

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING of COUNCIL
MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2004

PRESENT: MAYOR JAKE RAVEN
COUNCILLOR ANN GORDON
COUNCILLOR MIKE KANIGAN
COUNCILLOR NEIL KROG – arrived 7:12 p.m.
COUNCILLOR PATRICK O'DOHERTY
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:

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

- March 29th Special Meeting, tabled resolution intended to increase property tax revenue by 2.2%, to be brought forward under the Finance Committee Report, as item number 11c.
- Report from the Finance Committee of their meeting on Friday, April 2, 2004, brought forward as items number 11d and 11e.
- Bylaw No. 1745 “Year 2004 – 2008 Financial Plan Bylaw” item no. 12c
- Bylaw No. 1746 “2004 Annual Tax Rates Bylaw” item no. 12d
- Crime Statistics circulated as part of the RCMP presentation

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: GORDON / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON

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MONDAY MARCH 15, 2004, THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY MARCH 15, 2004, AND THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY MARCH 29, 2004, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:

None

RESOLUTIONS FROM IN-CAMERA MEETINGS:

None

PRESENTATION:

Presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation to Lucy Plotnikoff on the occasion of her retirement from the employ of the City.

DELEGATIONS:

- a) **Grand Forks Community Trails Society – Request for Council liaison and approval of the 2004 workplan and budget.**

Christy Luke on behalf of the Grand Forks Community Trails Society made a presentation, a copy of which is attached to and forms part of these minutes. Ms. Luke stated that there is \$1.6 million dollars in softwood lumber money that has just been announced for the continued development of trails in the Boundary region. She stated that she, along with Chris Moslin were attending the Council meeting to request that Council consider the following:

- Official council liaison – suggested Councillor Krog or Councillor Gordon
- Staff to research liability insurance for the black train bridge
- Approval for the Grand Forks Trails Society to re-deck the black train bridge

Chris Moslin, on behalf of the Grand Forks Trails Society, showed a power point presentation of a number of slides of the trail.

MOTION: KANIGAN / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE PRESENTATION FROM THE GRAND FORKS TRAILS SOCIETY, INCLUDING THEIR REQUESTS FOR A COUNCIL LIAISON TO THEIR GROUP BE RECEIVED AND THAT/ resolution continued on next page

STAFF RESEARCH LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR THE BLACK TRAIN BRIDGE, AND
APPROVAL FOR THE TRAILS SOCIETY TO RE-DECK THE BLACK TRAIN BRIDGE.
CARRIED.

b) **Grand Forks RCMP – Quarterly Report to Council**

Sgt. Darryl Little presented his quarterly report to Council on the activities of policing in Grand Forks. He referred to the submitted printed “Crime Statistics” report circulated to Members of Council earlier in the evening.

Sgt. Little provided an update on activities of the detachment, including changes in personnel, a special project involving one member from Midway and one member from Grand Forks, and a new computer system, which is intended to link all police forces in the province to the same reporting system. He stated that all West Kootenay police forces will go on the system at the same time, April 16th.

Mayor Raven thanked Sgt. Little for his presentation, and wished him the best of luck on his upcoming move to Nelson.

c) **Mountain Media**

Jim Wannop of Mountain Media made a presentation to Council requesting their consideration in participating in the Visitor Signs entering the Boundary Country. He stated that there is no capital cost to the municipality for the construction and installation of the sign, which are engineered. He advised that the Ministry of Transportation is supportive of the signs because of their ability to consolidate numerous signs into one. He reviewed approved permits in the area for signs developed by Mountain media. He advised that Municipalities can participate in the sign for an annual cost of \$299.00 - \$1,599.00 (all three locations). He further suggested that signs will be installed on May 15th of this year. In conclusion he advised that some of the revenue from the signs will be shared with the Boundary Tourism Committee to assist in funding tourism development.

MOTION: KANIGAN / KROG

RESOLVED THAT THE MATTER OF THE CITY’S PARTICIPATION IN FUNDING A REGIONAL VISITOR SIGN, AS PROPOSED BY MOUNTAIN MEDIA, BE REFERED TO THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL. CARRIED.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE LETTER DATED MARCH 26, 2004 FROM THE MINISTER OF COMMUNITY, ABORIGINAL AND WOMEN'S SERVICES ADVISING OF THE \$284,191 UNCONDITIONAL GRANT TO THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Robert P. Forshaw – Request for construction of a sidewalk on Valley Heights Drive

MOTION: KANIGAN / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE LETTER FROM ROBERT P. FORSHAW REQUESTING THAT COUNCIL CONSIDER THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SIDEWALK ALONG VALLEY HEIGHTS DRIVE BE REFERRED TO STAFF FOR A REPORT ON THE COST AND FEASIBILITY OF THIS SUGGESTION.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Reports for Information: None

