PUT ON BY KAST (KOOTENAY ASSOCIATION FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY) WHICH IS HELD IN CASTLEGAR, BC, ON OCTOBER 20TH, 2011 FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$250.00 PROVIDED THAT THE SPONSORSHIP GOES TO A BOUNDARY STUDENT.

CARRIED.

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- b) LGLA Certificate Program advising Councillor Thompson that she has been awarded Level 2 Certificate in Local Government Leadership Program. **Councillor Thompson to note that the certificate will be presented to her at the Small Talk Forum on Tuesday, September 27th at the UBCM Convention. Council members to offer the City's congratulations on her achievement.**
 - c) Thank-you Letter from Radhika Menon- To Mayor and Council for receipt of GFSS Scholarship. **Recommend to receive for information.**
 - d) Memo from Manager of Environment and Building Construction Services- Requesting approval from Council to publicly sell City's surplus equipment that is no longer used by the City. **That Council declares the listed equipment is surplus to the needs of the City, and further directs staff to advertise and sell the surplus equipment through a sealed bid process.**

MOTION: ROBERT/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DECLARES THAT THE LISTED EQUIPMENT IN THE STAFF MEMORANDUM IS SURPLUS TO THE NEEDS OF THE CITY, AND FURTHER DIRECTS STAFF TO ADVERTISE AND SELL THE SURPLUS EQUIPMENT THROUGH A SEALED BID PROCESS.

CARRIED.

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- e) Boundary Country Regional Chamber of Commerce- September, 2011 News Update. **Receive for information.**
 - f) September 6th Task List - List of Completed and In-Progress Tasks. **Recommend to file.**
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BYLAWS:

- a) **Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Bylaw 1919 – The City of Grand Forks Sustainable Community Plan Bylaw No. 1919, 2011.**

MOTION: ROBERT/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT, DATED AUGUST 19, 2011, AND AMENDS BYLAW 1919, CITED AS "CITY OF GRAND FORKS SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY PLAN BYLAW NO. 1919, 2011" AS RECOMMENDED BY URBAN SYSTEMS LTD, OUTLINED IN THEIR MEMORANDUM OF AUGUST 12, 2011. CARRIED.

MOTION: ROBERT/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW 1919, CITED AS "CITY OF GRAND FORKS SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY PLAN BYLAW NO. 1919, 2011", BE GIVEN THIRD READING AS AMENDED". CARRIED.

- b) **Corporate Officer's Report – Bylaw 1920 – Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Zoning Bylaw No. 1606, 1999.**

MOTION: ROBERT/THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1920, CITED AS THE "Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Zoning Bylaw No. 1920, 2011", BE GIVEN THIRD READING. CARRIED.

- c) **Corporate Officer's Report – Bylaw 1925 – Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Recreational and Off Highway Vehicle Regulation Bylaw No. 1682**

MOTION: DAVIES/MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1925, CITED AS THE "Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Recreational and Off-Highway Vehicle Regulation Bylaw No. 1925, 2011", BE GIVEN FINAL READING. CARRIED.

LATE ITEMS:

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: ROBERT

**RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 9:20
P.M. CARRIED.**

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


CORPORATE OFFICER- DIANE HEINRICH