

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

**REGULAR MEETING of COUNCIL**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2004**

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

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER – J. Lambie  
CITY CLERK – L. Burch

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

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**PRESENTATION:**

Mayor Raven presented Dawn Attop, Deputy Clerk with her Intermediate Certificate, granted by the Board of Examiners

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**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

- Recommendations from the Finance Committee, to be brought forward under Section 10.
- Bylaw No. 1742, A Bylaw to Amend the Electrical Utility Regulatory Bylaw No. 1543, to be brought forward as item number 11(b)
- Councillor Krog's report on his attendance at Regional District Meetings, to be brought forward under Section 10.
- Verbal report on emergency planning to be provided by the Mayor under the Mayor's report.
- Councillor Kanigan verbal advice as to a meeting of the personnel committee to be brought forward under Section 10.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

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**CARRIED.**  
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**MINUTES:**

The Clerk referred to page 5132 and 5133 of the January 19, 2004 Regular Meeting minutes advising that the item appearing as "Correspondence a)" is stated twice, and that the minutes will be amended to ensure that the item is only stated once. It was brought forward by Councillor Kanigan that on Page 5135, the motion should include the requirement for the identification of a site.

MOTION: KANIGAN / O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD MONDAY JANUARY 22, 2004, AND THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2004, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 19, 2004, BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.**

CARRIED.

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BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:

None

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**RESOLUTIONS BROUGHT FORWARD FROM THE IN-CAMERA MEETING:**

None

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**DELEGATIONS:**

None

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**COMMUNICATIONS FOR INFORMATION**

MOTION: KANIGAN / SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT THE CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS NUMBERED a) PITCH-IN BRITISH COLUMBIA AND b) CANADIAN RADIO-TELEVISION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION.**

CARRIED.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**a) Town of Creston - Policing**

MOTION: KROG / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL REQUEST THAT THE U.B.C.M. PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE NEGOTIATE WITH THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SOLICITOR GENERAL TO PERMIT A THREE-YEAR PHASE IN FOR PAYMENT OF POLICING, BY POLICY, FOR MUNICIPALITIES REACHING A POPULATION OF 5,000.

CARRIED.

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**b) Association of Kootenay Boundary Municipalities – Upcoming AKBM Annual General Meeting**

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS PREPARE A LETTER AND PRESENTATION TO HOST THE **2006** AKBM CONFERENCE IN GRAND FORKS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE 2004 AKBM CONFERENCE.

CARRIED.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**Administrative Reports Requiring Action:**

**Clerk's Report – Renewal of Contract for Victim Services**

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / KROG

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RENEW THE CONTRACT WITH THE PROVINCE OF B.C. FOR THE PROVISION OF THE GRAND FORKS RCMP VICTIM SERVICES PROGRAM UNTIL MARCH 31, 2005, BASED ON THE SAME TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS LAST YEAR, SUBJECT TO THE PROVINCE OF B.C. PROVIDING THE REQUESTED \$24,000.00 IN FUNDING.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE PROGRAM CO-ORDINATOR (ROBERTA GRAY) FOR A CONTRACT PERIOD BEGINNING APRIL 1, 2004 AND ENDING ON MARCH 31, 2005, ON THE SAME TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS.

AND BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK BE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN ALL CONTRACTS OUTLINED ABOVE. CARRIED.

MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL EXTEND THE EXISTING ARRANGEMENT WITH THE GRAND FORKS SENIOR CITIZENS BRANCH 68 FOR THE OCCUPATION OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY IN CITY PARK LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 10 AND LOTS 17-20 INCLUSIVE, BLOCK 18, D.L. 108, SDYD, PLAN 86, ON RELATIVELY THE SAME TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ENTER INTO A NEW UPDATED LEASE FOR A 10-YEAR TERM FOR \$1.00 PER YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2004 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2013, SUBJECT TO A CANCELLATION CLAUSE BEING INCLUDED THAT ALLOWS EITHER PARTY TO CANCEL THE AGREEMENT UPON 90 DAYS NOTICE.

AND BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK BE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THE LEASE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

CARRIED.

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**Clerk's Report – Renewal of Contract for Janitorial Services for City Facilities**

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KANIGAN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL EXTEND THE EXISTING CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENT WITH GRAND FORKS JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR THE CLEANING OF ALL CITY FACILITIES, FOR AN ADDITIONAL THREE MONTHS, ENDING JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2004.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DIRECT STAFF TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO RE-TENDER THE JANITORIAL SERVICES CONTRACT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE RETURNS TO CITY HALL.

AND BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT THE TENDER FOR JANITORIAL SERVICES INCLUDE CITY HALL, FIRE HALL, PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING, THE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT FACILITY AND THE COURT FACILITY IN THE GRAND FORKS COURT HOUSE.

