

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING of COUNCIL

MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2004

PRESENT: MAYOR JAKE RAVEN
COUNCILLOR ANN GORDON
COUNCILLOR MIKE KANIGAN
COUNCILLOR NEIL KROG
COUNCILLOR TOM SHKRABUIK
COUNCILLOR BOB SMITH

CAO – J. Lambie
CITY CLERK – L. Burch

GALLERY

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: GORDON / KANIGAN

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY APRIL 5, 2004, THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY APRIL 5, 2004, AND THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY APRIL 7, 2004, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

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BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:

a) Mountain Media – Request to participate in tourism signage (no attachment)

MOTION: SMITH / KANIGAN

RESOLVED THAT MOUNTAIN MEDIA BE ADVISED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS IS NOT IN A POSITION TO PARTICIPATE IN THEIR VISITOR SIGNAGE ENTERING THE BOUNDARY COUNTRY AT THIS TIME.

CARRIED.

b) Clerk's Report – Black Train Bridge

MOTION: GORDON / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPOINT COUNCILLOR KROG TO LIAISE DIRECTLY WITH THE GRAND FORKS TRAILS SOCIETY IN TRAIL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

Prior to consideration of the resolution, discussion ensued as to the appropriateness of a Member of Council sitting on the Grand Forks Community Trails Society Board. It was clarified by the Society, whose representatives were sitting in the gallery, that there is no intent that Council's liaison would sit on their board or attend meetings. It was suggested that the liaison is intended to just be available to advise the Society. Discussion ensued as to the Parks Advisory Committee of Council liaising with the Trails Society.

Motion withdrawn with the consent of the table.

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MOTION: SHKRABUIK / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE CHAIR OF THE PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE BE APPOINTED TO LIAISE DIRECTLY WITH THE GRAND FORKS COMMUNITY TRAILS SOCIETY REGARDING TRAIL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

CARRIED.

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MOTION: KANIGAN / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL NOTIFY THE GRAND FORKS COMMUNITY TRAILS SOCIETY THAT THE CITY IS NOT PREPARED TO PROCEED WITH THE ACQUISITION OF THE BLACK TRAIN BRIDGE AT THIS TIME.

CARRIED.

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MOTION: SHKRABUIK / KROG

RESOLVED THAT STAFF BE DIRECTED TO SET UP A MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CPR, THE GRAND FORKS COMMUNITY TRAILS SOCIETY, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND FORKS RAILWAY COMPANY AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL TO DISCUSS THE TRAILS AND THE FUTURE OF THE BLACK TRAIN BRIDGE.
CARRIED.

RESOLUTIONS FROM IN-CAMERA MEETINGS:

None

DELEGATIONS:

None

COMMUNICATION FOR INFORMATION:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Winnipeg Ladies Fastball Team – Request to use Angus McDonald Park

MOTION: GORDON / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE LETTER FROM CHRIS BURT OF THE WINNIPEG LADIES FASTBALL TEAM, REQUESTING TO USE ANGUS MCDONALD PARK FOR THE BOUNDARY WOMEN'S FAST BALL TOURNAMENT ON JUNE 25, 26, AND 27, 2004 BE RECEIVED. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT PERMISSION BE GRANTED TO USE ANGUS MCDONALD PARK FOR THE TOURNAMENT AND THE HOSTING OF A BEER GARDEN SUBJECT TO THE WINNIPEG LADIES FASTBALL TEAM OBTAINING THE REQUIRED BEER GARDEN LICENCE THROUGH THE LIQUOR STORE WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE GRAND FORKS RCMP AND THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS.

CARRIED.

Council requested that the Ladies Fastball League be requested to provide liability insurance, naming the City as an additional insured, for the 3-day tournament. It was further suggested that the group be encourage to make a donation towards future park upgrades out of the proceeds of tournament and/or beer garden revenue.

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b) ICBC

MOTION: KROG / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE CORRESPONDENCE FROM ICBC, REGARDING THE COMMUNITY CRASH REDUCTION CHALLENGE, TO BE HELD MAY 5 TO 27, 2004, BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION. CARRIED.

c) Central Avenue Residents – Request to pave a portion of alley

MOTION: SMITH / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS BE DIRECTED TO INSPECT THE SECTION OF ALLEY BETWEEN 9TH AND 10TH STREETS, ON THE NORTH SIDE OF CENTRAL AVENUE TO DETERMINE IF REMEDIATION WORK IS REQUIRED AND , IF SO, PROVIDE A RECOMMENDATION AS TO WHAT TYPE OF REPAIRS SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN IN A REPORT BACK TO COUNCIL CARRIED.

d) Gospel Chapel – Request to use City property for a Christian Music Night

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE REQUEST BY PASTOR CHESTER WIEBE, OF THE GRAND FORKS GOSPEL CHAPEL, TO USE CITY-OWNED PROPERTY ADJACENT TO THE AQUATIC CENTRE FOR A CHRISTIAN MUSIC NIGHT ON MAY 14, 2004 BE RECEIVED. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT PERMISSION BE GRANTED FOR THE USE OF CITY PROPERTY FOR THIS EVENT AND THAT THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS BE DIRECTED TO WORK WITH PASTOR WIEBE TO DETERMINE AN APPROPRIATE LOCATION, INASMUCH AS THEIR REQUESTED SITE IS NOT SUITABLE DUE TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SKATEBOARD PARK.

CARRIED.

Krog voted against the motion as there was no identified provision of liability insurance. Insurance discussed and Council expressed their desire to encourage the group to obtain this insurance.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Reports for Information:

MOTION: KROG / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE SLAG SALES ANALYSIS FOR JANUARY 1 – MARCH 31, 2004 BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION.

CARRIED.

