

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY APRIL 2nd, 2012

PRESENT:

MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR
COUNCILLOR BOB KENDEL
COUNCILLOR NEIL KROG
COUNCILLOR PATRICK O'DOHERTY
COUNCILLOR GARY SMITH
COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WIRISCHAGIN
COUNCILLOR CHER WYERS

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER L. Burch
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER C. Arnott

GALLERY

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION: KENDEL / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE APRIL 2ND, 2012, REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KROG

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 19TH, 2012, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

Councillor Smith commented with respect to the recorded notes of his remarks, made at the March 19th meeting during his report, with respect to Grand Forks Citizens For Growth. He stated that it should have been noted that the Facebook page is open all the time, but it was the meeting of the group which was until noon.

MOTION: SMITH / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 19TH, 2012, AND ALL RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 26TH, 2012, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

- a) Corporate Officer's Report – Delegation – Staff Sgt. Jim Harrison of the Boundary Detachment of the RCMP

Staff Sgt. Jim Harrison gave a presentation to Council on the Boundary detachment's Annual Report on policing for the area. He touched on the following points:

- 2009 embarked on crime reduction strategies. Results have begun to be very apparent. Reduction in criminal activity over the past three years.
- 2011 significant decreases; down 19%, most notably break-in's.
- Community programs such as Citizens on Patrol, Restorative Justice and City Watch may have contributed.
- Adopted intelligence led policing.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVE THE PRESENTATION GIVEN BY STAFF SGT. JIM HARRISON OF THE BOUNDARY DETACHMENT OF THE RCMP REGARDING THE ANNUAL REPORT ON POLICING FOR THE AREA.

CARRIED.

- b) Corporate Officer's Report – Delegation – Lisa Fichtenbers, representative of Whispers of Hope. Ms. Fichtenbers touched on the following points:

- Whispers of Hope is primarily a soup kitchen.
- Whispers of Hope is running out of money as costs to run the facility are increasing.
- Gaming grant provided some funding but the group is still behind in paying the facility costs.
- Whispers of Hope is facing closure in November without further funding.
- Requesting \$10,000 per year to assist with operating costs.
- Food is not the problem, but paying the bills for the facility – rent, utilities is the issue.

- The facility is open 6 days per week, and serves an average of 70 people per day.

MOTION: SMITH / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVE THE PRESENTATION GIVEN BY LISA FICHTENBERS, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE WHISPERS OF HOPE, REQUESTING THAT THE WHISPERS OF HOPE BE A LINE ITEM IN THE YEARLY BUDGET.

CARRIED.

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- c) Corporate Officer's Report – Delegation – Jenny Coleshill, representative of the Granby Wilderness Society

Jenny Coleshill made a presentation to Council on the Lewis Woodpecker, advising that a great number of the birds nest in Cottonwood trees in riparian areas throughout the City. She advised that the Society is looking for a "Lewis Woodpecker Stewardship Agreement" with the City, and the Ministry of Forest Lands and Natural Resource Operations. She stated that the agreement provides the City the opportunity to act as a role model for private landowners. She presented a draft agreement for Council's consideration, stating there were no consequences to the agreement.

MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVE THE PRESENTATION GIVEN BY JENNY COLESHILL, REPRESENTATIVE ON BEHALF OF THE GRANBY ECOLOGICAL/ BOUNDARY HABITAT STEWARDS/GRANBY WILDERNESS SOCIETY ASKING COUNCIL TO ADOPT A STEWARDSHIP AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS TO HELP CONSERVE THE LEWIS' WOODPECKER IN THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS.

CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

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

Councillor Krog:

Councillor Krog reported on the following items:

- Reported on the council tour of the Boundary Museum at Fructova School.

Councillor Smith:

Councillor Smith reported on the following items:

- He reported on his attendance at a climate leadership conference in Castlegar.
 - He reported on his attendance at the meeting of Grand Forks Citizens for Growth.
 - He reported that a band concert will be held to raise funds for those displaced by the fire at the Grand Forks Hotel.
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Councillor Kendel:

Councillor Kendel reported on the following items:

- He reported on his attendance at a Boundary Museum tour at Fructova School, stating it is a great facility.
 - He reported on his attendance at the Kettle River Ramblers RV group. The group has formed a committee to put together some recommendations for the City on the operation of the City Park Campground specifically to enhance the RV experience.
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Councillor Wyers:

Councillor Wyers reported on the following items:

- She reported on her attendance at a Public Library meeting.
 - She reported on her attendance at the March 23rd tour of the Boundary Museum, and went on to commend the museum volunteers and congratulated them on the work that they have done.
 - She reported on her attendance at a Boundary Woodlot Association meeting. Mayor Taylor provided background, suggesting that surrounding communities should ban with the City to lobby for a viable woodlot. He advised that Areas C and D are interested in working with the City as an economic activity. He concluded his comments stating that the situation has changed since Council opted not to look at a Community Forest Licence in 2009.
 - She suggested that in reviewing the \$300,000 that was requested from the City in form of financial aid for groups within the area far exceeds what the City can provide. Suggested that Boundary area jurisdictions need to ban together.
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Councillor O'Doherty:

Councillor O'Doherty had no report.

Councillor Wirischagin:

Councillor Wirischagin had no report.

Mayor Taylor:

The Mayor reported on the following items:

- He spoke with regard to the "Mayors" movement at the provincial level, specifically partnership participation in municipal services.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT MAYOR TAYLOR BE AUTHORIZED TO ATTEND A PROVINCIAL MAYORS' MEETING, SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN PENTICTON ON MAY 16, 2012, INTENDED TO SHARE INFORMATION ON SERVICES AT A REGIONAL LEVEL.
CARRIED.

