

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING of COUNCIL
MONDAY, MARCH 15, 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
CITY CLERK – L. Burch

GALLERY

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

- Draft Area D Zoning Bylaw, to be brought forward under Councillor Krog's Report
- Tennis Club's proposal to contribute to resurfacing of tennis courts in Barbara Ann Park to be brought forward under Mayor's Report

MOTION: KROG / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY MARCH 1, 2004, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

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BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:

a) Clerk's Report – Strata Title Conversion for 668 – 75th Avenue – Tabled Motion from March 1, 2004 Regular Meeting

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE RESOLUTION REGARDING THE APPLICATION TO CONVERT A PREVIOUSLY OCCUPIED APARTMENT BUILDING TO STRATA TITLE OWNERSHIP, WHICH WAS TABLED AT THE MARCH 1, 2004 REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL, PENDING FURTHER INFORMATION, BE BROUGHT BACK ON THE TABLE AT THIS TIME.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE APPLICATION FROM FOXY HOLDINGS LTD. TO CONVERT THE PREVIOUSLY OCCUPIED APARTMENT BUILDING LOCATED AT 668 – 75TH AVENUE TO STRATA TITLE OWNERSHIP BE APPROVED IN PRINCIPALE AND THAT THE APPROVING OFFICER BE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THE CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL (FORM 10).

AND BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT PRIOR TO THE APPROVING OFFICER SIGNING THE STRATA PLAN FOR REGISTRATION AT THE LAND TITLES OFFICE, THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS HAVE BEEN MET WITHIN ONE (1) YEAR FROM THE APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE:

- A REPORT FROM A STRUCTURAL ENGINEER, REGISTERED IN THE PROVINCE OF B.C. STATING THAT THE BUILDING IS OF A REASONABLE QUALITY FOR ITS AGE, INCLUDING REFERENCE TO THE STATE OF REPAIR, GENERAL WORKMANSHIP AND MEASURE OF COMPLIANCE WITH RELEVANT BYLAWS; AND
- THE BUILDING MUST MEET ALL THE CURRENT BUILDING CODE REQUIREMENTS FOR STRATA CONVERSION.

AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DIRECT STAFF TO PREPARE A DRAFT POLICY FOR FUTURE STRATA CONVERSION REQUESTS, INCLUDING AN APPROPRIATE APPLICATION FEE, FOR COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION.

CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS FROM IN-CAMERA MEEETINGS:

None

DELEGATIONS:

a) Community Social Service Workers – Provincial Government cuts to community social services

On behalf of community social service workers, David Pehota made a presentation requesting that council consider sending a letter to the BC Government calling on Premier Gordon Campbell, Finance Minister Gary Collins, and Minister of Children and Family Development, Christy Clark to put on hold any further cuts to community social service funding in the upcoming 2004-2005 budget, and to make every effort to restore program funding to the pre-2001 level. He advised that the Province has cut \$100,000,000 from the funding of social services and plans to cut an additional \$70,000,000, which puts pressure on services in communities without local community consultation.

MOTION: SHRKRABUIK / O'DOHERTY

WHEREAS COMMUNITY SOCIAL SERVICES ARE VITAL TO THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF THOUSANDS OF BRITISH COLUMBIANS, ESPECIALLY WOMEN, PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN NEED, AND THE MOST VULNERABLE PEOPLE IN OUR SOCIETY; AND

WHEREAS THESE CRITICAL SERVICES ARE DEPENDENT ON ADEQUATE FUNDING BY THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT; AND

WHEREAS THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY CUT \$100 MILLION FROM THE COMMUNITY SOCIAL SERVICES SECTOR SINCE 2001, AND PLANS TO CUT A LEAST \$70 MILLION MORE BEFORE MARCH 31 OF THIS YEAR, AND

WHEREAS THESE CUTS COULD HAVE A DEVASTATING IMPACT ON FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL SEND A LETTER TO THE BC GOVERNMENT CALL ON PREMIER CAMPBELL, FINANCE MINISTER GARY COLLINS, AND MINISTER OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT CHRISTY CLARK TO PUT ON HOLD ANY FURTHER CUTS TO COMMUNITY SOCIAL SERVICE FUNDING IN THE UPCOMING 2004/2005 BUDGET, AND TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO RESTORE PROGRAM FUNDING TO THE PRE-2001 LEVEL.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

b) Grand Forks Art Gallery

On behalf of the Grand Forks Art Gallery, Judith Lloyd made a presentation to Council regarding changes to the Art Gallery. She advised that in 2001 Council committed \$25,000 over two years as matching funds to upgrade the entrance to the Grand Forks Art Gallery. She went on to add that the funding commitment was then delayed to the years 2004 and 2005, and the Art Gallery's application for matching funds was another source was tabled. It was suggested that Council put the funding aside in trust for the Art Gallery to ensure that matching funding applications are successful.

