

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, MAY 6TH, 2013

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 D. Allin
CORPORATE OFFICER D. Heinrich
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER R. Shepherd
MANAGER OF DEVELOPMENT & S. Bird
ENGINEERING

GALLERY

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Amendments to the Agenda:

The Mayor advised that items 12 (a) to (f) will be added to the agenda as late items which were referred from this morning's COTW meeting.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 6TH, 2013, BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: SMITH / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 15TH, 2013, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: KENDEL / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 15TH, 2013, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

DELEGATION:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

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

Councillor Smith:

Councillor Smith reported on the following items:

- He reported on his attendance at the 2013 AKBLG Conference in Invermere where he advised on the very informative sessions. He further reported that he found the speaker, Dr. Loflin, who spoke on placement, very encouraging and that some of the things she spoke with regard to our area have already been done
- He advised that he and Jenny Coleshill scouted out bat house venues on April 27th.
- He reported on his attendance to an Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting with Councillor Kendel
- On April 24th, he reported on his attendance at a Downtown Merchant's Association Meeting and advised that the group is looking to organize a community yard sale for May 18th, and that the group is considering a variety of locations that could be within walking distance of each other.
- He reported on his attendance at a Phoenix Foundation board meeting on April 24th.
- On April 25th he attended a meeting with Paul Pinard at the Boundary Museum where they discussed a Solar System for their new construction.
- On April 26, he attended a Family Friendly Business Meeting and advised that they are looking to set a goal of 30 businesses to be family friendly by this time next year
- He advised that he attended a Deer Committee Meeting on May 3rd at the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary office.

Councillor Krog:

Councillor Krog reported on the following items:

- He 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 2013 AKBLG Conference and commented on the interesting sessions and tradeshow and advised that this was his second AKBLG. He further commented that this conference was more rewarding now that he has networked acquaintances with other municipalities.
 - On April 23rd, he reported on his attendance at an Economic Development Advisory Committee and commented that the group spent most of their time aligning their initiatives with the City's Strategic Plan
 - On April 24th, he attended a Boundary Chamber of Commerce meeting in Greenwood
 - He reported on his attendance at an April 27th Boundary Museum Annual General Meeting and further advised that the Chamber has several projects planned.
 - He advised that the Good Sam Club Annual Get Together will be held in Grand Forks in 2014, and that there will be approximately 120 to 150 RV's will be in attendance
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Councillor Wyers:

Councillor Wyers reported on the following items:

- Please see Councillor Wyers report as attached

MOTION: WYERS / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY SUPPORT THE TWO BICYCLING EVENTS NAMELY "BIKE TO WORK" WEEK; AND "BIKE TO VOTE", BY PROVIDING \$200 FOR ADVERTISING AND PRIZES, WITH FUNDING TO COME FROM THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE 2013 BUDGET.

CARRIED.

Councillor O'Doherty:

Councillor O'Doherty reported on the following items:

- He reported on his attendance at the AKBLG conference in Invermere and advised that he attended the many sessions and tradeshow, and further advised that everything was very informative.
 - He advised that City Parks are open to the public for the season with exception of Barbara Ann Park
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Councillor Wirischagin:

Councillor Wirischagin reported on the following items:

- He advised that he had no report this evening.
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Mayor Taylor:

The Mayor reported on the following items:

- He reported on his attendance at the Mayor's Caucus in Prince George and that the event was attended by approximately 65 Mayors from around the province. He advised that the President of the UBCM was in attendance where the group discussed infrastructure funding and governance
 - He advised that Roly Russell, representative for Area D in place of Irene Perepolkin, donated \$500 towards the Solar Program within the area.
 - The Mayor spoke with regard to a plan proposed by the Canadian Postal Service where they are considering opening alternative postal sites in towns and advised that this initiative should be put forward for consultation from the community
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MOTION: KENDEL / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT ALL REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, GIVEN VERBALLY AT THIS MEETING, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED.

