

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING of COUNCIL
MONDAY, MAY 3, 2004

PRESENT: MAYOR JAKE RAVEN
COUNCILLOR ANN GORDON
COUNCILLOR MIKE KANIGAN
COUNCILLOR NEIL KROG
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:

- 2 Resolutions from the Economic Development Advisory Committee to be brought forward as recommendations from the Committee under item no. 11(b)
- Letter from the Grand Forks Art Gallery to be brought forward under correspondence, item no. 6(i)
- Letter from Sunshine Communications to be brought forward under correspondence, item no. 6(j)
- Items regarding the Grand Forks Aquatic Centre under New Business

MOTION: GORDON / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED. CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: KANIGAN / KROG

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY APRIL 19, 2004, THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY APRIL 19, 2004, AND THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF

COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY APRIL 28, 2004, BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.
CARRIED.

Prior to the question being called, Council pointed out errors in the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 19, 2004, being a typing error on page 5200 under the Deputy Clerk's report, and on page 5203 stating that it was the intention of Council that Sprinkling hours be amended in the evening from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:

None

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 Council appeared before Council, requesting the installation of a sidewalk along 75th Avenue, adjacent to Hutton School. She referred to her letter of April 27, 2004, inquiring as to the past actions of Council on this particular project. At the request of the Mayor, the CAO responded that Council has met with School District 51 Trustees and discussed several options to address safety. The Parent Advisory Council reiterated their position of the necessity for the sidewalk for children that walk to and from school. On a question from the delegation, it was clarified by the CAO that at this point in time, Council does not have \$40,000 in general revenue surplus for a sidewalk. It was stated that at a meeting with School District representatives, a plan was discussed that would extend the sidewalk on north side of 75th. It was stated that the School District did not agree with this plan, as it would interfere with busing.

MOTION: KANIGAN / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE LETTER FROM JOHN A. HUTTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL, REGARDING A PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF SIDEWALK ON 75TH AVENUE ADJACENT TO HUTTON SCHOOL, BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION. NEGATED.

MOTION: KROG / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT A LETTER BE FORWARDED TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT #51, REQUESTING THEIR PREFERRED ALTERNATIVES TO THE SIDEWALK INSTALLATION AT HUTTON SCHOOL.

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATION FOR INFORMATION:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Nadine Heiberg – Watering Restrictions

MOTION: SMITH / KANIGAN

RESOLVED THAT THE LETTER FROM NADINE HEIBERG, RECEIVED APRIL 27, 2004, BE RECEIVED. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT STAFF BE DIRECTED TO RESPOND TO MS. HEIBERG, EXPLAINING THE RATIONALE FOR WATERING RESTRICTIONS, AS WELL AS THE ALLOWANCE FOR WATERING TO ESTABLISH A NEW LAWN.

CARRIED.

Suggested that Staff send the article written for the Gazette on water use.

b) Municipal Pension Retirees Association – Group Health Benefits

MOTION: SMITH / KANIGAN

RESOLVED THAT THE LETTER FROM THE MUNICIPAL PENSION RETIREES ASSOCIATION, REQUESTING THAT COUNCIL SUPPORT THE ASSOCIATION IN THEIR ENDEAVOUR TO HAVE THEIR GROUP HEALTH BENEFITS FUNDED AT THE 1994 LEVELS, BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION.

CARRIED.

c) Boundary Child Care Resource and Referral – Toddle-a-thon

MOTION: SMITH / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE LETTER DATED APRIL 13, 2004 FROM THE BOUNDARY CHILD CARE RESOURCE AND REFERRAL REQUESTING PERMISSION TO HOLD THE ANNUAL TODDLE-A-THON BE RECEIVED. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE STREET CLOSURES AS REQUESTED, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF HOLDING THE

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TODDLE-A-THON ON TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2004 AT 10:00 AM., WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE RCMP AND THE FIRE CHIEF. BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT MAYOR AND COUNCIL AND THE FIRE CHIEF BE AUTHORIZED TO PARTICIPATE AT THEIR DISCRETION.

CARRIED.

It was determined that Councillor Smith will represent Council at the Toddle-a-thon

d) Council of Senior Citizens' Organizations of BC – Royal Commission on the Future of Healthcare in Canada

MOTION: GORDON / SHKRABUIK

WHEREAS THE UNDER-FUNDING, THE DE-LISTING OF SERVICES AND PRIVATIZATION HAS DETERIORATED CANADA'S UNIVERSAL HEALTHCARE SYSTEM AND PUT IT INTO SERIOUS JEOPARDY, AND

WHEREAS THE ROYAL COMMISSION ON THE FUTURE OF HEALTHCARE IN CANADA, HEADED BY THE HONOURABLE ROY ROMANOW, HAS PRESENTED A BLUEPRINT TO CORRECT, PRESERVE AND ENHANCE CANADA'S HEALTHCARE SYSTEM;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS ENDORSE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION ON THE FUTURE OF HEALTHCARE IN CANADA CHAIRED BY THE HONOURABLE ROY ROMANOW, AND **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS COMMENDS THE COUNCIL OF SENIOR CITIZENS' ORGANIZATIONS OF BC FOR ITS EFFORTS TO HAVE IMPLEMENTED INTO FEDERAL LEGISLATION ALL THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION ON THE FUTURE OF HEALTHCARE IN CANADA.

