

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING of COUNCIL
MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 2004

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

CAO – J. Lambie
CLERK – L. Burch

GALLERY

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ADDITIONS TO THE IN-CAMERA AGENDA:

- ❖ Confidential Memorandum from School District #51 regarding a land matter, brought forward as the first item on the in-camera meeting.

MOTION: KANIGAN / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA FOR THE IN-CAMERA MEETING BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED. CARRIED.

IN-CAMERA RESOLUTION:

MOTION: KROG / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RESOLVE TO CONVENE AN IN-CAMERA MEETING AS OUTLINED UNDER:

- SECTION 90 (1) (E) OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER, TO DISCUSS THE ACQUISITION, DISPOSITION OR EXPROPRIATION OF LAND OR IMPROVEMENTS, IF COUNCIL CONSIDERS THAT DISCLOSURE COULD REASONABLY BE EXPECTED TO HARM THE INTERESTS OF THE MUNICIPALITY;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT PERSONS, OTHER THAN MEMBERS, OFFICERS, OR OTHER PERSONS WHOM COUNCIL MAY DEEM NECESSARY TO CONDUCT CITY BUSINESS, WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM THE SPECIAL MEETING. CARRIED.

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MOTION: GORDON / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING BE RECESSED AT 6:02 IN ORDER TO CONDUCT THE CLOSED IN-CAMERA MEETING AND THAT THE REGULAR MEETING RECONVENE AT 7:00 P.M.

CARRIED.

MOTION: KROG / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING BE RECONVENED AT 7:00 P.M.

CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Letter from GFI inviting members of Council to the opening ceremonies of the Grand Forks International Ball Tournament, to be brought forward as Item No. 7(d).
- Vandalism Report to be brought forward as part of the Mayor's Report, Item No. 10.
- Letter from Cantex expressing support for the Phoenix Ski Hill funding brought forward as part of the presentation of the Phoenix Ski Hill Society, item 5(a)
- 51 page Petition of individuals expressing support for the Phoenix Ski Hill funding brought forward as part of the presentation of the Phoenix Ski Hill Society, item 5(a). Copy of the entire Petition is available for viewing in the Council Study Lounge. Copy of the first page with the petition wording is circulated for Council's reference.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: SMITH / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF:

- THE REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 12, 2004
- THE SPECIAL MEETING OF JULY 20, 2004
- THE SPECIAL MEETING OF JULY 26, 2004

BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES: None

The Mayor advised that the City has reached an agreement to purchase wetland property in Johnson Flats for the purpose of providing storm water drainage from the West End of Grand Forks. He further stated that this property purchase is in accordance with Council's policy in the Official Community Plan.

City is in process of selling a lot, adjacent to the Airport, to Kootenay Shavings Corporation for a manufacturing facility.

DELEGATIONS:

- a) **Phoenix Mountain Alpine Ski Society** – Joanne Gidney, Beth Plotnikoff and Don Colclough made a presentation on behalf of the Society requesting funding participation for the Phoenix Mountain Ski Hill. It was stated that the Society is in need of a 5-year operating grant in the amount of \$40,000.00. She made mention of the petition, including 900 signatures, supporting the Phoenix Ski Hill, and the letter of support from Cantex Construction Co.
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- b) **Carol McQuarrie** – on behalf of East Boundary Elementary Schools, Ms McQuarrie stated that she began the elementary school ski programs in 1981, and it is an important part of the school's physical education program.
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- c) **Mark T. Osborne** – stated that he recently moved back to Grand Forks and was attracted to relocate in Grand Forks because of the recreational opportunities. He encouraged Council to consider participating in funding the Phoenix Ski Hill.

MOTION: KROG / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS SUPPORTS A REGIONAL FUNCTION FOR THE OPERATION OF THE PHOENIX SKI HILL, BASED ON THE FIGURES PRESENTED, SUBJECT TO THE PARTICIPATION BEING REGIONAL, INCLUDING THE PARTICIPATION OF THE VILLAGE OF MIDWAY.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS FULFILL THE \$9,264.00 ANNUAL FUNDING COMMITMENT, ESTIMATED AS THE CITY OF GRAND FORK'S SHARE FOR THE REGIONAL OPERATIONAL FUNDING OF THE PHOENIX SKI HILL. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT INASMUCH AS THE OPERATIONAL FUNDING PROPOSAL IS INTENDED TO BE A FIVE YEAR PROPOSAL, THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS COMMIT THE \$9,264.00 ANNUAL FUNDING CONTRIBUTION IN EACH OF THE ENSUING FIVE YEARS.

