

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING of COUNCIL
MONDAY, MARCH 1, 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.

MOTION: KROG / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING BE RECESSED AT 7:02 P.M. UNTIL AFTER THE MEETING WITH RESIDENTS ADJACENT TO THE GRAND FORKS AIRPORT, DISCUSSING THE REMOVAL OF TREES ON AIRPORT LANDS.

CARRIED.

The meeting reconvened at 7:25

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

- Airport Tree Committee to be brought forward under New Business
- Change the order of the delegations appearing before Council at this meeting.

MOTION: SMITH / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

CARRIED.

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 16, 2004, THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2004, THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY FEBRUARY, 16, 2004 AND THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2004, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:

None

DELEGATIONS:

a) **Gospel Chapel Church – Presentation to Council**

Pastor Henry Klassen, on behalf of the Gospel Chapel Church offered each member of Council a signed book in appreciation of Council's service to the community. Mayor Raven thanked Pastor Klassen on behalf of Council.

b) **J.A. Hutton Elementary Parent Advisory Council – Placement of Sidewalks**

JoAnn Doucette, on behalf of the Hutton Elementary Parent Advisory Council stated that for a number of years the Parent Advisory Council has requested that Council consider the installation of a sidewalk on the north side of 75th Avenue from the School to North Fork Road. She inquired as to the status of the issue. Ms. Doucette, was advised that at the last meeting with school district representatives, the school board was to look into property across from the school to develop a parking lot for the parents to pick up their children and to date Council has not heard back from the school district in this regard.

The CAO stated that there was \$40,000 set aside in 2003 in the event that a sidewalk was required and it was determined by Council that this issue surrounded the manner in which parents were parking in order to pick up children.

Reference was made to a meeting on September 11, 2003. Mayor Raven stated that he would contact Michael Strukoff at the school district office and arrange a meeting with SD representatives, a couple of Councillors and a couple of parents, to discuss a resolution to the problem.

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MOTION: SHKRABUIK / KROG

RESOLVED THAT THE COMMUNICATION FROM THE BOUNDARY WEED MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, DATED FEBRUARY 13, 2004, BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION, INASMUCH AS COUNCIL HAS ALREADY CONSIDERED THE MATTER DURING THE BUDGET DELIBERATIONS AND HAS SINCE ADVISED THE BOUNDARY WEED MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE THAT NO FUNDS HAVE BEEN SET ASIDE FOR THEIR PROGRAM FOR THE YEAR 2004.

CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE:

a) B.C. Wildlife Federation – Canadian Firearms Program

MOTION: SMITH / KANIGAN

RESOLVED THAT THE LETTER DATED FEBRUARY 12, 2004, FROM THE B.C. WILDLIFE FEDERATION, REQUESTING SUPPORT FOR THE LOBBYING OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT REQUESTING THAT THE FIREARMS PROGRAM BE DISBANDED, BE SUPPORTED BY COUNCIL.

CARRIED

b) Grand Forks Secondary School – City of Grand Forks Scholarships

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE GRAND FORKS SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE BE ADVISED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS WISHES TO CONTINUE WITH THE SAME SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT AND CRITERIA BEING 'A SUM OF \$1,000 - \$500 TO BE AWARDED TO EACH OF TWO CANDIDATES PROCEEDING TO A TECHNOLOGY OR VOCATIONAL TRAINING, WHO RESIDE WITHIN THE GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS'.

CARRIED.

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c) Boundary Museum – Request for Canada Day Funding

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE BOUNDARY MUSEUM BE ADVISED THAT COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS HAS SET ASIDE \$700.00 TO ASSIST THE BOUNDARY MUSEUM

WITH EXPENSES INCURRED FOR THE JULY 1ST, 2004 FESTIVITIES IN CELEBRATING CANADA DAY. CARRIED.

d) Boundary Museum – Request for Assistance for Canada Day celebrations

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT MAYOR RAVEN AND ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL BE AUTHORIZED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CANADA DAY OPENING CEREMONIES, TO BE HELD ON JULY 1, 2004. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** THE CITY ASSIST IN PROVIDING BARRICADES, GARBAGE CANS, PICNIC TABLES, BLEACHERS, ETC. **BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT** PERMISSION BE GRANTED TO CLOSE 5TH STREET BETWEEN CENTRAL AND THE POST OFFICE FOR THE CANADA DAY EVENTS. **AND BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT** A COSTING BE PREPARED AND PRESENTED TO COUNCIL ON THE IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS.

