

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING of COUNCIL
MONDAY OCTOBER 18, 2004

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR BOB SMITH – ACTING MAYOR
COUNCILLOR ANN GORDON
COUNCILLOR MIKE KANIGAN
COUNCILLOR NEIL KROG
COUNCILLOR PATRICK O'DOHERTY
COUNCILLOR TOM SHKRABUIK

CAO - J. Lambie
CITY CLERK – L. Burch

GALLERY

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

IN-CAMERA RESOLUTION:

MOTION: KANIGAN / SHKRABUIK

THAT COUNCIL RESOLVE TO CONVENE AN IN-CAMERA MEETING AS OUTLINED UNDER:

- SECTION 90 (1) (E) OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER, TO DISCUSS THE ACQUISITION, DISPOSITION OR EXPROPRIATION OF LAND OR IMPROVEMENTS, IF 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.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KANIGAN

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING BE RECESSED AT 6:03 IN ORDER TO CONDUCT THE CLOSED IN-CAMERA MEETING AND THAT THE REGULAR MEETING RECONVENE AT 7:00 P.M.

CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

- None

MOTION: GORDON / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

Councillor Gordon pointed out a mistake in the minutes on page 5295 stating that the decommissioning of the DME is not due to the AWOS.

MOTION: KROG / KANIGAN

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2004 BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

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MOTION: KROG / KANIGAN

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2004, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES: None

RESOLUTIONS FROM IN-CAMERA MEETING: None

DELEGATIONS:

Staff Sgt. Al Olsen – Grand Forks RCMP Update

Staff Sgt. Olsen was welcomed to the meeting and began his presentation by providing background on himself. He stated that he has been with the RCMP for 33, mostly in small areas, such as Grand Forks. He advised that he is planning on retiring here.

He reported on a new computer system called CRIME, which has been implemented in the Nelson detachment area to obtain stats and reports. He presented crime statistics report, for the Grand Forks area, a copy of which is attached to this minutes. He stated that most crimes in the Grand Forks area are very low in numbers. He stated that the biggest crime in the area is vandalism and property damage. He stated that he would like Grand Forks residents to understand that crime in

Grand Forks is on the low end, and the residents should not be afraid or concerned about living in Grand Forks. On a question from Council he stated there is nothing to show that we have repeat offenders. Discussion on the problem with youth drinking at the skateboard park. Sgt. Olsen stated that the problem is a police problem and they need to make sure that resources are targeted to be at the skateboard park more often. Acting Mayor Smith thanked Staff Sgt. Olsen for his presentation.

Boundary Communities Read/Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy

Christy Luke adult literacy coordinator, made a presentation to Council on the Boundary Communities Read/Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy project. She advised that the Columbia basin alliance for literacy goes from Grand Forks to Valemont to the Alberta border and west to Rock Creek, encompassing 17 communities. To promote literacy and life long learning throughout the Columbia basin.

She referred to a brochure previously circulated to Council which invited all members of Council and others to an event called Literacy Now. She advised that the planning session is intended to develop a plan of what we would like see in Grand Forks area. She concluded by expressing the fact that this is not intended to be a public event, and to further raise the issue of literacy and to invite council members to attend the session on November 3. Acting Mayor Smith thanked Ms. Luke for taking the time to come and make this presentation to Council.

COMMUNICATION FOR INFORMATION:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KANIGAN

RESOLVED THAT THE CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS 6A, LETTER FROM B.C. HYDRO ON THE ACQUISITION OF INTERESTS IN COLUMBIA BASIN POWER PROJECTS, 6B, LETTER FROM THE MINISTER OF COMMUNITY, ABORIGINAL AND WOMEN'S SERVICES – MEETING AT U.B.C.M., AND 6C LETTER FROM THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND FISHERIES, REGARDING THE "GROWING TOGETHER" PUBLICATION, BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION.

CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Council of Tourism Associations of British Columbia

MOTION: KROG / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS EXPRESSES ITS SUPPORT FOR THE RECENT TOURISM INITIATIVES OF THE PREMIER OF BRITISH COLUMBIA AND ACKNOWLEDGES THE IMPORTANT ROLE THIS WILL HELP PLAY IN OUR REGION AND OUR COMMUNITY.

