THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

SPECIAL MEETING of COUNCIL MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2004

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

CAO J. Lambie CITY CLERK L. Burch

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA FOR SPECIAL MEETING:

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

• None

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF MEETING NOTICE:

MOTION: KROG / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE NOTICE OF MEETING DATED NOVEMBER 4, 2004, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

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BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION:

Application for Subdivision in the Agricultural Land Reserve

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE APPLICATION FOR SUBDIVISION IN THE AGRICULTURAL LAND RESERVE FOR PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 2, PLAN 5090, DISTRICT LOT 520, SIMILKAMEEN DIVISION OF YALE LAND DISTRICT, EXCEPT PLANS 5210, 8653, 11971, 12795, 13376, 19535, 21583, 23494 AND 38138 AND EXCEPT PARTS OUTLINED RED ON PLANS B7375 & E10098, AS SUBMITTED BY SCHOOL DISTRICT 51, ON BEHALF OF THE PROPERTY OWNER, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE APPLICATION BE AUTHORIZED TO PROCEED AND THAT STAFF BE DIRECTED TO FORWARD THE APPLICATION ALONG WITH THE REQUIRED LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORT, TO THE AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION.

CARRIED.

MOTION: KROG / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY'S LEGAL COUNSEL, WOODWARD WALKER, BE REQUESTED TO WRITE A LETTER TO THE GRAND FORKS GAZETTE, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS, EXPRESSING COUNCIL'S CONCERNS REGARDING AN INCIDENT WHEREIN A MEMBER OF CITY STAFF WAS SUBJECTED TO BEING RECORDED IN AN INTERVIEW WITHOUT THEIR KNOWLEDGE.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT WOODWARD WALKER BE REQUESTED TO ADVISE THE GRAND FORKS GAZETTE THAT FUTURE REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION FROM STAFF, WILL BE PROVIDED IN WRITING UPON A WRITTEN REQUEST.

CARRIED.

Mayor Raven voted against the motion, stating that he felt that the proposed letter should be sent to all media, and further that he was opposed to the resolution as the Gazette Reporter involved was not personally advised of Council's concerns, nor was she approached for her version of the incident.

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MOTION: KANIGAN / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE LETTER, PROPOSED TO BE DIRECTED TO THE GRAND FORKS GAZETTE, FROM THE CITY'S LEGAL COUNSEL WOODWARD WALKER, OUTLINING COUNCIL'S CONCERNS REGARDING AN INCIDENT WHEREIN A MEMBER OF CITY STAFF WAS SUBJECTED TO BEING RECORDED IN AN INTERVIEW WITHOUT THEIR KNOWLEDGE TO DIRECTED TO THE HEAD OFFICE OF THE GRAND FORKS GAZETTE. CARRIED.

Mayor Raven voted against the resolution.

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ADJOURNMENT:		

MOTION: GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THIS SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 5:39 P.M.

CARRIED.

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<u>CERTIFIED CORRECT</u>:

MAYOR JAKE RAVEN

CITY CLERK – LYNNE BURCH

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