Administrative Reports Requiring Action:

a) **Deputy Clerk's Report – Policy Review**

MOTION: GORDON / KROG

RESOLVED THAT POLICY NO. 8.7 – “EMPLOYEE’S USE OF PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLES FOR CONDUCTING CITY BUSINESS”, BE RESCINDED.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT POLICY NO. 8.3, “EMPLOYEES USE OF OWN VEHICLE FOR CITY BUSINESS”, BE ADOPTED.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT POLICY NO. 8.8 “HARASSMENT POLICY”, BE ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

b) **City Clerk's Report – Contract with Nelson Hydro Services for the provision of electrical engineering services**

MOTION: SMITH / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL PROVIDE OFFICIAL NOTICE TO THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NELSON THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS WISHES TO RENEW THE EXISTING CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR A FURTHER TWO YEAR TERM, ON THE SAME TERMS AND CONDITIONS, BEGINNING AUGUST 1, 2004 AND ENDING JULY 31, 2006.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK BE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THE RENEWAL AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS.

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MOTION: KANIGAN / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE ABOVE MOTION, REGARDING SERVING NOTICE TO THE CITY OF NELSON RELATIVE TO COUNCIL’S DESIRE TO RENEW THE AGREEMENT FOR THE

PROVISION OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS BE TABLED UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL. CARRIED.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor reported that he attended the 2004 AKBM Conference in Fernie this past week, adding that it was a good conference. He stated that he has circulated pamphlets on wildfire and West Nile virus to Council for their reference. He advised that the City of Grand Forks has been awarded the 2006 AKBM Conference, however the award could be challenged in 2005. He reported that three resolutions, proposed by the City of Grand Forks were adopted at the AKBM Conference and will be passed onto the UBCM for consideration at the UBCM conference in September.

At the invitation of the Mayor, Councillor Gordon stated that the "water management board" resolution, proposed by the City of Grand Forks, was adopted at the AKBM Conference and presented to Premier Campbell. She advised that the province has charged all municipalities with the responsibility of cleaning up of forested areas, prone to wildfire, within their jurisdictions.

At the invitation of the Mayor, Councillor Krog advised that he attended different seminars, such as sustainable communities, smart step programs, and DCC's. He advised that he has been elected as director-at-large for the AKBM.

At the invitation of the Mayor, Councillor Smith advised that he talked to the Premier at AKBM, who advised that he will be in Grand Forks sometime during the next three months. He stated that on his question regarding the possibility of locating a Casino in Grand Forks, the Premier stated that no licences are available, unless the municipality can purchase one from another community. Councillor Smith stated that there may be one available from the community of Wells. Mayor Raven stated that in 1997 there was a referendum on the subject of casinos and expanded gambling in the City of Grand Forks, and at that time, the public voted against expanded gambling in the City.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Zoning and Planning Committee – Councillor Krog – no report

Parks Advisory Committee – no report

RDKB Representative – no report

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Skateboard Park Committee – There was a Skateboard Park Committee meeting report, attached to the weekly administrative update from CAO. He advised that the next meeting of the Skateboard Park Committee is scheduled for Friday, April 23rd. He advised that construction of the Skateboard Park may not start until the end of May, however the Committee is hoping to start earlier and complete the park by the end of June.

Bylaw Review Committee – Councillor Smith – no report
Grand Forks & District Recreation Commission Representative – no report

Economic Development Committee - Councillor Shkrabuik –no report
Chamber of Commerce and Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee Representative –

Emergency Program Executive Committee – Mayor Raven – no report
Community Consultative Group Representative
Boundary Economic Development Commission Representative – Mayor Raven advised that the next Boundary Economic Development Commission meeting will be on Tuesday, and that a meeting of the Economic Development Advisory Committee will be held on Friday.

Economic Development Advisory Committee – no report

Communications Advisory Committee – Councillor Gordon – no report
Court House Advisory Committee –
Phoenix Foundation Rep – Councillor Gordon advised that she attended the last Phoenix Foundation meeting.
Airport Advisory Committee – Councillor Gordon stated that Transport Canada is coming to Grand Forks on May 4th for an airport inspection. She advised that Transport Canada is looking at approving the Trail Airport for regular scheduled service. She further advised that Environment Canada is looking at placing a weather station at the Grand Forks Airport.

Finance Committee – Councillor O’Doherty – no report

Personnel Committee – Councillor Kanigan - no report
Aquifer Protection Society Representative

BYLAWS

- a) **Bylaw No. 1748 cited as the “City of Grand Forks Water Regulations and Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 1748, 2004”**

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MOTION: SMITH / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1748, CITED AS THE "CITY OF GRAND FORKS WATER REGULATIONS AND RATES AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1748, 2004", BE GIVEN FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS.

Prior to the questions being called some Members of Council expressed their desire to extend the sprinkling hours by another hour each sprinkling period. Cognizant of the discussion and the desire of Council, the

The Motion Was Withdrawn With The Consent Of The Table.

MOTION: KANIGAN / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW 1748, AS PRESENTED, BE AMENDED TO INCREASE THE SPRINKLING HOURS ALLOWED IN SECTION 33 OF BYLAW NO. 1748, BY ONE HOUR IN EACH SPRINKLING PERIOD, WHICH WILL READ THAT SPRINKLING WILL BE RESTRICTED TO BETWEEN THE HOURS FROM 5:00 A.M. TO 10:00 A.M. AND FROM 6:00 P.M. TO 11:00 P.M. CARRIED.

MOTION: KROG / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1748, CITED AS THE "CITY OF GRAND FORKS WATER REGULATIONS AND RATES AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1748, 2004", BE GIVEN FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS, AS AMENDED. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 8:24 P.M. CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Regular Meeting of Council
April 19, 2004

MAYOR JAKE RAVEN

CITY CLERK – LYNNE BURCH