

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING of COUNCIL
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 2004

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

CITY CLERK – L. Burch
DEPUTY CLERK – D. Attorp

GALLERY

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

- Hutton School sidewalk

MOTION: SMITH / KROG

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: GORDON / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY MAY 17, 2004, AND THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY MAY 31, 2004, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:

RESOLUTIONS FROM IN-CAMERA MEETINGS:

DELEGATIONS:

a) Boundary Peace Initiative - U.S. Proposed Ballistic Missile Defense Program

On behalf of the Boundary Peace Initiative, JJ Verigin Jr, reiterated that Grand Forks has a long history of being a peace-promoting community. He also pointed out that Council has taken the lead on these types of issues on many occasions.

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / SMITH

WHEREAS THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA IS CONSIDERING ITS ROLE IN US PLANS FOR MISSILE DEFENSE;

WHEREAS MISSILE DEFENSE COULD PUT WEAPONS IN SPACE, INCLUDING NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND INCITE A NEW ARMS RACE;

WHEREAS AN ARMS RACE AND WEAPONS IN SPACE COULD THREATEN THE SECURITY OF ALL HUMAN BEINGS INCLUDING THE CITIZENS OF GRAND FORKS;

WHEREAS THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THE GENERAL SAFETY OF ITS COMMUNITY, INCLUDING PUBLIC SECURITY;

WHEREAS THE MUNICIPALITY OF GRAND FORKS HAS ADOPTED A RESOLUTION DECLARING ITSELF TO BE A NUCLEAR WEAPONS FREE ZONE, THEREBY RECOGNIZING DISARMAMENT AND PEACE AS PUBLIC SECURITY ISSUES;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF GRAND FORKS URGE THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA TO OPPOSE US PLANS FOR MISSILE DEFENSE AND TO NOT PARTICIPATE IN THEM.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF GRAND FORKS FORWARD THIS RESOLUTION TO THE FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES AND URGE ALL MUNICIPALITIES TO ADOPT SIMILAR RESOLUTIONS.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS SEND A LETTER TO THIS EFFECT AND A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA, THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE.

CARRIED.

b) Frank Koide, CA – City of Grand Forks 2003 Audited Financial Statements

MOTION: GORDON / SHKRABUIK

THAT THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003, AS PRESENTED BY THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS AUDITOR FRANK O. KOIDE, BE RECEIVED AND APPROVED.

CARRIED.

MOTION: KROG / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE SIX ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE – 6A, 6B, 6C, 6D, 6E AND 6F BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION.

CARRIED.

Council discussed the landscaping in Lois Haggan Park. Concern was expressed over some aspects of the proposed garden. Council requested a copy of the plan for the area.

MOTION: GORDON / KROG

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY WORKS DEPARTMENT BE DIRECTED TO COMPLETE THE ORIGINAL PLAN OF WORK WITH THE ROCK GARDEN IN LOIS HAGGEN PARK.

CARRIED.

Councillors Kanigan and Smith opposed the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE:

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE LETTER DATED MAY 25, 2004 FROM JEFF HOLITZKI BE RECEIVED AND REFERRED TO STAFF TO RESPOND TO THE ISSUES RAISED.

CARRIED.

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE LETTER, DATED MAY 20, 2004, FROM DARLENE WASILENKOFF EXPRESSING DISPLEASURE REGARDING THE NOISE LEVELS EMANATING FROM THE CONCERT HELD IN CITY PARK ON FRIDAY MAY 14, 2004 AND FURTHER EXPRESSING CONCERN FOR NOISE LEVELS TO BE EXPECTED FROM THE PLANNED SERIES OF CONCERTS IN THE PARK OVER THE SUMMER MONTHS, BE RECEIVED. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT STAFF BE DIRECTED TO RESPOND TO MS. WASILENKOFF ADVISING THAT A LETTER HAS BEEN SENT TO THE ORGANIZER OF THE CONCERT SERIES ADVISING THAT AN EXCESSIVE NOISE LEVEL WILL NOT BE TOLERATED AND FURTHER INVITING MS. WASILENKOFF TO CONTACT THE CITY SHOULD THERE BE ANY CONCERN WITH REGARD TO THE NOISE LEVEL EMANATING FROM THESE CONCERTS.

CARRIED.