Administrative Reports Requiring Action:

a) Deputy Clerk's Report – Policy Review, Legal Liability Claims Policy

MOTION: GORDON / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE LEGAL LIABILITY CLAIMS POLICY BE ADOPTED AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

b) Deputy Clerk's Report – Policy Review – Policies Recommended for Rescinding

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT POLICY NO. 2.5 "REWARD FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO ARREST AND CONVICTION OF PERSONS VANDALIZING CITY PROPERTY" BE RESCINDED. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT POLICY NO. 2.7 "CITY COUNCIL TEAM BUILDING SESSIONS" BE RESCINDED. CARRIED

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c) City Clerk's Report – Contract with the Grand Forks Chamber of Commerce for the Operation of the City Park Campground

MOTION: GORDON / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE GRAND FORKS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE OPERATION OF THE CITY PARK CAMPGROUND FOR THE 2004 TOURIST SEASON, BEING FROM MAY 15, 2004 TO OCTOBER 15, 2004, BASED ON THE SAME TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS THOSE IN THE CONTRACT FOR 2003.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor reported that he and Councillor Gordon attended the last Water Availability Committee, and a motion previously adopted by this Council, to establish Water management boards, was approved. He stated that this resolution is being presented to the AKBM next week. He suggested that the proposed Water Management Boards be made up of political appointments.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS SUPPORT AND FURTHER ENCOURAGE THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT TO ESTABLISH THE WATER MANAGEMENT BOARD WITH POLITICAL APPOINTEES. CARRIED.

The Mayor also advised that he and Councillor Gordon attended the Vibrant Communities meeting in Greenwood.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Zoning and Planning Committee – Councillor Krog – no report

Parks Advisory Committee – no report

RDKB Representative – no report

Skateboard Park Committee – no report

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 referred to the Boundary Economic Development Commission minutes, included in the agenda package for Council's reference.

Economic Development Advisory Committee – no report

Communications Advisory Committee – Councillor Gordon – no report

Reported that Dr. Diana Allen of Simon Fraser University has offered to make a presentation to Council in June on her research regarding climate change and the impacts on the rivers in Grand Forks. She suggested that Council choose a convenient date.

Court House Advisory Committee –
Phoenix Foundation Rep –
Airport Advisory Committee –

Finance Committee – Councillor O'Doherty

Section 107 Notice

MOTION: GORDON / KANIGAN

RESOLVED THAT THE MEMORANDUM FROM COUNCILLOR PATRICK O'DOHERTY CONTAINING OFFICIAL NOTICE OF CONTRACT BETWEEN HIS COMPANY PJM O'DOHERTY PLUMBING AND THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS, BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 107 OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER. CARRIED.

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Tabled Resolution:

MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE TABLED RESOLUTION, BROUGHT FORWARD AT A SPECIAL MEETING ON MONDAY, MARCH 29, 2004, INTENDING TO IMPLEMENT A 2.2% INCREASE IN REVENUE FROM TAXATION FOR THE 2004 BUDGET YEAR, BE LIFTED FROM THE TABLE AT THIS TIME. CARRIED.

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MOTION: SMITH / KANIGAN

RESOLVED THAT THE 2004 FINANCIAL PLAN REFLECT A 2.2% REVENUE INCREASE FROM PROPERTY TAXATION IN 2004 OVER 2003.

DEFEATED.

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Report from the Finance Committee:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT A 0% INCREASE IN TAXATION REVENUE IN 2004 OVER 2003 BE IMPLEMENTED FOR THIS YEAR'S FINANCIAL PLAN. CARRIED.

Mayor Raven and Councillor Gordon voted against the motion.
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MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE SHORTFALL IN THE 2004 GENERAL REVENUE FINANCIAL PLAN BE FUNDED FROM SURPLUS. CARRIED.

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

BYLAWS

a) Bylaw No. 1744 cited as the "Procedure Bylaw No. 1744, 2004"

MOTION: SMITH / KANIGAN

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1744, CITED AS THE "PROCEDURE BYLAW NO. 1744, 2004", BE GIVEN FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS. CARRIED.

b) Bylaw No. 1747 cited as the "City Hall Renovations Bylaw No. 1747, 2004"

MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1747, CITED AS THE "CITY HALL RENOVATION BYLAW NO. 1747, 2004", BE GIVEN FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS. CARRIED.

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c) Bylaw No. 1745 cited as "Year 2004 – 2008 Financial Plan Bylaw"

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1745, CITED AS THE "YEAR 2004 – 2008 FINANCIAL PLAN BYLAW, BE GIVEN FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS.

CARRIED.

d) Bylaw No. 1746 cited as "2004 Annual Tax Rates Bylaw"

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1746, CITED AS THE "2004 ANNUAL TAX RATES BYLAW", BE GIVEN FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS.

CARRIED.

Mayor Raven and Councillor Gordon voted against the motion.

The Clerk was directed to schedule Final adoption of these bylaws at a Special Meeting to be scheduled for Wednesday April 7, 2004 at 5:15 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 8:35 P.M.

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

MAYOR JAKE RAVEN

CITY CLERK – LYNNE BURCH