REPORT FROM THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY (VERBAL)

- The Mayor spoke with regard to Regional Districts struggling with relationships and that the Economic Development Committee for the East Boundary has been terminated as it was felt that the contribution of the committee was ineffective.
- He advised that Regional District is working on a number of similar issues as the City, such as the Kootenay Diet program that Council received at the COTW this AM

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / WIRISHCHAGIN

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 - Grand Forks and Boundary Regional Agricultural Society – Grand Forks Food Charter

At the Regular Meeting on April 2nd, 2013, Council received a presentation from Roly Russell, President of the Grand Forks and Boundary Regional Agricultural Society. Council directed staff to seek further information and clarification on the subject of food charters.

MOTION: WYERS / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL SUPPORTS THE GRAND FORKS AND BOUNDARY REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY'S FOOD CHARTER AS IT REFLECTS THE VISION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF ENERGY AND WATER AND FURTHER SUPPORTS THE SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTION OF FOOD AS PER THE 2011 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY PLAN, SECTION 13.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE CITY WRITE A LETTER TO THE GRAND FORKS AND BOUNDARY REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY AS PER THE ATTACHED DRAFT ADVISING THE ORGANIZATION OF COUNCIL'S SUPPORT TOWARDS THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY'S INITIATIVES.

CARRIED.

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- b) Chief Financial Officer's Report – City of Grand Forks Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel

Appointments of Council Members to sit on a Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel in accordance with the Community Charter S. 204 (2) (a) and (b)

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPOINTS COUNCILLOR WYERS; COUNCILLOR O'DOHERTY AND COUNCILLOR SMITH TO SIT ON THE PARCEL TAX ROLL REVIEW PANEL AND FURTHER TO SET MAY 24TH, 2013 AT 10:00 AM IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AS THE FIRST PANEL SITTING.

CARRIED.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT INFORMATION ITEMS NUMBERED 10(a) TO 10(h) BE RECEIVED AND ACTED UPON AS RECOMMENDED AND/OR AS AMENDED. CARRIED.

- a) Correspondence from Child Find BC - Request by Child Find BC Proclamation "May is National Missing Children's Month". **Receive for information as the City does not issue proclamations.**
- b) Correspondence from the Grand Forks and District Fall Fair - Request for permission to utilize Dick Bartlett Park (including the curling rink) as the venue for the fall fair, permission to obtain a liquor license and in kind support. **Recommend that Council approves the use of Dick Bartlett Park for the Grand Forks Fall Fair and further approves the issuing of a special occasion liquor license.**

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KROG

RESOLVED THAT PERMISSION BE GRANTED FOR THE USE OF DICK BARTLETT PARK FOR THE GRAND FORKS & DISTRICT 2013 FALL FAIR SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 23RD, 24TH AND 25TH, SUBJECT TO THE GRAND FORKS & DISTRICT FALL FAIR SOCIETY ENTERING INTO A PARK USE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY, AND CONTINGENT UPON PROVISION OF 3RD PARTY LIABILITY INSURANCE NAMING THE CITY AS AN ADDITIONAL INSURED.

CARRIED.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KROG

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE ISSUING OF A SPECIAL OCCASION LIQUOR LICENSE TO THE GRAND FORKS & DISTRICT FALL FAIR ON AUGUST 23RD, 24TH AND 25TH, 2013, AT DICK BARTLETT PARK SUBJECT TO THE GRAND FORKS FALL FAIR SOCIETY OBTAINING 3RD PARTY (PARTY ALCOHOL) LIABILITY INSURANCE, NAMING THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS AS AN ADDITIONAL INSURED ON THAT POLICY FOR THE THREE DAY EVENT; ALL GRAND FORKS FALL FAIR LIQUOR PROVIDERS TO HOLD A SERVE-IT-RIGHT LICENSE CERTIFICATE; AND ICBC "DRINKING AND DRIVING" WARNING POSTERS TO BE DISPLAYED AND THAT A DESIGNATED DRIVER PROGRAM BE PUT IN PLACE.

MOTION: SMITH / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT CHRISTINE THOMPSON, REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE GRAND FORKS & DISTRICT FALL FAIR, BE ALLOWED TO SPEAK WITH REGARD TO THE IN-KIND REQUESTS.

CARRIED.

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Council further discussed the in-kind portion of the requests from the Grand Forks & District Fall Fair Society. Councillor Kendel asked if Staff could provide the total costs of the event for 2013 after the event has concluded.

