

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

**REGULAR MEETING of COUNCIL**  
**MONDAY, JULY 12, 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  
DEPUTY CLERK – D. Attorp

GALLERY

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The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

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MOTION: SHKRABUIK / GORDON

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: O'DOHERTY / KROG

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING BE RECESSED AT 6:12 IN ORDER TO CONDUCT THE CLOSED IN-CAMERA MEETING AND THAT THE REGULAR MEETING RECONVENE AT 7:00 P.M.

CARRIED.

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MOTION: GORDON / O'DOHERY

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

CARRIED.

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**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Sale of Sand Creek property – Report from In-Camera
- Hutton School Sidewalk – Finance Committee report
- Funding for Barbara Ann Park tennis courts – Finance Committee report
- City Park – Councillor Smith

MOTION: GORDON / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

CARRIED.

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**MINUTES:**

*Councillor Gordon requested that an error be amended in the minutes of Monday June 21, 2004, page 5251. The minutes state that the Snowbirds performed in 2002, when they were actually in Grand Forks in 2000.*

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY JUNE 21, 2004, BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED AND THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY JUNE 30, 2004, BE ADOPTED AS PRESENTED.

CARRIED.

**BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:** None

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**RESOLUTIONS FROM IN-CAMERA MEETINGS:**

MOTION: GORDON / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DIRECT STAFF TO PREPARE THE PACKAGE INTENDED TO SOLICIT OFFERS TO PURCHASE THE SAND CREEK PROPERTY, BASED ON THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THE CLERK'S REPORT ON THE MATTER DATED JULY 5, 2004, AND PROCEED WITH MULTI-LISTING THE PROPERTY WITH BOTH LOCAL REAL ESTATE COMPANIES FOR \$800,000.

CARRIED.

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**DELEGATIONS:**

**a) Chamber of Commerce – Request for support of mural project**

Erika Lippert, hired by the Chamber through a Canada Heritage Grant to coordinate a historical mural project in downtown Grand Forks, requested the City's endorsement of the project. She explained that there are seven artists participating at this point, with a potential three more artists interested in participating in the project. Ms. Lippert distributed a copy of the draft budget for the project and requested Council's endorsement of the project, financial support, assistance from the Public Works Department in hanging the 4' X 6' murals on downtown buildings, as well as storage space for the works of art in the winter. She advised that she has approached local businesses for financial support of this project as well.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL AND IN-KIND ASSISTANCE FOR THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S ART MURAL PROJECT BE REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION.

CARRIED.

*Council directed staff to enquire as to the source of funding for the Chamber's contribution to this project.*

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**COMMUNICATION FOR INFORMATION:**

MOTION: SMITH / GORDON

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

CARRIED.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

MOTION: SHKRABIUK / KANIGAN

RESOLVED THAT THE REQUEST TO REMOVE TREES FROM THE MINISTRY OF FORESTS LEASED PROPERTY AT THE AIRPORT BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION.

CARRIED.

*Staff were directed to enquire as to the Ministry of Forests plans for their leased property at the airport.*

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MOTION: SHKRABUIK / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT PERMISSION BE GRANTED TO THE FESTIVAL OF FREEDOM AT THE FORKS TO CLOSE A PORTION OF MARKET AVENUE FROM 8:00 P.M. TO 11:00 P.M. ON THURSDAY JULY 22, 2004 FOR THE PURPOSE OF HOLDING A STREET DANCE, SUBJECT TO CONCURRENCE OF THE R.C.M.P. AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT THE FESTIVAL COMMITTEE BE REQUESTED TO COMPLETE AN EVENT REQUEST FORM FOR THE REQUIRED ASSISTANCE FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

CARRIED.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**Reports for Information:**

MOTION: GORDON / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE SLAG SALES ANALYSIS FOR THE QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 2004 BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION.

CARRIED.

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**Administrative Reports Requiring Action:**

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

THAT THE APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT A MULTI-FAMILY DEVELOPMENT CONSISTING OF 2 DUPLEXES, 2 TRIPLEXES AND 8 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCES ON PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT A, PLAN KAP69664, LOCATED ON 76<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE AT 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET, AS SUBMITTED BY THE PROPERTY OWNERS, FOXY HOLDINGS LTD., BE APPROVED IN SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE WITH THE PLANS ATTACHED TO THE APPLICATION.

CARRIED.

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MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KANIGAN

1. THAT THE CITY ENTER INTO A 4-YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT, IN THE FORM ATTACHED TO THIS REPORT, WITH CHAMBERS TRUCKING LTD., FOR THE USE OF A 3,600 SQUARE METER PORTION OF PLAN 26787, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PARKING AND WASHING VEHICLE TRAILERS, BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2004 AND ENDING MAY 31, 2008, AT AN ANNUAL COST OF \$4,125.00 PLUS GST, THE AMOUNT OF WHICH IS ACKNOWLEDGED TO HAVE BEEN PAID IN ADVANCE AS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PROPERTY.

