

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>, 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  
CORPORATE OFFICER

L. Burch  
D. Heinrich

GALLERY

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

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**RECESS TO PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING:**

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE RECESSED AT 7:02 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 7:54 p.m.

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**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / WYERS

**RESOLVED THAT THE FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2012, REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.**

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**MINUTES:**

MOTION: WYERS / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 6TH, 2012, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

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**DELEGATION:**

None

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

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

**Councillor Smith:**

Councillor Smith reported on the following items:

- He reported on his attendance at a Boundary Economic Development Committee Meeting where he made a presentation on a Regional sign frame for the Grand Forks Entrance sign and advised that he will be bringing the requested cost amounts to the committee at their next meeting. The Mayor advised that the Sign Entrance group will be meeting shortly with Mr. Gordon Nichols, representative of the Rotary Club.
- He reported on the success of the "Toad of Toad Hall" production which entertained the community last week, and that he enjoyed playing his part as "Toad".

MOTION: SMITH / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT STAFF BRING FORWARD A REPORT TO REVIEW THE REMUNERATION OF TRAVEL EXPENSE ALLOWANCES POLICY WITH REGARD TO THE CITY PAYING FOR SPOUSAL COSTS FOR BANQUETS & RECEPTION MEALS WHILE ATTENDING CONFERENCES.

CARRIED.

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**Councillor Krog:**

Councillor Krog advised that he had no report this evening.

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**Councillor Kendel:**

Councillor Kendel reported on the following items:

- He reported on his attendance at the Boundary Economic Development Committee Meeting along with Councillor Smith

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**Councillor Wyers:**

Councillor Wyers reported on the following items:

- She reported on her attendance at a meeting with Christy Clark, Premier in Osoyoos on February 6<sup>th</sup>.
- She extended her congratulations to the cast and crew of *"Toad of Toad Hall"* productions to their recent successful and entertaining play in recognition of the organization's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- She reported on her attendance at the RDKB Management Presentation in Trail on February 18<sup>th</sup> along with the Mayor. She spoke with regard to the services provided by the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary for our area such as the Landfill, the Pilot Project for Kitchen waste, and Building Inspection. The Mayor further advised that they have asked John Maclean, CAO of the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary, to arrange for a presentation to the City with regard to shared services within the region.
- Councillor Wyers advised that the Boundary Emergency Transition Society is looking for volunteers to assist the staff from 8:00 pm to 2:00 am.
- She advised that the Grand Forks monthly Library Board meeting is next Wednesday.

MOTION: WYERS / SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT THE GRAND FORKS ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED IN JANUARY 2011, BE RE-ESTABLISHED TO RESUME THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE IN THE CATEGORIES OF AIR QUALITY, WATER SUSTAINABILITY AND CARBON NEUTRALITY UNDER THE REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE ATTACHED.**

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000 BE MADE AVAILABLE IN THE 2012 FINANCIAL PLAN TO PURSUE OBJECTIVES INCLUDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF NEPHELOMETER MONITORING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA AND A SUBSEQUENT APPLICATION TO THE CANADA SUMMER STUDENT PROGRAM, BE SUBMITTED BY FEB 28, 2012 FOR THE PURPOSE OF HIRING A SUMMER STUDENT FOR TRAINING, MONITORING AND EDUCATING THE PUBLIC.**

CARRIED.

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MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KENDEL

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPOINT COUNCILLOR WYERS AS COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE ON THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE, AND COUNCILLOR SMITH AS THE ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE.**

CARRIED.

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**Councillor O'Doherty:**

Councillor O'Doherty reported on the following items:

- He advised that the Border Bruins Hockey Team is done for the season and that fun was had by all.

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**Councillor Wirischagin:**

Councillor Wirischagin reported on the following items:

- He advised that a Basketball tournament comprised of seven teams will be competing at the GFSS High School this coming Friday and Saturday, and that the winner of this tournament will be competing in the Kootenay Regional Championships in Kamloops.
- He spoke with regard to aired Council meetings and advised that the Council meetings are aired on What's Up in Grand Forks web site, and on Shaw TV Channel 11, the following Monday at 6:00 PM.
- He spoke with regard to the proposed West End Sign Project and commented that Council, by resolution, made the decision to endorse the endeavours of the Rotary Club and Grand Forks Credit Union and advised that in his opinion, Council should respect this decision.

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**Mayor Taylor:**

The Mayor reported on the following items:

- The Mayor advised that the Recreation Commission is seeking a community person to participate on their board.
- He advised that he had an annual meeting with the RCMP along with Councillors Smith & Wyers and advised that Staff Sgt. Jim Harrison will be coming forward to Council with a formal report.
- The Mayor advised that Councillor Krog has requested that he be the liaison to the Grand Forks Art Gallery and the Boundary District Arts Council.
- He advised that there are four new members participating at the Deer Committee table and advised that a meeting will be called in the very near future.

