

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2011

PRESENT: MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR  
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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**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA:

- The Mayor advised that additional information with regard to Item 8(b) Application for a Development Variance Permit would be added to the agenda, and advised that this information would be considered by Council when addressing Item 8(b).

MOTION: ROBERT/WIRISCHAGIN

**RESOLVED THAT THE SEPTEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2011, REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE  
ADOPTED AS AMENDED. CARRIED.**

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MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON  
MONDAY, AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2011, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.**

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MOTION: THOMPSON/WYERS

**RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON MONDAY,  
AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2011, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.**

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MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/WYERS

**RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2011, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.**

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MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2011, AND ALL RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.**

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MOTION: THOMPSON/ROBERT

**RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2011, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.**

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**REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:**

- a) Corporate Officer's Report – Delegation, Grand Forks Rotary Club

Gordon Nichols, a member of the Grand Forks Rotary Club made a presentation regarding the construction of a Grand Forks Entrance sign on the west end of the City. He advised that the project scope of this proposal is to partner with the City in establishing a new Grand Forks sign on the west entrance to the City. He advised that the Rotary is prepared to give a financial contribution of \$2,000.00 and presented a design concept for consideration. He further suggested that an advisory committee be set up and to involve the public in the decision. He commented that one condition of this proposal is that a reasonable graphical representation of the Rotary Club Insignia be a part of the proposed sign. He provided two suggestions for the location: the first being south of Rilkoﬀ's store – close to where the old "Sasha" sign was, and the second location – to the south of OK Tire – inside of City limits. Angela Soukoroff spoke on behalf of the Grand Forks Credit Union and advised that they would like to acknowledge their support in this project.

MOTION: ROBERT/WYERS

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE PRESENTATION, MADE BY GORDON NICHOLS, MEMBER OF THE GRAND FORKS ROTARY CLUB, AND DETERMINES TO PROCEED WITH A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE GRAND FORKS ROTARY TO FORM AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO PLAN THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF A NEW GRAND FORKS ENTRANCE SIGN ON THE WEST SIDE OF GRAND FORKS.**

**CARRIED.**

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b) Corporate Officer's Report – Delegation, Susan Klarner of Kocomo's Coffee House

Susan Klarner, owner of Kocomo's Coffee House in Grand Forks made a presentation to Council proposing that the City install secured bicycle parking in the 5<sup>th</sup> parking spot on the west side on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in front of Kocomo's Coffee House.

Councillor Moslin expressed his concerns regarding snow removal and costs. Ms. Klarner advised that the bicycle racks would need to be removed during the winter months. She further advised that Kocomo's is not prepared to contribute toward the costs for this proposal.

MOTION: THOMPSON/ROBERT

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE PRESENTATION GIVEN BY SUSAN KLARNER OF KOCOMO'S COFFEE HOUSE AND REFER THE MATTER TO STAFF TO REVIEW AND PROVIDE A REPORT, WHICH WILL INCLUDE COSTS, TRAFFIC FLOW AND SAFETY, ON THE INSTALLATION OF SECURED BICYCLE PARKING IN THE 5<sup>TH</sup> PARKING SPOT SOUTH OF CENTRAL AVENUE ON THE WEST SIDE OF 2<sup>ND</sup> STREET IN FRONT OF KOCOMO'S COFFEE HOUSE, IN ADDITION TO RESEARCHING OTHER AREAS IN THE DOWNTOWN CORE THAT WOULD BE SUITABLE FOR SECURED BICYCLE PARKING.**

CARRIED.

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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 reported on his attendance at the Grand Forks International Baseball Tournament held in the past week, and advised that this year's event was a huge success. He further advised that the Lewiston Truckers won the tournament once again, and that the Australian team who showed excellent sportsmanship, came in second.
- He spoke about how pleased he was to see the completion of the new 25<sup>th</sup> Street ramp and sidewalk to Hutton School in time for this year's school opening and the positive response he had received from the Crossing Guard.
- He asked about the status on the Rugby Playing field project in City Park. The Chief Administrative Officer advised that Staff is waiting for Telus to remove the pole from the intended area so that the City crew can work on the area.