MOTION: KROG / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE ADDITIONAL REQUESTS FROM THE GRAND FORKS & DISTRICT FALL FAIR SOCIETY WITH REGARD TO THE IN-KIND USE OF CITY STAFF, CITY EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES, AND DIRECTS STAFF TO WORK WITH THE ORGANIZATION REGARDING THE 2013 EVENT.

CARRIED.

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- c) Mr. Roy Ronaghan Correspondence – Thank-you on behalf of the Committee for the enhancement of the Gilpin Grasslands. **Recommend to receive for information.**
 - d) Canada Day Committee Correspondence – Request for funding for special entertainment on Canada Day in the amount of \$575. **Recommend to receive for information and further discussion.** Council made note that the City has included \$800 in the budget to go towards the Canada Day Committee for 2013.
 - e) Kootenay Boundary Pet Dog Association - Bylaw proposal for Animal Control in the RDKB. **Recommend to receive for information.**
 - f) Alan Cooper – Sunxt Developments - Re: Walking trail through Riverside Meadows. **Recommend to receive for information and refer to Staff.**
 - g) Manager of Development and Engineering - Staff Memorandum re: the letter from the Committee for the Enhancement of the Gilpin Grasslands. **Recommend that Council direct City Staff to work in collaboration with the Committee for the enhancement of the Gilpin Grasslands and offer administrative assistance relating to the Overton Creek Water License.**

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY AS HOLDER OF THE OVERTON CREEK WATER LICENSE WORK IN COLLABORATION WITH THE COMMITTEE FOR THE ENHANCEMENT OF THE GILPIN GRASSLANDS AND OFFER ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE ON ISSUES REGARDING OR RELATING TO THE OVERTON CREEK WATER LICENSE.

CARRIED.

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- h) Les Johnson, President of the Grand Forks Historical Society request to store historical newspapers at City Hall. **Recommend to refer to Staff to determine feasibility of required space in the basement at City Hall.**

BYLAWS:

- a) Chief Financial Officer – Bylaw 1948 “City of Grand Forks 2013-2017 Financial Plan Bylaw”

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1948, CITED AS THE “City of Grand Forks Council Procedure Bylaw No. 1946, 2013”, BE GIVEN FINAL READING.

CARRIED.

Councillors Wirischagin and Krog voted against the motion.
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- b) Chief Financial Officer – Bylaw No. 1951 – City of Grand Forks 2013 Tax Rates-Option 3

MOTION: WYERS / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1951, CITED AS THE “2013 Annual Tax Rates Bylaw”, (Option 3) BE GIVEN FIRST READING.

CARRIED.

Councillor Wirischagin voted against the motion.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1951, CITED AS THE “2013 Annual Tax Rates Bylaw”, BE GIVEN SECOND READING.

CARRIED.

Councillor Wirischagin voted against the motion.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / WYERS

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1951, CITED AS THE “2013 Annual Tax Rates Bylaw”, BE GIVEN THIRD READING.

CARRIED.

Councillor Wirischagin voted against the motion.
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- c) Chief Financial Officer – Bylaw No. 1955 – To Establish and Impose a Flat Tax on Northwest 79th Avenue Road and Electrical Local Area Service

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1955, CITED AS THE "City of Grand Forks Northwest 79th Avenue Local Area Service Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 1955, 2013", BE GIVEN FIRST READING.

CARRIED.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / KROG

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1955, CITED AS THE "City of Grand Forks Northwest 79th Avenue Local Area Service Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 1955, 2013", BE GIVEN SECOND READING.

CARRIED.

MOTION: WYERS / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1955, CITED AS THE "City of Grand Forks Northwest 79th Avenue Local Area Service Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 1955, 2013", BE GIVEN THIRD READING.

CARRIED.

LATE ITEMS:

Late items as per referrals from Council at the May 6th, Committee of the Whole, Meeting

12(a) Delegation Presentation from Brian Junnila – Rotary. Council resolved at the COTW Meeting to refer the issue for decision at the Regular Meeting with regard to WIFI services to downtown core

MOTION: SMITH / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ACCEPTS THE GIFT AND PROPOSAL FROM THE ROTARY ORGANIZATION WITH REGARD TO SUPPLYING WIFI HARDWARE AND CONNECTION THAT INTENDS TO SUPPLY THE DOWNTOWN CORE WITH COMPLIMENTARY INTERNET SERVICES, AND FURTHER, THAT THE CITY WILL INHERIT THE OPERATING COSTS AND POTENTIAL INSTALLATION COSTS FOR THE WIFI SERVICE THEREAFTER.

