

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

**SPECIAL MEETING of COUNCIL  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2004**

PRESENT:                   MAYOR JAKE RAVEN  
                                  COUNCILLOR ANN GORDON  
                                  COUNCILLOR NEIL KROG  
                                  COUNCILLOR MICHAEL C. KANIGAN  
                                  COUNCILLOR TOM SHKRABUIK  
                                  COUNCILLOR BOB SMITH

                                  CAO   J. Lambie  
                                  CITY CLERK                                   L. Burch  
                                  FIRE CHIEF                                   B. Macgregor

                                  R.D.K.B. DIRECTOR OF FINANCE    B. McKay

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The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

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**ADOPTION OF AGENDA FOR SPECIAL MEETING:**

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

- None

MOTION:        SHKRABUIK / KROG

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

CARRIED.

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**ADOPTION OF MEETING NOTICE:**

MOTION:        KROG / SHKRABUIK

**RESOLVED THAT** THE NOTICE OF MEETING DATED NOVEMBER 18, 2004, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

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**BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION:**

**Regional District of Kootenay Boundary – Emergency Planning Service Bylaw**

Discussion ensued, with questions being fielded by Bruce McKay, Director of Finance of the RDKB, and Blair Macgregor the City's Fire Chief.

Mr. McKay suggested that a \$100,000 annual budget may be appropriate in the first year, based on Thompson Nicola Regional District's Emergency Plan service already in place. Mr. McKay confirmed that City of Grand Forks' share is approximately 8%. He stated that in the first year, federal funding is available for emergency planning. He stated that he felt that in first year approximately \$50,000 would have to come from taxpayers. Mr. McKay stated that he felt that this amount would probably equate to less than \$2.00 per household on the annual tax bill. He advised that the Grand Forks share would be based on assessed values.

The Fire Chief suggested that under the proposed regional emergency planning service, the area would pay for the administration of the service rather than just the City.

He further advised that if there was a regional emergency, and City did supply equipment and staff, the City would recover full costs, if the regional plan provided for the commandeering of municipal resources.

Discussion of a proposed regional emergency plan vis a vis the City having their own emergency plan ensued.

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MOTION: GORDON / SHKRABUIK

WHEREAS PURSUANT TO THE EMERGENCY PROGRAM ACT R.S.B.C. 1996, C.111, A REGIONAL DISTRICT IS REQUIRED TO PREPARE OR CAUSE TO BE PREPARED LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANS RESPECTING PREPARATION FOR, RESPONSE TO AND RECOVERY FROM EMERGENCIES AND DISASTERS AND IS REQUIRED TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN AN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT EMERGENCY PLANS AND OTHER PREPARATIONS, RESPONSE AND RECOVERY MEASURES FOR EMERGENCIES AND DISASTERS;

AND WHEREAS THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS DEEMS IT ADVISABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN A REGIONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND RECOVERY PLAN(S) SERVICE WITH THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY ELECTORAL AREAS 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E' AND THE CITIES OF TRAIL, ROSSLAND, AND GREENWOOD AND THE VILLAGES OF FRUITVALE, MONTROSE, WARFIELD AND MIDWAY AS PARTICIPANTS;

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AND WHEREAS THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS ACKNOWLEDGES THAT SECTION 800.1(2)(E) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT EXEMPTS THE BYLAW FROM THE REQUIREMENT TO SET OUT THE MAXIMUM REQUISITION AMOUNT;

AND WHEREAS THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE COST OF THE SERVICE WILL BE RECOVERED AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 803 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, BY ONE OR A COMBINATION THEREOF OF THE FOLLOWING:

- A) PROPERTY VALUE TAXES IMPOSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH DIVISION 4.3 OF PART 24 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT;
- B) PARCEL TAX IMPOSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH DIVISION 4.3 OF PART 24 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT;
- C) FEES AND CHARGES IMPOSED UNDER SECTION 363 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT;
- D) REVENUES RECEIVED BY WAY OF AGREEMENT, ENTERPRISE, GIFT, GRANT OR OTHERWISE;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS IN OPEN MEETING ASSEMBLED CONSENTS TO THE ADOPTION OF REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY BYLAW NO. 1256 BEING A BYLAW TO ESTABLISH AN EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND RECOVERY PLAN(S) SERVICE.

SUBJECT TO THE BYLAW BEING STRUCTURED SO AS TO ALLOW THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS TO BE EXCUSED FROM THE SERVICE AT A LATER DATE, SHOULD COUNCIL SO CHOOSE. CARRIED.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: SHKRABUIK

**RESOLVED THAT THIS SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 5:46 P.M.**

CARRIED.

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**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

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MAYOR JAKE RAVEN

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CITY CLERK – LYNNE BURCH