2. THAT THE CITY ENTER INTO A 4-YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT, IN THE FORM ATTACHED TO THIS REPORT, WITH ROXUL (WEST) INC. FOR THE USE OF A

PORTION OF PARCEL C, PLAN 26787, EXCLUSIVE OF THE CITY'S ROAD ACCESS TO THE PUBLIC WORKS YARD AND THE SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PARKING VEHICLE TRAILERS, BEGINNING JULY 1, 2004 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2008, AT AN ANNUAL COST OF \$2,762.25 PLUS GST, THE AMOUNT OF WHICH IS ACKNOWLEDGED TO HAVE BEEN PAID IN ADVANCE AS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PROPERTY.

3. THAT THE CITY ENTER INTO A 4-YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT, IN THE FORM ATTACHED TO THIS REPORT, WITH ROXUL (WEST) INC. FOR THE USE OF LOT 5, D.L. 534, PLAN 17928, SDYD, EXCLUSIVE OF THE CITY'S CHLORINE PLANT OPERATION, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROCESSING AND STORING RAW MATERIALS SUCH AS SLAG, BASALT, DOLOMITE, ETC. BEGINNING JULY 1, 2004 AND ENDING JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2008, AT AN ANNUAL COST OF \$2,600.00 PLUS GST PER YEAR.
4. THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COMMUNITY CHARTER STAFF BE DIRECTED TO ADVERTISE THE DISPOSAL OF CITY PROPERTY BY LEASE.
5. THAT THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK BE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THE AGREEMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

CARRIED.

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**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

The Mayor requested Council's authorization to contact Telus to ask that consideration be given to implement a toll-free calling from Christina Lake through Greenwood.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT STAFF BE DIRECTED TO DRAFT A LETTER TO TELUS REQUESTING A TOLL FREE CALLING AREA FROM CHRISTINA LAKE THROUGH TO GREENWOOD

CARRIED.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Zoning and Planning Committee** – Councillor Krog - no report

**Parks Advisory Committee**

**RDKB Representative**

**Skateboard Park Committee**

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Councillor Smith provided comment on an incident in which he was involved with the Campground Attendant at the City Park Campground. He advised that it has been reported to him that people were unfairly being refused entry into that area of the Park.

Council gave leave to Mr. John Cogbill to make a statement on the matter and he advised that he had been told that he could not take his vehicle to the band shell to unload equipment and was subsequently refused entry into the Campground area and told that he was banned from City Park.

Discussion ensued on the matter and it was agreed that occasionally individuals participating in the Music in the Park event may be required to drive vehicles down to the band shell to unload equipment. City staff will locate sprinkler heads and provide a route for authorized vehicles to travel.

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT A MEETING BE SCHEDULED BETWEEN COUNCIL AND THE MANAGER OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO DISCUSS THE OPERATION OF THE CITY PARK CAMPGROUND.

CARRIED

**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**  
**Referendum Committee**

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**Emergency Program Executive Committee – Mayor Raven - no report**  
**Community Consultative Group Representative**  
**Boundary Economic Development Commission Representative** -The Mayor reported on a meeting held with Powerhouse Developments and suggested that Council have a joint meeting with Greenwood on October 19, 2004 to discuss the matter  
**Economic Development Advisory Committee**

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**Communications Advisory Committee – Councillor Gordon** reported that she met with the owner of Northern Hawk Air last Monday. She said that Northern Hawk would be looking at using Grand Forks as an alternate to Trail in inclement weather, and would consider using Grand Forks as a destination if feasible.

Councillor Gordon commented on the information she had circulated to Council with regard to the expenses for the Snowbirds performance in 2000. She wanted to ensure that Council received that information which indicated that the donations were greater than the expenses.

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**Court House Advisory Committee**  
**Phoenix Foundation Rep**

**Airport Advisory Committee  
Courthouse Use Committee**

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**Finance Committee – Councillor O’Doherty**

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / O’DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE SIDEWALK ALONG 75<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE , BE COMPLETED FROM THE END OF THE EXISTING SIDEWALK AT HUTTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WEST TO THE NORTH FORK ROAD IN ASPHALT AT A COST OF \$16,970 PLUS GST. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE COMPLETION OF THE SIDEWALK ON 75<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE FROM HUTTON SCHOOL TO THE NORTH FORK BE FUNDED FROM SURPLUS

CARRIED.

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MOTION: SHKRABUIK / O’DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY’S SHARE OF THE COST OF RESURFACING THE BARBARA ANN PARK TENNIS COURTS BE DRAWN FROM SURPLUS.

CARRIED.

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

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**BYLAWS:**

MOTION: O’DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1752, CITED AS THE “2004 GENERAL FUND CAPITAL PROJECTS SLAG APPROPRIATION BYLAW, BE GIVEN FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS.

CARRIED.

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**NEW BUSINESS - None**

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

Regular Meeting of Council  
July 12 2004

MOTION: SHKRABUIIK

**RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 8:05  
P.M. CARRIED.**

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**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

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MAYOR JAKE RAVEN

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DAWN ATTORP, DEPUTY CLERK