CARRIED.

d) Chamber of Commerce – Request for the release of tourism funding

Cassie Plotnikoff and Loretta Robinson made a presentation to Council requesting the release of tourism funding. Ms. Plotnikoff began by stating that she is a Chamber of Commerce Summer Student. She requested that Council release \$10,000.00 of the \$15,500.00 designated Tourism Initiatives funding for the completion of a comprehensive Grand Forks regional guide to market and promote the area, intended to be ready for the 2005 tourism season.

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT \$10,000 OF THE DESIGNATED \$15,500 TOURISM INITIATIVE FUNDING, BE RELEASED TO THE GRAND FORKS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO PROVIDE SEED MONEY FOR THE GRAND FORKS REGIONAL GUIDE.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMUNICATION FOR INFORMATION:

MOTION: SMITH / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS 6A, 6B, 6C AND 6D BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION.

CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE:

MOTION: GORDON / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE LETTER DATED JULY 27, 2004 FROM THE MUNICIPAL INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF B.C. BE RECEIVED. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL REAFFIRM THEIR APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR JAKE RAVEN AS THE VOTING DELEGATE FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND COUNCILLORS NEIL KROG AND TOM SHKRABUIK AS ALTERNATES.

CARRIED.

MOTION: KROG / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT STAFF BE DIRECTED TO BRING A REPORT TO COUNCIL ON THE COSTS INVOLVED IN DEVELOPING THE ROAD, 72ND AVENUE 25TH STREET TO 27TH STREET, INCLUDING THE PAVING OF IT.

CARRIED.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KANIGAN

RESOLVED THAT THE LETTER FROM T.W. TOM HINTER REGARDING A COMMITTEE TO STUDY UTILITY RATES BE REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CARRIED.

MOTION: KROG / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE LETTER FROM THE GFI, INVITING COUNCIL MEMBERS TO THE OPENING CEREMONIES OF THE 2004 GFI ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2004, AND FURTHER INVITING MAYOR RAVEN TO SAY A FEW WORDS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Reports for Information: None

Administrative Reports Requiring Action:

The CAO spoke to his report to Council stating that recommendation #2 included in the report is withdrawn.

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / GORDON

THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

“WHEREAS THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS IS A PARTICIPANT IN GRAND FORKS AQUATIC CENTRE SERVICE WITH REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY ELECTORAL AREA ‘D’ AS ESTABLISHED BY SUPPLEMENTARY LETTERS PATENT DATED SEPTEMBER 24, 1986 AND AS CONVERTED BY REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY BYLAW NO. 685 ADOPTED FEBRUARY 27, 1992;

AND WHEREAS THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS DEEMS IT ADVISABLE TO AMEND REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY BYLAW NO. 685 BY CHANGING THE ANNUAL TAX REQUISITION LIMIT FROM \$300,000 TO \$400,000.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS, IN OPEN MEETING ASSEMBLED, REQUESTS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY TO SEEK THE ASSENT OF THE ELECTORS WITHIN

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THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS AND ELECTORAL AREA ‘D’ OF THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY TO AMEND THE

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY BYLAW NO. 685, 1992 BY REPLACING THE REQUISITION LIMIT TO READ FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$400,000).”

CARRIED.

MOTION: SMITH / SHKRABUIK

THAT COUNCIL RECEIVE THIS REPORT, RELATING TO PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS PARCEL PT Y, D.L. 382 PLAN 22, LOCATED AT 1340 68TH AVENUE, OWNED BY PETER FREDERICKS. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1340 68TH AVENUE BE DECLARED A NUISANCE, AND REMEDIAL ACTION BE IMPOSED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 3, DIVISION 12 OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER. BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT MR. FREDERICKS OF 1340 68TH AVENUE, THE PROPERTY OWNER, BE SERVED NOTICE BY REGISTERED MAIL REQUIRING THAT THE PROPERTY BE CLEANED UP AND ALL DERELICT VEHICLES, TRAILERS, AND OTHER ARTICLES STORED ON THE PROPERTY BE REMOVED WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE RECEIPT OF THE NOTICE, AND FURTHER ADVISED THAT IF THE PROPERTY IS NOT CLEANED UP WITHIN THE 30 DAY PERIOD, THE MUNICIPALITY MAY TAKE ACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COMMUNITY CHARTER. AND BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT MR. FREDERICKS BE ADVISED THAT HE MAY REQUEST RECONSIDERATION BY COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 78 OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER.

