

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

**SPECIAL MEETING of COUNCIL  
MONDAY AUGUST 30, 2004**

**PRESENT:** MAYOR JAKE RAVEN  
COUNCILLOR ANN GORDON  
COUNCILLOR MICHAEL C. KANIGAN  
COUNCILLOR NEIL KROG – arrived at 6:02  
COUNCILLOR PATRICK O'DOHERTY  
COUNCILLOR TOM SHKRABUIK  
COUNCILLOR BOB SMITH

CAO  
CITY CLERK

J. Lambie  
L. Burch

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

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**ADOPTION OF AGENDA FOR SPECIAL MEETING:**

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

- RCMP News Release regarding Vandalism brought forward as item (b).
- Councillor Krog's report on Phoenix Ski Hill meeting brought forward as item (c)
- Councillor Krog's report regarding Skateboard Park brought forward as item (d)

**MOTION:** O'DOHERTY / GORDON

**RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.**

**CARRIED.**

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**ADOPTION OF MEETING NOTICE:**

**MOTION:** SMITH / GORDON

**RESOLVED THAT THE NOTICE OF MEETING DATED AUGUST 27, 2004, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.**

**CARRIED.**

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**a) Proposed Referendum for the Aquatic Centre Funding**

The Mayor referred to a meeting he had with Director Lodder this morning regarding his analysis relative to the proposal for operation of the Grand Forks & District Aquatic Centre. He referred to a copy of a letter, dated June 8<sup>th</sup> directed to the CAO of the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary from Grand Forks Recreation Director, which reviewed the costs attributable to the Grand Forks & District Aquatic Centre. The Mayor provided a verbal report highlighting the points raised in their meeting this morning.

Councillor Krog spoke to the issue, stating that Council had met with Tony Lodder at the last Regular Meeting. He provided further background on the matter of the Aquatic Centre funding as it transpired at the last RDKB Board of Directors meeting.

Discussion ensued as to bringing the matter back to the RDKB Board at their next meeting scheduled for September 30<sup>th</sup>.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RE-AFFIRMS THEIR FORMER POSITION THAT THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY BE REQUESTED TO ATTAIN THE ASSENT OF THE ELECTORS FOR AN INCREASE IN THE FUNDING CAP FOR THE GRAND FORKS & DISTRICT AQUATIC CENTRE FROM \$300,000 TO \$400,000. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A LETTER BE SENT TO DIRECTOR LODDER EXPRESSING COUNCIL'S DESIRE THAT DIRECTOR LODDER'S POINTS ON THE RESTRAINT OF THE BUDGET INCREASES BE DEALT WITH THROUGH THE ANNUAL BUDGET PROCESS, BUT THAT THE ORIGINAL REFERENDUM QUESTION BE RETAINED AS PREVIOUSLY OUTLINED.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**b) RCMP Request for Support of News Release**

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE NEWS RELEASE PROPOSED BY THE GRAND FORKS DETACHMENT OF THE RCMP, RELATIVE TO THE LEVEL OF VANDALISM IN GRAND FORKS, BE SUPPORTED BY COUNCIL.

CARRIED.

**c) Skateboard Park Update**

Councillor Krog reported on the complaints received from surrounding neighbors regarding the noise from patrons of the Skateboard Park after hours creating a disturbance during the early morning hours. Discussion ensued as to steps taken by Staff to resolve the matter.

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**d) Phoenix Ski Hill Funding Update**

Councillor Krog reported on the meeting held at the RDKB office today regarding the Phoenix Ski Hill, wherein RDKB Staff advised that Electoral Areas "C", "D", and "E" would have to go to referendum in order to provide operating funding for the Phoenix Ski Hill to operate in the year 2004 – 2005. Councillor Krog provided more in-depth information from the meeting, including the fact that the City of Grand Forks is the only jurisdiction that is on record for funding in the coming operating year. He reported that the City of Greenwood's support was based on all other jurisdictions participating and the Village of Midway has yet to commit to participating in funding for the Phoenix Ski Hill.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT THIS SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 6:50 P.M.**

**CARRIED.**

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**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

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MAYOR JAKE RAVEN

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CITY CLERK – LYNNE BURCH