

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

**SPECIAL MEETING of COUNCIL  
TUESDAY MAY 25, 2004**

PRESENT: MAYOR JAKE RAVEN  
COUNCILLOR ANN GORDON  
COUNCILLOR NEIL KROG – ARRIVED AT 5:02 P.M.  
COUNCILLOR TOM SHKRABUIK  
COUNCILLOR BOB SMITH

CAO J. Lambie  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK D. Attorp

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The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

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**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

- Letter from the Grand Forks and District Recreation Commission

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA FOR MEETING:**

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.**

CARRIED.

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**ADOPTION OF MEETING NOTICE:**

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / GORDON

**RESOLVED THAT THE NOTICE OF MEETING DATED MAY 21, 2004, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.**

CARRIED.

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**BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION:**

**Letter from the Grand Forks and District Recreation Commission:**

Council members discussed the resolution contained in the letter from the Grand Forks and District Recreation Commission dated May 25, 2004.

Concern was expressed as the resolution states that "...the stakeholders acknowledge and accept the associated costs ..." but there is no indication of what the cost might be. Council concurred that they would like to have the input of Area D Director Tony Lodder on this matter. It was agreed that Mr. Lodder be invited to the Special Meeting on May 31.

Discussion ensued with regard to the annual maintenance performed at the Aquatic Centre and if the shut down of three weeks is longer than required to undertake this maintenance. Council enquired as to the status of the new piece of equipment that was recently purchased to reduce gas consumption at the Aquatic Centre. Councillor Shkrabuik said that there won't be cost savings in the immediate future and that there probably won't be a return on this piece of equipment for approximately three years.

MOTION: SMITH / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT STAFF BE DIRECTED TO RESPOND TO THE LETTER FROM THE GRAND FORKS AND DISTRICT RECREATION COMMISSION REQUESTING DETAILS ON THE DURATION AND SCOPE OF MAINTENANCE AT THE AQUATIC CENTRE, AS WELL AS AN ESTIMATE OF THE ASSOCIATED COST OF THAT MAINTENANCE. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT CLARIFICATION BE REQUESTED ON THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE STATEMENT CONTAINED IN THE LETTER THAT THE "STAKEHOLDERS ACKNOWLEDGE AND ACCEPT THE ASSOCIATED COSTS OF THIS ACTION" WITH A REPLY REQUESTED BY MAY 31. BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT THE CITY SUGGEST TO THE RECREATION COMMISSION THAT THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF THE AQUATIC CENTRE COMMENCE ON SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> RATHER THAN AUGUST 21<sup>ST</sup>.

CARRIED.

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**Grand Forks Aquatic Centre Referendum**

Council members discussed the proposed resolution on the agenda. It was suggested that all recreation functions be amalgamated under one budget, rather than each function having its own budget. It was suggested that having one budget would eliminate the need for a cap.

Discussion ensued regarding raising the cap on funding for the Aquatic Centre. Councillor Krog reiterated that, if the cap is raised \$100,000, that doesn't mean that the entire amount is required to be expended each year. Councillors discussed whether \$400,000 was enough of a lift in the cap

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It was suggested that the split between Area D and the City of Grand Forks, currently 38% for Area D and 62% for the City, be re-examined to ensure that it is still appropriate.

Staff were directed to get clarification from the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary on the tax rate option of 0.6974/1000 option and report back to Council.

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT DISCUSSION ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION ON THE AGENDA REGARDING THE GRAND FORKS AQUATIC CENTRE SERVICE REFERENDUM BE DEFERRED UNTIL THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL SCHEDULED FOR MAY 31, 2004. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT AREA D DIRECTOR TONY LODDER BE INVITED TO ATTEND THE SPECIAL MEETING

CARRIED.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: SHKRABUIK

**RESOLVED THAT THIS SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 5:55 P.M.**

CARRIED.

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MAYOR JAKE RAVEN

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DEPUTY CITY CLERK – DAWN ATTORP