Paul Crawford, Curator for the Art Gallery, talked about the gallery's desire for Class B status that will allow them to accept donations of art in return for tax receipts. He went on to advise that until the gallery meets the Class B status, the gallery is not in a position to accept these art donations.

Mr. Crawford requested that Council commit the funding of \$25,000 to allow the gallery to apply to receive the matching funding, should the gallery remain in their present spot. He advised that alternatively other options can be explored such as relocating in the Court House, or constructing a new venue.

Members of Council expressed their desire to see handicap accessibility for the Art Gallery. It was stated that any funding of a renovation to the present location should include renovating to allow accessibility as well as increasing visibility. It was also suggested that renovating the court house may not be cost effective.

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE REQUEST FROM THE GRAND FORKS ART GALLERY TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO ASSIST IN UPGRADING THE GRAND FORKS ART GALLERY, IN THE PROPOSED AMOUNT OF \$25,000.00 BE REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL.
CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Boundary Spinners and Weavers – Request to use space in the Courthouse

MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE LETTER DATED MARCH 9, 2004, FROM THE BOUNDARY SPINNERS AND WEAVERS, REQUESTING THE USE OF SPACE IN THE GRAND FORKS COURT HOUSE ON A WEEKLY BASIS, BE RECEIVED. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A COMMITTEE BE FORMED TO RECEIVE AND REVIEW REQUESTS FOR THE USE OF THE GRAND FORKS COURT HOUSE.

CARRIED

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b) Chamber of Commerce – Request for Financial Support for Hanging Basket Program

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE LETTER DATED MARCH 4, 2004, FROM THE GRAND FORKS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REQUESTING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE HANGING BASKET PROGRAM, BE RECEIVED. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** THE MATTER BE REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

c) Canadian National Institute for the Blind – Request for Financial Support of their alternate format library services program

MOTION: KROG / KANIGAN

RESOLVED THAT THE EMAIL LETTER DATED FEBRUARY 26, 2004, FROM CNIB, BC-YUKON DIVISION, REQUESTING FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO ASSIST IN FUNDING THE PRODUCTION COSTS OF THE ALTERNATE FORMAT LIBRARY SERVICES, BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION. CARRIED.

- d) D.N. Caskey – Aquatic Centre August and September closure**
e) Cindy Anthony – Request for a Referendum on Aquatic Centre funding

MOTION: KROG / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE LETERS, FROM D.N. CASKEY AND CINDY ANTHONY REGARDING THE FUNDING OF THE GRAND FORKS AQUATIC CENTRE BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ESTABLISH A REFERENDUM COMMITTEE, MADE OF UP OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, TO BE DETERMINED AT A LATER TIME, WHICH SHALL BE CHARGED WITH REVIEWING THE RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES FUNDED JOINTLY BY THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS TO DETERMINE WHICH QUESTIONS COULD BE VOTED ON AT A REFERENDUM, INCLUDING THE FUNDING OF THE GRAND FORKS AQUATIC CENTRE.

CARRIED.

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / KANIGAN

RESOLVED THAT STAFF BE DIRECTED TO ARRANGE A MEETING BETWEEN MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, AREA D DIRECTOR TONY LODDER, RECREATION DIRECTOR JOHN MACKY, AND RDKB STAFF, EITHER LARRY ROBINSON OR BRUCE MCKAY TO DISCUSS THE CONTINUOUS FINANCING OF THE AQUATIC CENTRE THROUGH THE MONTHS OF AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER, 2004. CARRIED.

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f) Art Snuggs – Request for completion of sidewalk on 19th Street

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE LETTER, DATED MARCH 1, 2004, FROM ART SNUGGS, REQUESTING THE COMPLETION OF THE SIDEWALK ON 19TH STREET, BETWEEN 68TH AVENUE AND 69TH AVENUE, BE RECEIVED. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** THIS MATTER BE REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL.

CARRIED.

d) British Columbia Aviation Council – Aviation fees and taxes

MOTION: SMITH / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT A LETTER BE SENT TO PRIME MINISTER PAUL MARTIN AND TRANSPORT MINISTER TONY VALERI REQUESTING THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FORMULATE AN AVIATION POLICY THAT WILL REDUCE AIRPORT RENTS, FUEL TAXES AND SECURITY FEES TO TRAVELERS AND ALSO REDUCE REGULATION AND FAIRLY AND EQUITABLY RE-INVEST A REASONABLE PORTION OF THESE TAXES AND FEES BACK INTO THE AVIATION SYSTEM.