CARRIED.

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12(b) Presentation from Patricia Dehnel, Fortis BC regarding a support request for the Kootenay Energy Diet

MOTION: WYERS / KROG

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL SUPPORTS THE KOOTENAY ENERGY DIET AS PROPOSED BY PATRICIA DEHNEL OF FORTIS BC, AND FURTHER ACCEPTS AND EXCEEDS THE CHALLENGE FROM THE CITY OF CASTLEGAR, BY AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF UP TO \$2,500 TO PROVIDE A \$25. SUBSIDY TOWARDS THE

INITIAL \$60. KOOTENAY ENERGY DIET ENERGY ASSESSMENT FEE FOR THE FIRST 100 HOME OWNERS LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS WHO REGISTER FOR THE PROGRAM, AND FURTHER THAT FUNDING WILL COME FROM THE ELECTRICAL UTILITY.

CARRIED.

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12(c) Delegation Presentation from George Longden regarding the Boundary Country Trails Agreement Collaboration and to appoint a City Official to represent the City.

Council referred the issue to tonight's meeting to support the Boundary Country Trails Agreement and further to appoint a City designate to represent the City in this agreement. Councillor O'Doherty offered to represent the City in this initiative.

MOTION: SMITH / KROG

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS SUPPORT THE BOUNDARY COUNTRY TRAILS AGREEMENT AND FURTHER APPOINTS COUNCILLOR PATRICK O'DOHERTY AS THE REPRESENTATIVE/LIAISON FOR THE CITY WITH REGARD TO THE BOUNDARY COUNTRY TRAILS AGREEMENT. CARRIED.

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12(d) Staff Request for Decision – Request for Proposal for the Design, Fabrication and Installation of Welcome Signs

Council referred this decision to the Regular Meeting to further deliberate a decision with regard to City entrances signage.

MOTION: WIRISCHAGIN / KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL CHOOSES THE "SPEED PRO" SIGN OPTION AS PER THE CITY'S REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL PROCESS WITH REGARD TO A SIGN DESIGN FOR THE EAST AND WEST ENTRANCES TO THE CITY, AND FURTHER RECOMMENDS TO STAFF TO AWARD THE PROPOSAL TO THE CORRESPONDING PROPONENT AND FURTHER RESOLVES TO AMEND THE 2013 CAPITAL FINANCIAL PLAN TO COVER THE ADDITIONAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SIGN.

MOTION DEFEATED.

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Some members of Council would like to see if the sign could be illuminated.

MOTION: KROG /KENDEL

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL CHOOSES THE NATIONAL SIGNCORP OPTION AS PER THE CITY'S REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL PROCESS WITH REGARD TO A SIGN DESIGN FOR THE EAST AND WEST ENTRANCES TO THE CITY, AND FURTHER RECOMMENDS TO STAFF TO AWARD THE PROPOSAL TO THE CORRESPONDING PROPONENT.

CARRIED.

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MOTION: KENDEL / WIRISCHAGIN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE OF STAFF AMENDING THE 2013 CAPITAL FINANCIAL PLAN AT YEAR END, TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL COSTS RELATED TO THE SIGN.

CARRIED.

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12(e) Staff Request for Decision – Lease Proposal of 7212 Riverside Drive

As a result of a Request for Proposal for 7212 Riverside Drive, the City received one proposal from the Habitat for Humanity Boundary Society, Whispers of Hope Benevolence Association and Boundary Emergency and Transition House Society.

Councillor Kendel advised that he would like to see the terms and conditions of Lease before he considers approval of this proposed lease. The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the agreement will be scrutinized by the City's lawyer.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DIRECTS STAFF TO PROCEED WITH THE PROPOSED LEASE PROVIDED THE TERMS IN THE SUMMARY ARE AGREED TO BY COUNCIL AND FURTHER THAT STAFF IS REQUESTED TO COMPLETED THE ROAD CLOSURE OF 72ND AVENUE.

CARRIED.