CARRIED.

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**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

The Mayor reported on a debriefing meeting he attended on Friday, January 23, 2004 with the Colville National Forest representatives and BC Forest representatives. The subject of the meeting was the Grand Forks Emergency Operation Centre and the role of the Grand Forks Airport. The Mayor advised that he accepted on behalf of the City an appreciation plaque presented by the US Forest representative.

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MOTION: O'DOHERTY / GORDON

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RESOLVED THAT THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL, SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2004, BE CANCELLED DUE TO THE SCHEDULING OF THE UNION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA MUNICIPALITIES CONFERENCE IN VICTORIA. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT SHOULD A MEETING BE REQUIRED, A SPECIAL MEETING WILL BE CALLED. CARRIED.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Zoning and Planning Committee** – Councillor Krog – no report  
**Parks Advisory Committee** – no report

**RDKB Representative** – referred to written report on his attendance at the Regional District meeting, specifically noting that he presented a letter to the Board of Directors, on behalf of the City, concerning the Cascade Power project.

**Skateboard Park Committee** – no report

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

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

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**Emergency Program Executive Committee** – Mayor Raven – no report  
**Community Consultative Group Representative**  
**Boundary Economic Development Commission Representative – minutes at next regular meeting**

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**Economic Development Advisory Committee** – no report

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**Communications Advisory Committee** – Councillor Gordon – no report  
**Court House Advisory Committee** –  
**Airport Advisory Committee**

**Cascade Power project** – Councillor Gordon advised that concerns expressed by the Water Availability Committee will be brought forward to MLA Sandy Santori and the Honourable Bill Barisoff,, Minister of Water Land and Air.Protection.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE 2004 WATER UTILITY RATES REMAIN THE SAME AS ESTABLISHED BY BYLAW NO. 1710 FOR THE YEAR 2003.

CARRIED.

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MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE 2004 SEWER UTILITY RATES REMAIN THE SAME AS ESTABLISHED FOR THE YEAR 2003, AND THAT FURTHER INFORMATION BE AVAILABLE NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER IN ORDER THAT COUNCIL CAN DETERMINE 2005 RATES EARLIER..

CARRIED.

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MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT ELECTRICAL RATES BE INCREASED TO REFLECT THE INCREASE TO THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS BY AQUILA. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE INCREASE BE EFFECTIVE WITH ALL CONSUMPTION AS OF JANUARY 1, 2004.

CARRIED.

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**Personnel Committee – Councillor Kanigan -**

Councillor Kanigan requested that a Personnel Committee Meeting be scheduled on Monday, February 9, 2004, at a location to be determined.

MOTION: KANIGAN / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES BYLAW BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE AN INCREASE TO THE MAYOR'S STIPEND EQUAL TO CANADIAN CONSUMER PRICE INDEX PERCENTAGE INCREASES FROM 1994 THROUGH 2002, AN OVERALL TOTAL OF 16.8%.

CARRIED.

Mayor Raven and Councillor Gordon voted against the motion.

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MOTION: KANIGAN / KROG

RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES BYLAW BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE AN ANNUAL INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF THE

PERCENTAGE INCREASE OF THE CANADIAN CONSUMER PRICE INDEX ON JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> OF EACH YEAR, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2004.

CARRIED.

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MOTION: KANIGAN / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES BYLAW BE AMENDED TO INCREASE THE COUNCIL STIPEND TO AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO 75% OF THE MAYOR'S STIPEND.

CARRIED.

Mayor Raven and Councillor Gordon voted against the motion.  
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MOTION: KANIGAN / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT A MORATORIUM BE PLACED ON HIRING, EXCEPT FOR THE TREASURER'S POSITION, UNTIL AFTER THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 16, 2004. CARRIED.

Mayor Raven and Councillor Gordon voted against the motion.

**Aquifer Protection Society Representative**

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**BYLAWS**

**a) Bylaw No. 1735 "Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1735, 2003 (Donaldson Drive Transition District – previously circulated)**

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1735, CITED AS THE "AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN DESIGNATION BYLAW NO. 1735, BE GIVEN SECOND READING AS AMENDED. CARRIED.

**b) Bylaw No. 1742, "Electrical Utility Regulatory Amendment Bylaw No. 1742, 2004" (A bylaw intended to increase rates the same rate as the rate increase to the City by Aquila)**

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1742, CITED AS ELECTRICAL UTILITY REGULATORY AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1742, 2004, BE GIVEN FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS. CARRIED.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 8:07 P.M. CARRIED.

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**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

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MAYOR JAKE RAVEN

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CITY CLERK – LYNNE BURCH