

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY MAY 28TH, 2012

PRESENT:

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

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
CORPORATE OFFICER

L. Burch
D. Heinrich

GALLERY

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

MOTION: SMITH / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD MONDAY, MAY 28TH, 2012, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

DELEGATIONS:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- a) Correspondence signed by eight Mayors from British Columbia to the Provincial Government, including information regarding Stop the Violence Coalition, in support of a campaign aimed at developing and implementing cannabis-related policies that improve public health while reducing social harms, including violent crime and gang activity. **Recommend to receive for discussion.**

The Mayor advised that large grow operations are relocating from urban centres to the rural areas of British Columbia and that these operations often have their own security systems that involve weapons. He advised that he is looking for an opinion from Council on where they stand on this issue.

MOTION: SMITH / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO RECEIVE THE INFORMATION WITH REGARD TO THE CORRESPONDENCE ON "STOP THE VIOLENCE" CAMPAIGN AIMED AT DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING CANNABIS-RELATED POLICIES THAT IMPROVE PUBLIC HEALTH WHILE REDUCING SOCIAL HARMS, INCLUDING CRIME AND GANG ACTIVITY.

CARRIED.

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.

JIM LESLIE –He spoke with regard to the “War on Drugs” and advised of its impact on society and how the prohibition of marijuana actually increases the violence levels.

LES JOHNSON – He advised that Local Government officials are the speakers for its citizens, and it's up to local officials to put the pressure on the Provincial and Federal Governments with regard to the regulation of marijuana.

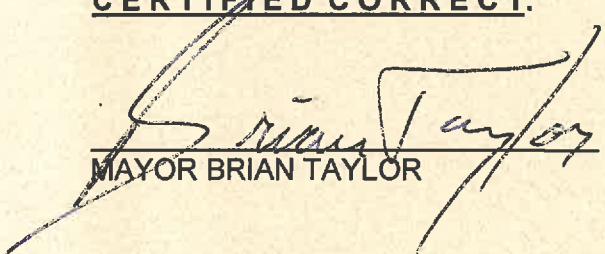
NIGEL JAMES – He advised that he has lived in Grand Forks for 3 years and spoke with regard to marijuana and grow ops within the area and advised that it's up to Council to put some pressure on Provincial and Federal Governments.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THIS PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 7:36 P.M. CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR



CORPORATE OFFICER – DIANE HEINRICH