CARRIED.

e) Recreation Commission – Proposal to Develop T-ball Fields at Massey Park

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE LETTER, DATED MARCH 2, 2004, FROM THE GRAND FORKS & DISTRICT RECREATION COMMISSION, REQUESTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF TWO T-BALL FIELDS AT MASSEY PARK, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THIS MATTER BE REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

AND BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT STAFF BE REQUESTED TO FURTHER INVESTIGATE PARKING ADJACENT TO THE FIELD, ANY KNOWN PARENTAL INPUT, AND THE BACKGROUND LEADING UP TO THE REQUEST FOR THE T-BALL FIELDS AND REPORT TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Reports for Information: None

Administrative Reports Requiring Action: None

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor brought forward a recommendation from the Airport Tree Committee.

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY APPROACH THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT TO HAVE THE TREES ON CITY PROPERTY, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 3, AND AMENDED LOT 3, PLAN 27765, DISTRICT LOT 534 TO THE EASTERN CITY BOUNDARY, NORTH TO THE BIALON/O'DOHERTY PROPERTY, SOUTH TO THE CITY AIRPORT PROPERTY, AND WEST TO THE SIMON'S PROPERTY, COMPRISING APPROXIMATELY EIGHT ACRES, DESIGNATED AS A NATURAL FOREST AREA.

AMENDING MOTION:

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE MOTION BE AMENDED IN THE FIRST LINE TO READ "*RESOLVED THAT IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS TO APPROACH.....*", AND TO ADD THE FOLLOWING WORDS AT THE END OF THE MOTION "*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE MATTER BE REFERRED BACK TO THE AIRPORT TREE COMMITTEE TO RESEARCH OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE CITY TO PROTECT THE AREA, WITH A FURTHER REPORT TO BE PRESENTED TO COUNCIL.*"

2ND AMENDING MOTION:

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / KROG

RESOLVED THAT THE ORIGINAL MOTION BE FURTHER AMENDED BY ADDING THE FOLLOWING WORDING "*AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE AIRPORT TREE COMMITTEE BE REQUESTED TO CONSIDER OPTIONS TO PROTECT AND IDENTIFY THE CITY-OWNED PROPERTY, AND ADJACENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 51 PROPERTY IN CONSULTATION WITH THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY AND SCHOOL DISTRICT 51*".

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ORIGINAL MOTION AS AMENDED:

RESOLVED THAT IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS TO APPROACH THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT TO HAVE THE TREES ON CITY PROPERTY, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 3, AND AMENDED LOT 3, PLAN 27765,

DISTRICT LOT 534 TO THE EASTERN CITY BOUNDARY, NORTH TO THE BIALON / O'DOHERTY PROPERTY, SOUTH TO THE CITY AIRPORT PROPERTY, AND WEST TO THE SIMON'S PROPERTY, COMPRISING APPROXIMATELY EIGHT ACRES, DESIGNATED AS A NATURAL FOREST AREA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE MATTER BE REFERRED BACK TO THE AIRPORT TREE COMMITTEE TO RESEARCH OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE CITY TO PROTECT THE AREA, WITH A FURTHER REPORT TO BE PRESENTED TO COUNCIL.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE AIRPORT TREE COMMITTEE BE REQUESTED TO CONSIDER OPTIONS TO PROTECT AND IDENTIFY THE CITY-OWNED PROPERTY, AND ADJACENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 51 PROPERTY IN CONSULTATION WITH THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY AND SCHOOL DISTRICT 51.

On the Vote:

The first amendment was carried.
The second amendment was carried.
The original motion as amended was carried.

The Mayor advised that he has been approached by members of the former Grand Forks Tennis Club who advise that the former club has \$4,400 to contribute to the upgrading of tennis courts in Barbara Ann Park.

MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE MATTER, BROUGHT FORWARD BY MAYOR RAVEN, OF AN OFFER OF FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,400.00, FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE FORMER GRAND FORKS TENNIS CLUB, TO UPGRADE THE TENNIS COURTS IN BARBARA ANN PARK, BE REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Zoning and Planning Committee – Councillor Krog – no report

Parks Advisory Committee – no report

RDKB Representative – advised that the Area D proposed zoning bylaw has been circulated to city for comment.

Skateboard Park Committee – no report

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

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

Economic Development Advisory Committee – no report

Communications Advisory Committee – Councillor Gordon – no report
Court House Advisory Committee –
Phoenix Foundation Rep –
Airport Advisory Committee – Advised that AWOS III at the airport is fully functional, and that the city has been approached by NavCanada to tap into the AWOS electronically.

Finance Committee – Councillor O’Doherty

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

BYLAWS

None

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Mayor appointed the following Committees:

Court House Use Submission Committee will consist of Councillors Gordon and Smith, and Mayor Raven.

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Referendum Committee will consist of Councillors Krog, Kanigan and Shkrabuik

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: SHKRABUIK

**RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 8:46
P.M. CARRIED.**

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

MAYOR JAKE RAVEN

CITY CLERK – LYNNE BURCH

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