

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING of COUNCIL

MONDAY, MAY 17, 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:

- Delegation of Grand Forks Rotary Club Members with a presentation on the upcoming Rotary District Conference to be held in Grand Forks in June, brought forward as item no. 5(b).
- Delegation of the Grand Forks Piranhas Swim Club, regarding the proposed 2 month closure of the Aquatic Centre, to be brought forward as item no. 5(c).
- Tony Lodder, Area D representative as item no. 5(d).

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KANIGAN

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED. CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY MAY 3, 2004, AND THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY MAY 10, 2004, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

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**CARRIED.
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BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:

On a question from Councillor Krog, the CAO advised that School District No. 51 has not replied to Council's letter requesting a response to the options discussed on September 11, 2003 as to the traffic situations at Hutton School. On a second question from Councillor Krog, the CAO advised that a letter has been sent to the Grand Forks and District Recreation Commission requesting that Aquatic Centre remain open for the month of August, and to date there has been no reply from the Commission.

RESOLUTIONS FROM IN-CAMERA MEETINGS:

None

DELEGATIONS:

a) Hutton Parent Advisory Council – Request for Sidewalk along 75th Avenue

JoAnn Doucette of the Hutton Parent Advisory Committee appeared before Council, requesting the status of the matter involving a proposed sidewalk along 75th Avenue, adjacent to Hutton School. The Mayor read a letter to the meeting sent by the City addressed to SD 51 requesting the Board's response to the options proposed for the traffic situation at Hutton School. Discussion ensued as to the safety issue surrounding traffic at Hutton School. The Parent Advisory Committee representative stated the PAC's concern about children walking to and from school. It was suggested that another meeting with the Board of School Trustees to discuss options should be scheduled. Ms. Doucette was advised by Members of Council that at the last meeting with the Board of Trustees, it was left with the Board to explore the stated options, and to date Council has not received the reply from School District 51. The Mayor thanked Ms. Doucette for her presentation.

b) Grand Forks Rotary Club – Rotary District Conference in Grand Forks

Tim O'Doherty, Co-Chair of the Conference Committee, of the Grand Forks Rotary Club made a presentation on the upcoming Rotary District Conference scheduled to be held in Grand Forks June 25 – 27, 2004. He advised that the 400 – 500 people are expected to attend the conference. At this time, he thanked Council for the \$2,000.00 contribution towards the cost of the Conference.

c) Piranhas Swim Club – Opening of the Grand Forks Aquatic Centre

Tess Dergousoff, of the Piranhas Swim Club began the presentation by stating that three speakers would make presentations on behalf of the Club, on the impact of the closure of the pool. **Dr. David Merry** spoke on the health benefits of the aquatic centre and stated that the closure of the centre will impact on the health of the community. He requested that Council do all they can to minimize the closure of the pool. **Greg Harasemow** spoke of the impacts that the closure of the aquatic centre will have on the Grand Forks Piranhas Swim Club. **Cora Evers**, Aquatic Supervisor stated that the community is positive about the facility and that the Staff is remaining positive about the continued opening of the facility. Council stated that it was their intention that the pool facility will remain open for the month of August.

d) Area D, Director Tony Lodder – Aquatic Centre Closure

Director Lodder presented a prepared statement, which is attached to these minutes, on the funding of the Aquatic Centre. He suggested that the pool remain open for five days a week as opposed to 7 days per week. He felt that this would save \$90,000. He wished to see this new schedule begin June 1st. He felt that this would allow the aquatic centre to remain open all year round. Discussion ensued as to funding all recreation facilities.

COMMUNICATION FOR INFORMATION:

CORRESPONDENCE:

a) District of Port Hardy – Off shore oil and Gas Development

MOTION: KROG / SMITH

WHEREAS THE ECONOMIC STABILITY OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA DEPENDS UPON ITS RESOURCES AND;

WHEREAS THE CURRENT MORATORIA ON OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS RESTRICTS POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF A COASTAL RESOURCE;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS CALL UPON THE PRIDDLE PANEL TO RECOMMEND TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA THE LIFTING OF THE FEDERAL MORATORIUM ON OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS. AND BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT THIS SUPPORT LETTER BE COPIED TO THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT.

CARRIED.

b) B.C. Disability Sports – Bid to Host BC Disability Games

MOTION: SMITH / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE LETTER, DATED APRIL 27, 2004, FROM BC DISABILITY SPORTS, INVITING THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS TO BID ON THE HOSTING OF THE BC DISABILITY GAMES IN 2006, 2007, 2008 OR 2009, BE RECEIVED AND REFERRED TO THE GRAND FORKS 2010 OLYMPIC COMMITTEE.

CARRIED.

c) Grand Forks Secondary School – Scholarship Recipients

MOTION: SMITH / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE GRAND FORKS SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE, DATED MAY 10, 2004, REGARDING THE 2003-2004 CITY OF GRAND FORKS SCHOLARSHIPS BE RECEIVED. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT MAYOR RAVEN OR HIS DESIGNATE BE AUTHORIZED TO PRESENT THE SCHOLARSHIPS AT THE GRADUATION CEREMONY ON SATURDAY MAY 29TH, 2004 ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS.