**Councillor Moslin:**

Councillor Moslin reported on the following items:

- He congratulated the volunteers of the Grand Forks International Baseball Tournament on a very successful event.
  - He congratulated City Staff on the completion of 25<sup>th</sup> Street ramp and sidewalk.
  - He asked for an update on the solar project at the City Park washrooms. The Chief Administrative Officer advised that this project was completed in July of 2011 at a cost of \$10,900, which was under the budget forecast. He inquired if Gas Tax monies were used for this project and was advised that it was.
  - He asked for an update on installation of the weather station and web cam on Observation Mountain. The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the equipment was in place, but was not yet operational due to some software issues.
  - Councillor Moslin announced that he is not going to run in the 2011 election, and advised that he is choosing to spend some time with his family.
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**Councillor Wyers:**

Councillor Wyers reported on the following items:

- She congratulated the Midway Mill for their recent start up for the Boundary region.
  - She spoke with regard to water treatment systems and reminded the public to be conscience of the amount water they are using.
  - She announced that the next Environment Committee Meeting is on September 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM at the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Board Room, and advised that this meeting is open to the public.
  - She reported on her attendance at the 31<sup>st</sup> Grand Forks International Baseball Tournament last week and commented on the wonderful sportsmanship and the fun that was shared by all.
  - She advised that the Grand Forks & District Fall Fair is this Saturday & Sunday and that the parade will commence at 10:00 am. She urged everyone to attend and to take in the feature attraction – the Miniature Horse Chuck wagon races. She further advised that the City has sponsored a wagon cover tarp.
  - She advised that the Grand Forks & District Library Meeting is on Tuesday, Sept 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM and that this is a public meeting where everyone may attend.
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**Councillor Robert:**

Councillor Robert reported on the following items:

- He wished to advise that he is putting forward a notice of motion at the September 19<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting with regard to a resolution on “For-Profit Clinics” and their impact on British Columbia’s health care system.
  - He announced that he is not running for Council in the 2011 Election.
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**Councillor Thompson:**

Councillor Thompson reported on the following items:

- She spoke with regard to 2011 Grand Forks and District Fall Fair and that the plans have been finalized for the event. She commented on the excitement the organization has toward all of the events that are taking place.
- She reported that on August 29<sup>th</sup>, the BC rural Caucus met at Broadacres and that the Concerned Citizens for Community Health Care were invited to make a presentation. Councillor Thompson advised that she spoke on their behalf, and that in her presentation to the BC rural Caucus, she expressed her desire to invite Dr. Robert Halpenny, CEO of Interior Health, to come to Grand Forks and meet with the community to address and respond to their issues and concerns.
- She advised that she made a presentation to the BC Rural Caucus, on behalf of Council, with regard to the reduction in Gaming Grants coming into the area.
- She reported her attendance to the Boundary Museum Society's Annual Member's Tea on August 16<sup>th</sup>.
- She advised that the Boundary Museum Society Staff held a Volunteer Appreciation Evening on August 30<sup>th</sup>, and that each volunteer was presented with a certificate of appreciation and enjoyed a wonderful meal.
- She advised that she and Councillor Davies attended a game played by the local Grand Forks Team at the Grand Forks International Tournament and congratulated them on their fine sportsmanship.
- Councillor Thompson advised that she would be challenging Mayor Taylor for the Mayor's Chair in the 2011 municipal election.

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**Mayor Taylor:**

The Mayor reported on the following items:

- He congratulated the Grand Forks International organization on a doing fantastic job and reported that the out of town teams felt very welcome to the area. He further congratulated City Staff on their participation in the success of this year's tournament.

MOTION: WYERS/WIRISCHAGIN

**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)**

- He advised that the City of Grand Forks has been asked to put a basket together for the UBCM. Councillor Wyers advised that she would like to take on this project.
- He commented with regard to the Aquatics Centre petition that expressed concerns about the closure and advised that it was discussed at the Regional District Level.

- He reported with regard to Smart Metering Workshop which was held at the Regional District and advised that a smart meter is only about \$80.00 and fits into the same base as existing meters. He further advised that the software is the big cost.
- He advised that there was a discussion with regard to 9-1-1 services being charged on cell phones. The Mayor advised that he will bring back more information with regard to this matter.