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**MOTION: SMITH / WYERS**

**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)**

- The Mayor advised that the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary has been wrapped up in the budgeting process and that this is their main focus at this time.
- He advised that the Boundary Economic Development Committee is experiencing some difficulties and advised that he will be bringing more information on the committee's status back to Council after the committee meets next.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KENDEL

**RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR'S REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY, GIVEN VERBALLY AT THIS MEETING, BE RECEIVED. CARRIED.**

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**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:**

- a) Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Corporate Strategic Plan

Adoption of the presented Corporate Strategic Plan for 2012-2014 resulting from the Strategic Planning Workshop held on January 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012, facilitated by Rick Beauchamp.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT DATED FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2012, REGARDING THE CORPORATE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR 2012-2014, AND FURTHER APPROVES THE PLAN AS PRESENTED.**

**CARRIED.**

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**REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

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**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT INFORMATION ITEMS NUMBERED 11(a) TO 11(l) BE RECEIVED AND ACTED UPON AS RECOMMENDED AND/OR AS AMENDED. CARRIED.**

- a) 841 Royal Canadian Air Cadets Squadron's Sponsorship Committee – requesting financial support for their organization. **Recommend to refer their request to the 2012 Budget Process.**

- b) From the Boundary Youth Soccer Association – Their request for funding in the amount of \$3,000. **Staff has advised the Association that Grant In Aid applications are not being taken at this time, but that their request for funding, be it Council's wish, could be considered in the 2012 Budgeting process.**
- c) From the Boundary Restorative Justice Program – Request for funding in the amount of \$641.00. **Recommend to refer their request for funding consideration in the 2012 Budgeting Process.**
- d) Invitation to the Mayor to attend a Change of Command Ceremony held in Vancouver. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- e) Letter of support from Christine Elsaesser to the Phoenix Mountain Ski Hill's request for funding. **Recommend to receive for information – Council has referred the Phoenix Mountain Ski Hill's request for funding to the 2012 Budgeting Process at the February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Regular Council Meeting.**
- f) Correspondence from Solar BC – Incentive payment regarding the Solar Hot Water System for washrooms in campground. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- g) From the Royal Canadian Legion – request for yearly advertising support – ¼ Page advertising in the yearly Military Service Recognition Book. **Recommend that Council support the Legion by purchasing a ¼ page ad for \$450.00 including tax as they have in the past.**

MOTION: KENDEL / O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL SUPPORTS THE BC/YUKON ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BY PURCHASING A ¼ PAGE AD IN THEIR ANNUAL MILITARY SERVICE RECOGNITION BOOK FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$450.00 INCLUDING TAXES AS COUNCIL HAS IN THE PAST YEARS.** **CARRIED.**

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- h) Earth Hour email request for the City's consent for a proposed recipient in this year's Community Challenge on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Fortis BC would like to recognize the Sunshine Valley Child Care Society as this year's recipient of Energy Savings upgrade of up to \$5,000 *should* Grand Forks be the community with the highest rate of participation in the Earth Hour Community Challenge 2012. **Recommend that Council consider authorizing Staff to advise FortisBC that Sunshine Valley Child Care Society be the recipient of an energy savings upgrade should the City of Grand Forks have the highest rate of participation in the 2012 Earth Hour Community Challenge.**
- i) Pitch-In Operation Clean Sweep – Information and benefits regarding Pitch-in Week. **Recommend to receive for information.**
- j) News release from Interior Health regarding Interior Crisis Line Network launched in Kamloops. **Recommend to receive for information.**

- k) AKBLG – Notice of Annual General Meeting and Final call for resolutions 2012. Council to note that the deadline for submitting resolutions is February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

2012 Resolutions to AKBLG - Grand Forks

**RESOLUTION NO. 1**

**THE DISTRIBUTION OF HIGH-ENERGY CAFFEINE DRINKS AND IMPACT TO CHILDREN**

MOTION: WYERS / SMITH

**WHEREAS** TODAY'S CHILDREN OF ANY AGE CAN PURCHASE HIGH-ENERGY CAFFEINE DRINKS OVER THE COUNTER AT THEIR LOCAL GROCERY OR CONVENIENCE STORE CAUSING A GROWING CONCERN OF THE HEALTH IMPACT OF THESE DRINKS ON CHILDREN.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** THAT AKBLG URGE UBCM TO REQUEST THAT HEALTH CANADA RESTRICT THE SALE OF HIGH-CAFFEINE ENERGY DRINKS TO CHILDREN.

CARRIED.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2**

MOTION: WYERS / SMITH

**WHEREAS** THERE IS NO BC WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PLAN TO DEAL WITH INCREASING WILDLIFE CONFLICT;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** THAT THE AKBLG URGE UBCM TO LOBBY THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT FOR A PROVINCIAL WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PLAN UNDER THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND TO ADDRESS, AS WELL, THE SHORTAGE OF CONSERVATION OFFICERS THAT CURRENTLY EXISTS.

CARRIED.

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- l) February 6<sup>th</sup> Task List. List of completed and in-progress tasks. **Recommend to file.**

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**BYLAWS:**  
None

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**LATE ITEMS:**

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**QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 8:50  
P.M. CARRIED.

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**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

  
MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR

  
CORPORATE OFFICER- DIANE HEINRICH