CARRIED.

d) Powerhouse Developments Inc. – Endangered Species Listing of Speckled Dace

MOTION: GORDON / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE LETTER, DATED MAY 11, 2004, FROM POWERHOUSE DEVELOPMENTS INC., ADVISING THAT THEY HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED THAT MAY 18TH IS THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS REGARDING THE ENDANGERED SPECIES LISTING FOR SPECKLED DACE, BE RECEIVED. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A LETTER BE WRITTEN TO THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES AND OCEANS, THE MP AND THE MLA, REQUESTING THAT THIS CLOSING DATE FOR PUBLIC INPUT, BE EXTENDED.

CARRIED.

e) Grand Forks and District Recreation Commission – Public Information Bulletin posted at the Aquatic Centre

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE LETTER, DATED MAY 4, 2004 FROM THE GRAND FORKS AND DISTRICT RECREATION COMMISSION REGARDING THE PUBLIC INFORMATION BULLETIN POSTED AT THE AQUATIC CENTRE BE RECEIVED. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE GRAND FORKS & DISTRICT RECREATION COMMISSION BE ADVISED THAT THE CITY, TO THE BEST OF

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IT'S KNOWLEDGE, HAS NEVER PASSED A RESOLUTION REFUSING TO HOLD A REFERENDUM ON THE FUNDING OF THE AQUATIC CENTRE. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS REQUEST THE RECREATION COMMISSION TO TAKE WHATEVER STEPS ARE NECESSARY, TO ENSURE THAT THE FACILITY IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST. REPLY DEADLINE BY MAY 25TH TO BE INCLUDED, REPLY TO INCLUDE WHAT OPTIONS WERE CONSIDERED BY THE COMMISSION.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Reports for Information:

None

Administrative Reports Requiring Action:

- a) **Clerk's Report – RDKB Bylaw Referral – Bylaw #1234 Amendment to the Big White Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaws**

MOTION: GORDON / KANIGAN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ADVISE THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY, THROUGH THEIR BYLAW REFERRAL FORM PROCESS, THAT THEIR PROPOSED BYLAW NO. 1234, AMENDMENT TO THE BIG WHITE OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN, AND THEIR PROPOSED BYLAW 1235, AMENDMENT TO THE RDKB ZONING BYLAW, INTENDED TO ACCOMMODATE A SCHOOL SITE AT BIG WHITE, DOES NOT AFFECT THE INTERESTS OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS.

CARRIED.

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- b) **Deputy Clerk's Report – Notice of Unsafe Structure and Request to Bring Property up to Standards Provided for the Bylaw 1737.**

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVE THE BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT, DATED APRIL 30, 2004, REGARDING THE PROPERTY AT 677 – 64TH AVENUE, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOTS 8 AND 9, BLOCK 37, PLAN 108, DL 534, S.D.Y.D., OWNED BY LUCY ROUSE.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 677 – 64TH AVENUE, BE DECLARED AN UNSAFE STRUCTURE, AND REMEDIAL ACTION BE IMPOSED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 3, DIVISION 12 OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER.

AND BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT MS. ROUSE OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA, THE PROPERTY OWNER, BE SERVED NOTICE BY REGISTERED MAIL REQUIRING THAT THE STRUCTURE ON THE PROPERTY BE DEMOLISHED WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE RECEIPT OF THE REGISTERED LETTER, AND FURTHER ADVISING THAT, IF THE STRUCTURE IS NOT DEMOLISHED WITHIN THE 30 DAY PERIOD, THE MUNICIPALITY MAY TAKE ACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROVISIONS OUTLINED IN THE COMMUNITY CHARTER.

AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT MS. ROUSE BE ADVISED THAT SHE MAY REQUEST RECONSIDERATION BY COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 78 OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER.

CARRIED.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

a) Memorandum to Council – Request for Status of the CourtHouse Use Committee

Mayor spoke to his memorandum circulated with the agenda about the future use of the Grand Forks Courthouse. Requested that the Committee meet at the earliest opportunity. Councillor Gordon Chair stated that a meeting could be scheduled for noon on Friday, May 21, 2004.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Zoning and Planning Committee – Councillor Krog – no report

Parks Advisory Committee – no report

RDKB Representative – no report

Skateboard Park Committee – Councillor Krog reported that the construction supervisor for Skateboard Park has arrived in Grand Forks and will be working with the Committee members this week. Equipment is being arranged for and should be on-site Tuesday or Wednesday.

Bylaw Review Committee – Councillor Smith – no report

Grand Forks & District Recreation Commission Representative – no report

Economic Development Committee - Councillor Shkrabuik –no report

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

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

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

Airport Advisory Committee – Councillor Gordon reported that Transport Canada has completed their inspection of the Grand Forks Airport and with little exception, there are no problems. She advised that the AWOS can be tapped into from Vancouver and from Vancouver airport officials are able to provide information on weather conditions in Grand Forks from that location. Councillor Gordon also advised that Transport Canada will be conducting an inspection of the Trail Airport shortly.

Finance Committee – Councillor O’Doherty – no report

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

BYLAWS

- a) **Bylaw No. 1750 cited as the “City of Grand Forks Water Regulations and Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 1750, 2004”**

MOTION: SMITH / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1750, CITED AS THE “CITY OF GRAND FORKS WATER REGULATIONS AND RATES AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1750, 2004”, BE FINALLY ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Regular Meeting of Council
May 17, 2004

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 8:14
P.M. CARRIED.**

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

MAYOR JAKE RAVEN

CITY CLERK – LYNNE BURCH