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 – Municipal Insurance Association Annual Meeting Voting Delegates

Council to appoint the City of Grand Forks Voting Delegate and Alternates for the 2011 MIA Annual Meeting at the 2011 UBCM Conference.

MOTION: ROBERT/WIRISCHAGIN

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE STAFF REPORT AND RESOLVES TO APPOINT COUNCILLOR CHRISTINE THOMPSON AS THE VOTING DELEGATE AND MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR AND CAO LYNNE BURCH AS TWO ALTERNATES FOR THE 2011 MUNICIPAL INSURANCE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WHICH IS TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE UBCM CONVENTION IN SEPTEMBER.** CARRIED.

- b) Corporate Officer's Report – Application for a Development Variance Permit

Variance requested by applicant, Olive Perkins, to the City's Zoning Bylaw under Section 34 (2)(f)(ii) interior lot line set back from 5 feet to 3 feet 6 inches in order to reconstruct an existing roof over a hot tub, to alleviate water run-off onto the neighbour's property.

The Mayor advised that the late item 8 (b) containing additional information regarding the Development Variance Permit application would be addressed during this portion of agenda.

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

CHUCK SALISBURY spoke on behalf of Olive Perkins, the applicant and advised that she had applied for a Development Variance Permit as required by the City.

The Chief Administrative Officer spoke with regard to an email received by the City from the Building Inspector after the agenda had been circulated, and advised that the overhang pointed out by the Building Inspector needed to be included in the variance of 3' 6". She further advised that

from the Building Inspector's correspondence, that the current roof overhang is 6 ½" from the interior lot line.

MOTION: ROBERT/THOMPSON

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DIRECT STAFF TO RETURN THE DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT APPLICATION MADE BY OLIVE PERKINS, FOR THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 7493 VALLEY HEIGHTS DRIVE, ALONG WITH A COPY OF THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT WAS SUPPLIED TO THE CITY FROM THE BUILDING INSPECTOR.**

CARRIED.

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**REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

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**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/THOMPSON

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

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

CARRIED.

- a) Correspondence from MIA - MIA BC Dividend Cheque for 2010 Fiscal Year. **Recommend to receive for information**
- b) Petition from the Aquatic Centre - Regarding concerns over the six week closure. **Recommend that Council receives for discussion – the petition has been rec'd at the Regional District as well.**
- c) Email from Alex Atamanenko- Thanking Council for their resolution regarding CETA. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- d) Waste Reduction Week in Canada- Canada Celebrating its 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Waste Reduction Week. **Recommend to receive for information – The City does not issue proclamations.**
- e) Statement from BC Hydro- From David Cobb, President & Chief Executive Officer. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- f) Correspondence from COPE 378 - Concerns on job losses due to Smart Meters and asking Council's support during the UBCM on the issue. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- g) UBCM – 2011 Resolutions for Convention - The City's Resolutions that will be presented at this year's UBCM. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- h) UBCM – Gas Tax Agreement- Community Works Fund Payment. **Recommend to receive for information.**

i) August 15<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 1924 – Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Zoning Bylaw.**

MOTION: THOMPSON/MOSLIN

**RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1924, CITED AS THE “Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Zoning Bylaw No. 1924, 2011”, BE GIVEN FIRST READING. CARRIED.**

Councillor Robert voted against the motion

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MOTION: THOMPSON/WYERS

**RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1924, CITED AS THE “Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Zoning Bylaw No. 1924, 2011”, BE GIVEN SECOND READING. CARRIED.**

Councillor Robert voted against the motion

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

The Mayor advised that he will inform the RCMP of the change.

MOTION: MOSLIN/ROBERT

**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 FIRST READING. CARRIED.**

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MOTION: ROBERT/WYERS

**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 SECOND READING. CARRIED.**

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MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN/THOMPSON

**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 THIRD READING. CARRIED.**



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**QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: ROBERT

**RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 8:34 P.M. CARRIED.**

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**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**



MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR



CORPORATE OFFICER- DIANE HEINRICH