CARRIED.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Reports for Information

None

Administrative Reports Requiring Action:

a) Clerk's Report – Strata Title Conversion for 668 – 75th Avenue

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SHKRABUIK

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 PRINCIPLE AND THAT THE APPROVING OFFICER BE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THE CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL (FORM 10).

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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 FURTHER 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.

TABLING MOTION:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KANIGAN

RESOLVED THAT THE FOREGOING MOTION REGARDING STRATA CONVERSIONS BE TABLED UNTIL THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING IN ORDER TO ALLOW STAFF TIME TO RESEARCH THE IMPACT ON THE ASSESSED VALUE OF THE COMPLEX SHOULD STRATA CONVERSION TAKE PLACE.

CARRIED.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Zoning and Planning Committee – Councillor Krog – no report

Parks Advisory Committee – no report

RDKB Representative – no report

Skateboard Park Committee – no report

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

Emergency Program Executive Committee – Mayor Raven – no report

Community Consultative Group Representative

Boundary Economic Development Commission Representative – the Mayor brought forward the minutes of the last meeting of the Boundary Economic Development Commission.

Economic Development Advisory Committee – no report

Communications Advisory Committee – Councillor Gordon – no report
Court House Advisory Committee –
Phoenix Foundation Rep –
Airport Advisory Committee

Finance Committee – Councillor O’Doherty

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

BYLAWS

Bylaw No. 1735 “Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Official Community Plan Designation Bylaw No. 1735, 2003” (previously circulated)

MOTION: O’DOHERTY / KANIGAN

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1735, CITED AS “AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN DESIGNATION BYLAW NO. 1735, 2003, BE GIVEN THIRD AND FINAL READINGS.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

It was suggested that a Committee be struck to be known as the Vienna Woods Tree Committee to further discuss the removal of trees on airport lands. It was determined that three Members of

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Council and three others, including 2 surrounding property owners and the Area D Director, be appointed to make up the Committee. It was determined that representing Council will be Mayor Raven, Councillors Shkrabuik and Smith. It further decided that representing others would be Gene Koch, Pam Harris and Area D Director Tony Lodder.

MOTION: KANIGAN / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE RESOLUTION REGARDING REMOVAL OF TIMBER AT THE GRAND FORKS AIRPORT, ADOPTED BY COUNCIL AT A SPECIAL MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 8, 2003, AND WHICH IS OUTLINED AS FOLLOWS:

“Resolved that McGregor’s Forest Specialties be authorized to remove timber from the airport lands with an unlimited revenue to the City of \$105,000.00”.

BE RESCINDED IN IT’S ENTIRETY.

CARRIED.

IN-CAMERA MEETING:

ADOPTION OF AGENDA FOR IN-CAMERA MEETING:

MOTION: KANIGAN / KROG

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA FOR THE IN-CAMERA MEETING BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

NOTICE:

MOTION: KROG / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT NOTICE OF THE IN-CAMERA MEETING INCLUDED WITH THE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA, CIRCULATED FEBRUARY 26, 2004, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED.

IN-CAMERA RESOLUTION:

MOTION: SMITH / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL CONVENE AN “IN-CAMERA” MEETING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COMMUNITY CHARTER, SECTION 90 (1) FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING:

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- E) 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.

ADJOURNMENT:

Regular Meeting of Council
March 1, 2004

MOTION: SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 8:12
P.M. CARRIED.**

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

MAYOR JAKE RAVEN

CITY CLERK – LYNNE BURCH

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