CARRIED.

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b) Royal Canadian Legion – Remembrance Day Ceremony

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE LETTER FROM THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION, DATED SEPTEMBER 28, 2004, BE RECEIVED. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL SUPPORTS THE LEGION'S REMEMBRANCE DAY ACTIVITIES, AS OUTLINED IN THEIR CORRESPONDENCE, INCLUDING A \$100 ANNUAL DONATION TO THE WREATH FUND. BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNATE BE AUTHORIZED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONIES AS OUTLINED AND THAT ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL BE INVITED TO ATTEND AS WELL.

CARRIED.

c) Phoenix Mountain Alpine ski Society – Funding Commitment

MOTION: GORDON / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RELEASE FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,264, TO THE PHOENIX MOUNTAIN ALPINE SKI SOCIETY, AS PER THE RESOLUTION DATED AUGUST 16, 2004 AND FURTHER, THAT THIS CONTRIBUTION BE FUNDED FROM SURPLUS.

CARRIED.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Reports for Information:

a) Slag Sales Analysis for the quarter ending September 30, 2004

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE SLAG SALES ANALYSIS FOR THE QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2004, BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION.

CARRIED.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS REQUIRING ACTION:

a) Clerk's Report – Application for a Development Variance Permit – Kootenay Shavings Corporation.

Bob Ayers presented a position on behalf of Dr. Bob Walton, hanger owner at the airport. He suggested that the shavings plant may sock in the valley due to the moisture being emitted into the air through the smoke stack. He further stated that the land that the City is preparing to sell to the corporation is land that was originally designated as airport lands for future hangers, and finally stated that his objection to the issuance of the variance permit.

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Ron Wyers concurred with the statements made by the previous presenter. Barry Daniels also concurred with the previous points.

MOTION: KANIGAN / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT, SUBMITTED BY KOOTENAY SHAVINGS CORPORATION, TO RELAX SECTION 49(2)(C) OF THE GRAND FORKS ZONING BYLAW ALLOWING FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STRUCTURES TO BE A MAXIMUM OF 56 FEET HIGH AS OPPOSED TO THE ALLOWABLE 30 FEET HIGH, TO ALLOW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SHAVINGS PLANT OPERATION, BE APPROVED IN SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE WITH THE DRAWINGS SUBMITTED WITH THE APPLICATION. CARRIED.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Zoning and Planning Committee – Councillor Krog - no report
Parks Advisory Committee
RDKB Representative
Skateboard Park Committee

Bylaw Review Committee – Councillor Smith - no report
Grand Forks & District Recreation Commission Representative

Economic Development Committee - Councillor Shkrabuik - no report
Chamber of Commerce and Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee Representative
advised that Chamber packages have been circulated to all of Council.
Referendum Committee

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

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Communications Advisory Committee – Councillor Gordon – no report

Court House Advisory Committee

Phoenix Foundation Representative - Councillor Gordon advised that she had attended the AGM.

Airport Advisory Committee – Councillor Gordon advised that Northern Hawk Air and the RCMP conducted night training at the Grand Forks Airport last week. She further advised that Pope & Talbot is also interested in conducting night training sometime during November. She stated that Northern Hawk Air has advised her that the Grand Forks Airport will be used as the alternate airport to Trail in inclement weather.

Courthouse Use Committee

Finance Committee – Councillor O’Doherty - no report

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

BYLAWS:

MOTION: O’DOHERTY / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1758, CITED AS THE “YEAR 2005 ANNUAL TAX EXEMPTION BYLAW NO. 1758, 2004, BE FINALLY ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

MOTION: KANIGAN / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1755, CITED AS THE “PROCEDURE BYLAW AMENDMENT NO. 1755, 2004”, BE FINALLY ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: KANIGAN

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 7:41 P.M.

CARRIED.

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MAYOR JAKE RAVEN

CITY CLERK – LYNNE BURCH