Councillor Kendel voted against the motion
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12(f) Staff Request for Decision – Lease Proposal of 7850-2nd St – Wildlife Hall

As a result of a Request for Proposal for the Wildlife Hall, the City received a proposal from the Grand Forks Baptist Church. The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the property will need to go through the re-zoning process.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DIRECTS STAFF TO PROCEED WITH THE PROPOSED LEASE OF THE WILDLIFE HALL TO THE GRAND FORKS BAPTIST CHURCH AS PRESENTED.

CARRIED.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Roy Ronaghan – He thanked Council for choosing a simple entrance sign design.

Chief Administrative Officer - Advised that Water well Pump 3A has stopped working and that the pump will be pulled on May 10th, and further, that the City will be operating at a limited water capacity. He additionally advised that members of the public, in accordance with Council's policy no. 1202, needs to adhere to the sprinkling/water restriction bylaw.

Les Johnson – Thanked Council for considering the use of space for the historical newspapers in the basement at City Hall

Rick Friesen – Thanked Council for approving the lease proposal for 7212 Riverside Drive.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 8:20 P.M. CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR BRIAN TAYLOR


CORPORATE OFFICER- DIANE HEINRICH

Councillor Wyers Report For May 6, 2013

On April 16th, I attended the 80th AKBLG (Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments) Conference in Invermere along with Councillors Kendel, O'Doherty, Smith and Corporate Officer, Diane Heinrich. This conference attracted the largest number of delegates; 138 voting members with 213 total in attendance including exhibitors, sponsors and delegate partners. I'm pleased to announce that I have been elected to serve a two-year term as an Executive Director by acclamation. There were four positions open and all four candidates are returning executive directors giving the AKBLG a sense of consistency for the next year in regional matters. The key point I took away was "***Building a Regional Economy One Family at a Time – It Takes Families To Raise a Region!***" Invest in early childhood development of which Grand Forks is fortunate to have Success by 6 and strong family services through programs such as "Babies Best Chance". Your brain is developed by your environment, circumstances, location and opportunity. A stat to remember; by 2031, Kootenay Boundary will be the 2nd oldest Regional District out of 30.

The guest speaker, Dr. Katherine Loflin, introduced us to **PlaceMaking** – a term new to me but an interesting approach to knowing your community. The key point I picked up was:

"YOUR NO. 1 MARKET IS YOUR RESIDENTS – THEY HAVE COMMUNITY ATTACHMENT, SATISFACTION IN WHERE THEY LIVE, PRIDE, WILLING CANDIDATES TO RECOMMEND THEIR COMMUNITY AND MANY FEEL THEIR CHOICE OF PLACE TO LIVE IS THE PERFECT PLACE FOR ME!"

A good directive was to start from a place of strength – tell them what they are good at and good will follow.

Mandy Johnson introduced **Building Walk Friendly Communities**. She did describe the community horror – Cul d-Sacs! No way out but the way you came in! Reducing speed through downtown core – 20 is plenty!

Key Note: Sitting is the new smoking!

Make walk ability a prime focus of your rejuvenation plan. Create gathering places (make unfriendly gathering places such as our Canada Post location more attractive by adding benches to encourage people to stop, sit down, and talk to their neighbours. No Blank walls – create colourful murals!

Final point: Narrow your road widths where you can to reduce speed and connect your community sidewalks to your community trails.

The national launch of www.walkfriendly.ca will happen in 2014 so we're encouraging communities to register now.

One example Mandy provided was the City of Surrey's walking Plan that can be found on-line along with Vancouver's. Vancouver is committed to be walking friendly by 2019!

The AKBLG Regional Collaborative group that I participate on provided an interactive session for delegates "Building Communities Together – Speed networking." A shared service was the theme – and the interaction created a credible list of opportunities throughout the region, primarily a centralized list of equipment and operators at one on-line site. The CBT web site was earmarked as being the best resource for this feature with a TAB designated as **Community Sharing** on the home page.

A 2nd recommendation from Mayor Andru McCracken of the Village of Valemount identified Municipal Engineers Regional Office – to have them living and keeping the

dollars in our region.

My final comment came from presenter Cam Matheson from BC Hydro and his presentation on ***Integrated Community Planning*** – There is currently a \$200 Billion municipal infrastructure deficit in Canada! Remember, electricity is part of this! There are evolutionary changes coming to all electrical grids where customers are looking for smaller electrical voltage loads.