CARRIED.

e) Yvonne Konar, GFSS German Exchange Program – Request for funding

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE LETTER FROM YVONNE KONAR, REQUESTING COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION IN MAKING A \$500.00 CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE COST OF HOSTING GERMAN EXCHANGE STUDENTS, FROM SPREE-NEISSE, GERMANY, BE RECEIVED. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT \$500.00 BE DONATED TO THE GROUP TO HELP DEFRAY EXPENSES.

Prior to the question being called, discussion ensued as to the City's role the last time that exchange students visited from the Spremberg region, Grand Forks' Sister City. The motion was withdrawn with the consent of the table.

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MOTION: KROG / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE GFSS GERMAN EXCHANGE PROGRAM COORDINATOR BE ADVISED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS WILL HOST A LUNCHEON IN CITY HALL, IN CONJUNCTION WITH A TOUR OF CITY HALL, FOR THE GERMAN EXCHANGE PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS.

- f) Letter from residents in the vicinity of the skateboard park – Concern regarding excessive noise emanating from the park.**

MOTION: KROG / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE LETTER FROM THE RESIDENTS LIVING ADJACENT TO THE SKATEBOARD PARK DEVELOPMENT, EXPRESSING CONCERNS OF EXCESSIVE NOISE FROM THE PARK USERS, BE RECEIVED AND FORWARDED TO THE SKATEBOARD PARK COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

- g) Rosemary Phillips – Concerts in the Park**

MOTION: SMITH / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT PERMISSION BE GRANTED TO ROSEMARY PHILLIPS TO HOLD CONCERTS IN CITY PARK, COMMENCING JUNE 23, 2004, AS PER HER OUTLINED PROPOSAL, FOR A PERIOD OF FOUR WEEKS, AT WHICH TIME COUNCIL WILL EVALUATE THE EVENT AND DETERMINE IF PERMISSION WILL BE GRANTED TO CONTINUE THE CONCERT SERIES FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SUMMER SEASON. CARRIED.

- h) Grand Forks Art Gallery – Invitations to a Special Reception**

MOTION: KANIGAN / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE INVITATION FROM THE GRAND FORKS ART GALLERY TO ATTEND A SPECIAL RECEPTION AND TO MEET THE ARTISTS AT 7:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY MAY 26, 2004 IN HONOUR OF THE EXHIBITION “WAKING, DREAMING, DOING”, FEATURING WORKS BY MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN ACADEMY OF ARTS BE RECEIVED. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT MEMBERS OF COUNCIL BE AUTHORIZED TO ATTEND THE RECEPTION AT THEIR DISCRETION CARRIED.

i) Grand Forks Art Gallery

MOTION: GORDON / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE REQUEST FROM THE GRAND FORKS ART GALLERY FOR A LETTER IN SUPPORT OF THE GALLERY'S B.C. LOTTERIES CORPORATION GRANT APPLICATION, BE RECEIVED. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A LETTER OF SUPPORT BE FORWARDED TO THE GRAND FORKS ART GALLERY AS REQUESTED. CARRIED.

MOTION: GORDON / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE LETTER FROM SUNSHINE COMMUNICATIONS INQUIRING AS TO WHY CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS HAVE CEASED BEING AIRED ON THE CITY COUNCIL CHANNEL 11, BE RECEIVED. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT STAFF BE DIRECTED TO INQUIRE WITH SUNSHINE COMMUNICATIONS AS TO WHAT THEIR ADVICE WOULD BE ON THE APPROPRIATE SOUND SYSTEM FOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS. CARRIED.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Reports for Information:

None

Administrative Reports Requiring Action:

None

MAYOR'S REPORT:

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Zoning and Planning Committee – Councillor Krog – no report
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Parks Advisory Committee – no report

RDKB Representative – Councillor Krog reported that he attended an RDKB board meeting last Thursday and went on to advise that at that meeting, the Board received a delegation from Carol Suhan who has done a waste management study on recycling.

Skateboard Park Committee – Councillor Krog reported that a skateboard park meeting was held recently and that the Committee is getting ready for construction to begin on the skateboard park. He advised that the Committee is waiting for a response on the price of steel from Unifab. He stated that letters have been sent to Electoral Area Directors requesting financial contributions to the Skateboard Park development from Electoral Areas C,D, and E.