Staff were directed to send a letter to the organizers of concert held on May 14, 2004, expressing dismay over the number of complaints received due the noise level

MOTION: GORDON / KROG

RESOLVED THAT THE LETTER DATED MAY 18, 2004 FROM PHIL MCGIRR REGARDING THE BARBARA ANN PARK TENNIS COURTS BE RECEIVED. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT STAFF BE DIRECTED GET FURTHER DETAILS ON MR. MCGIRR'S PROPOSAL TO REPAIR THE TENNIS COURTS AND TO OBTAIN A SEPARATE QUOTE FOR THIS REPAIR, IF POSSIBLE, AND REPORT BACK AT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL.

CARRIED.

MOTION: SMITH / GORDON

THAT THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT BE REQUESTED TO ABANDON THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH MAXIMUS INC. UNTIL CERTAINTY OVER THE PRIVACY OF THE MEDICAL SERVICES PLAN AND PHARMACARE PERSONAL INFORMATION IS OBTAINED.

CARRIED.

MOTION: SMITH / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT PERMISSION BE GRANTED TO THE CANADA DAY COMMITTEE TO CLOSE ROADS IN ORDER TO HOLD A PARADE ON THURSDAY JULY 1, 2004, WITH THE ROUTE AS OUTLINED IN THEIR CORRESPONDENCE, SUBJECT TO CONCURRENCE BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, THE RCMP AND THE FIRE CHIEF. BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT THE CANADA DAY COMMITTEE BE REQUESTED TO COMPLETE AN EVENT REQUEST FORM FOR THE REQUIRED ASSISTANCE FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

CARRIED.

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE SUPERINTENDENT'S PROPOSAL FOR EXTENDING THE SIDEWALK ALONG 75TH AVENUE TO THE NORTH FORK ROAD BE APPROVED IN PRINCIPAL, SUBJECT TO RECEIVING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE TWO CONSTRUCTION OPTIONS – CEMENT AND ASPHALT.

CARRIED.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Reports for Information: None

MOTION: GORDON / KROG

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL REQUEST THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY TO INCLUDE THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE COLLECTION PROGRAM, INCLUDING RECYCLING COLLECTION, AND MONTHLY YARD WASTE PICK UP IN THE RDKB REQUEST FOR SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES IN THE KOOTENAY BOUNDARY CENTRAL SUBREGION.

CARRIED.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor advised that he had attended the Grand Forks Secondary School graduation ceremonies and presented the City of Grand Forks' scholarships to Ryan Ball, Lydia McAndrew, Matthew Gray.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Zoning and Planning Committee – Councillor Krog
Parks Advisory Committee
RDKB Representative
Skateboard Park Committee

Bylaw Review Committee – Councillor Smith
Grand Forks & District Recreation Commission Representative

Economic Development Committee - Councillor Shkrabuik
Councillor Shkrabuik raised the issue of putting the City's Sand Creek property up for sale. Staff were directed to bring a report to Council on the matter to the next meeting.

Chamber of Commerce and Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee Representative
Referendum Committee

Emergency Program Executive Committee – Mayor Raven
Community Consultative Group Representative
Boundary Economic Development Commission Representative
Economic Development Advisory Committee

Court House Advisory Committee
Phoenix Foundation Rep
Airport Advisory Committee

Courthouse Use Committee- Councillor Gordon advised that she had a conversation with a representative from the Boundary Museum and they have some suggestions that they would like to bring before Council. She suggested that Council hear the Museum's proposal prior to discussing that organization as a potential tenant in the Courthouse.

Finance Committee – Councillor O’Doherty

MOTION: KROG / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE SASHA SIGN LOCATED ON HIGHWAY 3 TO THE WEST OF THE CITY LIMITS BE TAKEN DOWN AND REPLACED WITH A NEW SIGN, AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$2,500, SUBJECT TO COUNCIL'S APPROVAL OF THE CONCEPT DRAWING.
CARRIED.

MOTION: KROG / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE GRAND FORKS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BE ENGAGED TO OPERATE THE VISITORS' INFORMATION CENTRE, FOR THE YEAR 2004, AT A BUDGETED AMOUNT OF \$35,800. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT UP TO \$15,500 BE SET ASIDE FOR TOURISM PROMOTIONAL INITIATIVES TO BE APPROVED BY COUNCIL IN THE YEAR 2004.
CARRIED.

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

BYLAWS

MOTION: SMITH / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1751, CITED AS THE “AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS ZONING BYLAW NO. 1751, 2004” BE GIVEN FIRST AND SECOND READINGS.
CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:00 PM MONDAY JUNE 21

NEW BUSINESS

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REGULAR MEETING

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ADJOURNMENT:

Regular Meeting of Council
June 7 2004

MOTION: SHKRABUIK

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

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

MAYOR JAKE RAVEN

CITY CLERK – LYNNE BURCH