Resolution session provided Grand Forks the elusive position of submitting the No. 1 Resolution receiving unanimous support from the delegates with the goal to eliminate ad-hoc grants and work with communities to achieve long-term funding “project focused” results over the next 25-30 years. We need to look further into the future beyond the 20-year planning point to achieve realistic results on major infrastructure needs impacting many communities across BC and Canada! Rural communities need to be recognized for collaborative resolution to managing their “project focused” needs regionally.

Finally, I did extend an invitation to the Auditor General to come to Grand Forks for their first performance audit! Notably, the office will be up and running by May 31st, which may be an indicator, that the upcoming election results may play a role in the continuation of this provincial project. (Just a guess!).

On April 21st, I attended the Boundary & District Arts Council’s (BDAC) 14th Annual BC Arts & Culture Week performing Arts Gala at the high school auditorium and welcomed everyone on behalf of the City. Theme “Art in Action” represented many performers from reading poetry to piano solos and vocalists.

April 25th Citizens on Patrol elected a new slate of officers for 2013. Speed Board patrols will be out on the streets of Grand Forks now that the nice weather is here. The first patrol was May where they also do a survey count of cell phone users and seat belt violators. Surprising the number of drivers scrambling for their seatbelts!

April 27th I attended the Boundary Museum Society’s AGM and BBQ at Fructova. A strong turnout with the new board in place for 2013.

April 30th I attended the Boundary Economic Development Committee (BEDAC) monthly meeting for Mayor Taylor. The Grand Forks Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) will be receiving a letter from this committee in response to their request outlining transportation concerns within the region.

May 2nd the Grand Forks Flying Association elected their 2013 slate of officers and plans are under way for the 2nd Annual Fly-In for Sunday August 25th.

Environment Committee update:

I've received a proposal from the Grand Forks Community Trails Society with their plans to initiate two projects in support of Bike to Work Week that commences May 27 to June 2, 2013. In the January 17th meeting of the Environment Committee, the participants agreed to support six Environment Events throughout the year and established a **2013 Environment Events Sub-Committee** (see attached minutes

from this committee's meeting held on February 4th plus the January 17th EC Minutes establishing support from the participants - page 3).

On May 2, 2013 08:41 AM Chris Moslin wrote:

The Grand Forks Community Trails Society has started two different bike-centered commuter challenges this week. Working with Chain Reaction (Brian Fletcher) and Strida Canada West (Bill Wilby) we have started a **Bike to Vote** campaign. This event asks bikers to register their participation online at biketovote.ca and promote their own use of the bike. Obviously there are pay offs to the Trails Society as well as the other bike clubs because it advertises the number of people who do use a bicycle. In this day and age it is still surprising to see many people never consider moving themselves with their own energy. That attitude is something we are struggling to change. Grand Forks has gone a long way up that road with our history of the Commuter Challenge and the amazing bicycle infrastructure we have built. The Society will undertake to make sure there is adequate bike racks at each polling station and will provide some 'bike security' as well. We hope to reward each bike voter with a sticker or button.

The second challenge we are initiating is at the request of the Environment Committee and that is the **'Bike to Work' campaign, May 27 - June 2**. We are registering this community in the event and will be promoting it in the community with posters, newspaper ads and social media. Similar to the Bike to Vote as well as the previous Commuter Challenge and even Relay for Life, teams from our community will register online and log in their 'bike clicks'. There are posters for this event and we would like to be able to distribute some prizes to winning teams and volunteers. The Society would like the Environment Committee and Council's financial assistance to print the posters and to offer prizes. I am wondering if the EC can provide us with a budget of \$200 for these costs. It would also be great to see the EC and Council and City Staff participate as teams in this event. I will provide you with the link to our community's Bike To Work website as soon as it is set up later today. I am attaching one of the posters for this event for you to distribute electronically to the committee, council and perhaps the community through the city's website.

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MOTION TO SUPPORT THESE TWO ENVIRONMENTAL EVENTS AS PRESENTED IN MY REPORT AND PROVIDE \$200 FOR ADVERTISING AND PRIZES FROM THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE 2013 BUDGET.

Submitted by: Councillor Cher Wyers