- He spoke with regard to the federal government announcement of \$150,000 million for infrastructure improvements. He stated he will connect with federal government personnel on how this will be moved forward. He further stated that he intends to lobby the province to commit their share of infrastructure funding as well.

MOTION: SMITH / KROG

RESOLVED THAT ALL REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL GIVEN VERBALLY AT THIS MEETING, INCLUDING MAYOR'S REGIONAL REPORT, BE RECEIVED.
CARRIED.

REPORT FROM THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY (VERBAL)

The minutes of the Regional District meeting of February 23rd and March 15th, 2012 are attached to this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:

- a) Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Cancellation of an Expired Development Variance Permit Registered on Title

City Staff have advised there is an expired development variance permit attached to the title of city-owned property adjacent to the Grand Forks Airport. The variance permit was approved in 2004, when the former property owner, Kootenay Shavings Corporation, was going to build a shavings plant on the property. The intended structure was never built and the Development Variance Permit issued in 2004 has long since expired and should be removed from the title.

MOTION: WYERS / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT, DATED MARCH 20TH, 2012, AND TO FURTHER DIRECT STAFF TO NOTIFY THE KAMLOOPS LAND TITLES OFFICE TO REMOVE THE NOTICE OF PERMIT OF PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 1, DL 534, SDYD, PLAN 27119, OWNED BY THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE LEGISLATION.

CARRIED.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT INFORMATION ITEMS NUMBERED 10(a) TO 10(j)

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

CARRIED.

- a) Letters from the Min of Children & Family Development, Carl Zak & Selkirk College - Regarding concerns over the condition of City Parking Lot located between City Hall & City Park. **Recommend to refer to Staff for a detailed report on the options and costs to rehabilitate the parking lot.**
- b) Inventory of Air Quality Bylaws in BC - Report from the Ministry of Environment - **Receive for information-hard copy available on line & in Council room – refer a copy of this report to the Environment Committee for information purposes.**
- c) From BC Children's Hospital Foundation - Annual Jeans Day support from the City. Jean's Day is April 26th. **Members of Council may purchase a Jean's Day Button for \$5.00 from Front End Staff in support of this event.**
- d) From Canadian Cancer Society - Daffodil Day and Daffodil Month Information in April. **Receive for information – Members of Council have been issued Daffodil Pins from the Canadian Cancer Society.**
- e) Information from MP, Alex Atamanenko - With regards to CETA negotiations (Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement). **Recommend to receive for information.**

MOTION: SMITH / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS URGE THE PROVINCIAL AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS TO NEGOTIATE A CLEAR, PERMANENT EXEMPTION FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM THE CANADA-EUROPEAN UNION COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC AND TRADE AGREEMENT (CETA).

CARRIED.

- f) From UBCM - Information regarding Families First Agenda for Change. **Recommend to receive for information.**

- g) From AKBLG - Regarding No Local Government Representation on Municipal Taxation Review. **Receive for discussion purposes**

MOTION: SMITH / KROG

RESOLVED THAT A LETTER BE SENT TO PREMIER CHRISTY CLARK, WITH COPIES TO THE MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR COMMUNITY, SPORT AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT, LOCAL MLA, AND UBCM MEMBER MUNICIPALITIES, WHICH INDICATES THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS' OBJECTION TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE "EXPERT PANEL" COUNCIL SUPPORTS THE UBCM AND THE AKBLG ON THE CONCERN THAT NO MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATIVES ON THE COMMITTEE STRUCK TO REVIEW MUNICIPAL TAXATION. **CARRIED.**

- h) From the Grand Forks Public Library Association - Financial Statements for Year 2011. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- i) From the Grand Forks Public Library Association – 2011 Annual Report. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- j) March 19th Task List – List of Completed and In-Progress Tasks. **Recommend to file.**

BYLAWS:

- a) Chief Financial Officer's Report – 2012-2016 Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1928.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / KROG

RESOLVED THAT THE FUNDING, INCLUDED IN THE 2012-2016 FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000, FOR THE REFURBISH OF THE SCOUT HALL, BE REMOVED FROM THE PLAN. **The Motion was Defeated.**

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MOTION: SMITH / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW No. 1928, CITIED AS "The City of Grand Forks 2012-2016 Five Year Financial Plan, Bylaw No. 1928, BE GIVEN FIRST READING.

CARRIED.

Councillor Wirischagin voted against the motion

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MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW No. 1928, CITIED AS "The City of Grand Forks 2012-2016 Five Year Financial Plan, Bylaw No. 1928, BE GIVEN SECOND READING.

CARRIED.

Councillor Wirischagin voted against the motion

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MOTION: KENDEL / KROG

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW No. 1928, CITED AS "The City of Grand Forks 2012-2016 Five Year Financial Plan, Bylaw No. 1928, BE GIVEN THIRD READING.

CARRIED.

Councillor Wirschagin voted against the motion

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA:

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: KROG

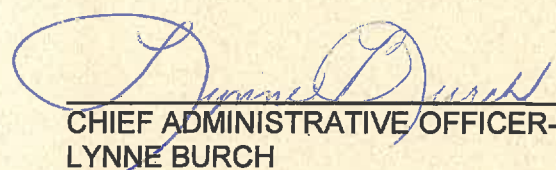
RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 8:38 P.M.

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR



CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER-
LYNNE BURCH