

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY FEBRUARY 20TH, 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
CORPORATE OFFICER D. Heinrich

GALLERY

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

MOTION: SMITH / KENDEL

**RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH, 2012, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.
CARRIED.**

DELEGATIONS:

- a) Corporate Officer's Report - Gerry Foster, Representative for the Grand Forks International

Gerry Foster, representative of the Grand Forks International, made a presentation to Council for the purpose of offering information and education toward the importance of Sport Tourism, Economic Development and the Grand Forks International Baseball Tournament for the community.

Mr. Foster advised that the Sport Tourism sector is becoming the highest tourism generator in the Canada, and that Sport Tourism in Canada has increased by 8.8% between 2008 and 2010. He commented that having a variety of quality and unique activities in the community will draw more tourism, and especially, Sport Tourism. He further commented that Sport Tourism is "Green" Economic Development.

Mr. Foster continued by announcing that the Toronto Blue Jays have come on board as a bronze sponsor for the 2012 Grand Forks International, and commented that although the monetary amount is \$2,500, the publicity coverage from the Blue Jays as sponsors for this year's GFI will be paramount. He further commented that this year, the organization plans to include an information booth at the Grand Forks International which will provide extensive information on the community and the area.

MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO RECEIVE THE PRESENTATION MADE BY GERRY FOSTER OF THE GRAND FORKS INTERNATIONAL BASEBALL TOURNAMENT ORGANIZATION WITH REGARD TO INFORMATION AND EDUCATION PROVIDED ON SPORT TOURISM, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND THE GRAND FORKS INTERNATIONAL BASEBALL TOURNAMENT FOR THE COMMUNITY. CARRIED.

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- b) Corporate Officer's Report – George Longden, Chairperson for the Grand Forks Community Trails Society

George Longden, Chairperson for the Grand Forks Community Trails Society, made a presentation to Council regarding the "Linking Communities" Project and, in addition, to request a financial contribution from the City. He showed pictures of sections of the trail from Grand Forks to the Cascade Bridge and spoke of the Society's wish to have the trail paved. He advised that the average cost is approximately \$100,000 per km to pave the trail. He further advised that the Grand Forks Trails Society has applied for a grant from the Community Recreation Fund for a good portion of funding the project, and that Area D has offered funding in the amount of \$100,000. Mr. Longden further advised that John Hawkings, of Recreational Sites and Trails BC from the Province, has committed an amount of \$100,000 as well. He estimated the cost that the Trails Society would be looking from the City for their portion of the trail would be approximately \$101,640 and advised that the City's area is from 68th Avenue Bridge by Roxul to Darcy Road.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO RECEIVE THE PRESENTATION MADE BY GEORGE LONGDEN OF THE GRAND FORKS COMMUNITY TRAILS SOCIETY WITH REGARD TO INFORMATION ON THE LINKING COMMUNITIES PROJECT, AND TO REFER ANY FINANCIAL REQUESTS FOR COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION IN THE CITY'S 2012 BUDGETING PROCESS. CARRIED.

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.

CHRIS MOSLIN – He spoke with regard to the re-establishment of the Environment Committee that Councillor Wyers will be bringing forward in the Regular Meeting Agenda later on this evening.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THIS PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING IS ADJOURNED AT 7:51 P.M. CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


CORPORATE OFFICER - DIANE HEINRICH