DEFERRING MOTION:

MOTION: KROG / KANIGAN

RESOLVED THAT THE ABOVE RESOLUTION INTENDED TO DECLARE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1340 68TH AVENUE AS A NUISANCE AND REQUIRE REMEDIAL ACTION, BE DEFERRED TO THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL PENDING A REPORT FROM STAFF DETAILING THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CLEAN-UP OF THE PROPERTY.

CARRIED.

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / KROG

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ADVISE THE LIQUOR CONTROL AND LICENCING BRANCH OF THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SOLICITOR GENERAL THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS DOES NOT WISH TO COMMENT ON THE APPLICATION FOR A NEW FOOD PRIMARY (RESTAURANT) LIQUOR LICENCE APPLICATION AS SUBMITTED BY THE BAMBOO FOREST RESTAURANT LTD.

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Brought forward for discussion at this time was a report from the Chief Administrative Officer on the Wastewater Treatment Plant Optimization Study. Staff was requested to further research the

matter including a second engineering opinion on the proposal for the optimization study and bring the matter back to Council.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Broadcasting of Council Meetings. Discussion ensued as to resuming of broadcasting Council meetings.

MOTION: GORDON / KROG

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY PROCEED WITH THE RE-INSTALLATION OF THE ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT IN ORDER TO HAVE COUNCIL MEETINGS BROADCAST ON CHANNEL 10.

REFERRAL MOTION:

MOTION: KROG / KANIGAN

RESOLVED THAT THE ABOVE RESOLUTION ON THE RE-INSTALLATION OF THE ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT FOR BROADCASTING COUNCIL MEETINGS ON CHANNEL 10 BE REFERRED TO THE STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION.

CARRIED.

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL REQUEST TELUS TO CONDUCT AN ECONOMIC STUDY TO DETERMINE THE ESTIMATED INCREMENTAL OPERATING COSTS OF EXPANDING THE LOCAL CALLING AREA FROM CHRISTINA LAKE THROUGH GREENWOOD, THE AMOUNT OF TOLL REVENUES THAT WILL BE FOREGON BY ALL SERVICE PROVIDERS AS A RESULT OF THE LOCAL CALLING AREA EXPANSION, AND THE COST OF ANY REQUIRED SUBSCRIBER PLEBISCITE ON THE PROPOSED EXPANSION.

CARRIED.

The Mayor circulated a report on vandalism including costs and statistics for the month of July, 2004. He advised that he would be bringing a monthly vandalism report to Council on a regular basis..

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Zoning and Planning Committee – Councillor Krog - no report

Parks Advisory Committee

RDKB Representative - advised that the board approved the Rails to Trails funding.
Skateboard Park Committee

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

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

Community Policing – stated there is a great deal of support for this concept in the Community. Councillor Shkrabuik suggested that it be made known that Council is looking for someone to coordinate volunteers for a Community Policing program.

Emergency Program Executive Committee – **Mayor Raven** - no report
Community Consultative Group Representative
Boundary Economic Development Commission Representative
Economic Development Advisory Committee

Communications Advisory Committee – **Councillor Gordon** – no report
Court House Advisory Committee
Phoenix Foundation Rep
Airport Advisory Committee – reported that the RCMP will be conducting night training at our airport in October. Northern Hawk Air will also be conducting night training in conjunction with the RCMP.
Courthouse Use Committee

Finance Committee – **Councillor O’Doherty** - no report

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

BYLAWS:

MOTION: SMITH / O’DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1752, CITED AS THE "2004 GENERAL FUND CAPITAL PROJECTS SLAG APPROPRIATION BYLAW, BE FINALLY ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1754, CITED AS THE "WETLANDS FOR DRAINAGE LAND PURCHASE BYLAW NO. 1754" BE GIVEN FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS"

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS - None

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 9:05 P.M.

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

MAYOR JAKE RAVEN

LYNNE BURCH, CITY CLERK