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 – Councillor Shkrabuik reported on the discussions of the Referendum Committee. He suggested that the Committee’s intention of sending a letter to the Recreation Commission requesting their suggestions for reducing the Aquatic Centre’s closure time to that period required for maintenance only should proceed, even though it has been brought to Council’s attention that the Area D Director is not in favour of co-signing the letter.

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / KROG

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS SEND A LETTER TO THE GRAND FORKS & DISTRICT RECREATION COMMISSION REQUESTING THAT THE COMMISSION PROVIDE OPTIONS FOR REDUCING THE AQUATIC CENTRE’S PERIOD OF CLOSURE TO THAT PERIOD REQUIRED FOR MAINTENANCE ONLY.

CARRIED.

Emergency Program Executive Committee – Mayor Raven – no report

Community Consultative Group Representative

Boundary Economic Development Commission Representative – Mayor Raven advised that the minutes from the last meeting Boundary Economic Development Commission are attached to this agenda for the information of Council Members.

Economic Development Advisory Committee – the Mayor brought forward recommendations from the Economic Development Advisory Committee.

MOTION: KROG / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS APPROACH AREA ‘D’ WITH A SUGGESTION TO INSTITUTE AN OPEN BURNING BAN, WITH ONE WEEK OF BURNING BEING PERMITTED IN THE SPRING AND ONE WEEK OF BURNING BEING PERMITTED IN THE FALL.

CARRIED.

MOTION: GORDON / KROG

RESOLVED THAT THE LETTER TO THE MAYOR FROM MR. ROY RONAGHAN BE FORWARDED TO COUNCIL WITH THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S ENDORSEMENT. CARRIED.

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MOTION: KANIGAN / KROG

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DETERMINE THAT THE COMMITTEE BE RESTRUCTURED TO INCLUDE 3 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, BEING COUNCILLORS SHRABUIK, KANIGAN, AND MAYOR RAVEN. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE 3 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL CONSULT WITH EXISTING COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO DETERMINE IF THEY WISH TO CONTINUE SITTING ON THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, REPORTING TO COUNCIL. CARRIED.

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Late Items – Other recommendations from the Economic Development Advisory Committee

MOTION: KROG / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS, IN CONJUNCTION WITH AREA D OF THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY ENTER INTO IMMEDIATE DISCUSSIONS TO REALIGN THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS BOUNDARIES AND FURTHER, THAT BOTH PARTIES ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EAST BOUNDARY JOINT PLANNING COMMITTEE.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE DESIGNATED INDUSTRIAL USE, INCLUDING CURRENTLY ZONED INDUSTRIAL LANDS BE DEFINED IN THEIR USAGE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EAST BOUNDARY JOINT PLANNING PROJECT, SPECIFICALLY THAT "POLICY INITIATIVES FOR SUSTAINABLE GROWTH SHOULD NOT COMPROMISE THE AREA'S ENVIRONMENT, INCLUDING WATER AND AIR QUALITY."

Prior to the question being called a lengthy discussion ensued.

MOTION: KROG / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION, INTENDING TO REALIGN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS IN CONJUNCTION WITH ELECTORAL AREA 'D', BE POSTPONED INDEFINITELY.

CARRIED.

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / KROG

RESOLVED THAT THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE THAT COUNCIL TAKE DOWN AND REPLACE THE SASHA SIGN LOCATED ON HIGHWAY 3 TO THE WEST OF THE CITY LIMITS, AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$2500, BE REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CARRIED.

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

Airport Advisory Committee – Councillor Gordon reported on a note from Transport Canada on the status of the AWOS. She advised that the Wind Sensor can now be advertised. She reported on a meeting in Trail with Northern Hawk Air, and further reported that the Trail Airport requires certification for Northern Hawk Air to provide scheduled air service to Trail. She advised that it has been suggested to Northern Hawk Air that Grand Forks be considered as an alternate airport. Councillor Krog advised that Councillor Ann Gordon was appointed to RDKB airport committee.

Finance Committee – Councillor O’Doherty – no report

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

BYLAWS

- a) **Bylaw No. 1749 cited as the “2004 Annual Tax Rates Bylaw**

MOTION: SMITH / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1749, CITED AS THE “2004 ANNUAL TAX RATES BYLAW”, BE GIVEN FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

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CONVENE AN IN-CAMERA MEETING:

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MOTION: KANIGAN / KROG

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

- E) THE ACQUISITION, DISPOSITION OR EXPROPRIATION OF LAND OR IMPROVEMENTS, AS 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:

MOTION: KANIGAN

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 8:34 P.M.

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

MAYOR JAKE RAVEN

CITY CLERK – LYNNE BURCH