

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

**REGULAR MEETING of COUNCIL**  
**MONDAY OCTOBER 4, 2004**

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

CLERK – L. Burch  
DEPUTY CLERK – D. Attorp

GALLERY

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

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**IN-CAMERA RESOLUTION:**

MOTION: GORDON / KROG

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;
- SECTION 90 (1) (G) OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER, TO DISCUSS LITIGATION OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION AFFECTING THE MUNICIPALITY
- SECTION 90 (1) (J) OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER, INFORMATION THAT IS PROHIBITED OR INFORMATION THAT IF IT WERE PRESENTED IN A DOCUMENT WOULD BE PROHIBITED FROM DISCLOSURE UNDER SECTION 21 OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT.

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.

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MOTION: KROG / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING BE RECESSED AT 6:05 IN ORDER TO CONDUCT THE CLOSED IN-CAMERA MEETING AND THAT THE REGULAR MEETING RECONVENE AT 7:00 P.M.

CARRIED.

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*Councillor Smith was not in attendance when the meeting reconvened at 7:00 p.m.*

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

- Vandalism Report
- Marten Kruysse Memo – Grand Forks Airport Capital Funding

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

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**MINUTES:**

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2004 BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

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**BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:** None

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**RESOLUTIONS FROM IN-CAMERA MEETING:** None

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**DELEGATIONS:** None

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**COMMUNICATION FOR INFORMATION:**

MOTION: GORDON / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS 6A, LETTERS FROM THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SUMMER STUDENTS, ERIKA LIPPERT AND CASSIE PLOTNIKOFF, AND 6B, A LETTER FROM JEWEL LAKE RESORT, BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION.

CARRIED.

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**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Chamber of Commerce – Visitor Information Centre reduction of hours**

MOTION: GORDON / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT STAFF BE DIRECTED TO SEND A LETTER TO THE HONOURABLE JOHN LES, MINISTER OF SMALL BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, REQUESTING CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO PROVIDING FUNDING TO THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS FOR ITS CONTINUING YEAR ROUND OPERATION.

CARRIED.

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**Gudrun Koerner – Provincial Nominee Program**

*Prior to discussion of the following matter, Councillor Kanigan vacated Council Chambers at 7:10 p.m. citing a possible conflict of interest due to his employment with Canada Customs.*

MOTION: GORDON / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE CORRESPONDENCE FROM GUDRUN KOERNER AND GISELA GUNTHER-ZIEGLER AND BERNARD ZIEGLER BE REFERRED TO THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY, INASMUCH AS THE PROPERTY LISTED FOR SALE IS IN AREA D OF THE REGIONAL DISTRICT.

CARRIED.

*Councillor Kanigan returned to Council Chambers at 7:11 p.m.*

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**Grand Forks Rotary Club – Annual Halloween Bonfire**

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE LETTER, DATED SEPTEMBER 17, 2004, FROM KERRI MEDLEY, PAST-PRESIDENT OF THE GRAND FORKS ROTARY CLUB, REQUESTING THE CITY'S ASSISTANCE RELATIVE TO THE CLUB'S ANNUAL HALLOWEEN BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS, BE RECEIVED. (cont. on next page)

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT PERMISSION BE GRANTED TO THE GRAND FORKS ROTARY CLUB TO:

- USE CITY OWNED PROPERTY WEST OF ANGUS MACDONALD PARK
- TO ACCESS ELECTRICAL POWER FOR THEIR ANNUAL HALLOWEEN FESTIVITIES
- TO USE THE WASHROOMS AT ANGUS MACDONALD PARK
- TO CLOSE THE ROAD AS REQUIRED FOR A FALLOUT AREA FOR THE FIREWORKS

SUBJECT TO RECEIVING A COPY OF THE ROTARY CLUB'S INSURANCE POLICY, SHOWING THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS NAMED AS AN ADDITIONAL INSURED ON THE POLICY FOR OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2004 ONLY.

AND BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS BE DIRECTED TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AS REQUIRED IN CLEARING THE SITE FOR THE BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS AND THE FIRE CHIEF BE DIRECTED TO ASSIST THE CLUB WITH MONITORING OF THE BONFIRE.

CARRIED.

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### **Village of Telkwa – Team BC: Small Communities Setting the Pace**

MOTION: GORDON / KROG

RESOLVED THAT THE LETTER FROM THE VILLAGE OF TELKWA REGARDING THE TEAM BC PROPOSAL BE RECEIVED. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL SUPPORT THE TEAM BC COOPERATIVE MARKETING INITIATIVE IN PRINCIPAL AND PROVIDE THE REQUESTED DONATION OF \$150 TOWARD THIS CAUSE.

CARRIED.

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### **Footprint Environmental Strategies – Kootenay Region Composting Paradigm Project**

MOTION: KANIGAN / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 24, 2004 FROM FOOTPRINT ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGIES REGARDING THE KOOTENAY REGION COMPOSTING PARADIGM PROJECT BE RECEIVED. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT STAFF BE DIRECTED TO CONTACT ORGANIZATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION IN PARTICIPATING IN THE FOCUS GROUP SESSION ON COMPOSTING ON OCTOBER 19, 2004.

CARRIED.

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### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**Reports for Information:** None

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### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS REQUIRING ACTION:**

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SHKRABUIK

THAT THE APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT A 15 X 24 FOOT ADDITION TO THE FRONT OF THE EXISTING BUILDING ON PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 1, PLAN 26190, DISTRICT LOT 520, LOCATED AT 2729 CENTRAL AVENUE, INCLUDING VARYING SECTION 30A OF THE GRAND FORKS ZONING BYLAW REDUCING THE VISIBILITY TRIANGLE FROM 7.5 METERS TO 5.7 METERS, AS SUBMITTED BY THE PROPERTY OWNER, MAHAL ENTERPRISES INC., BE APPROVED IN SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE WITH THE PLANS ATTACHED TO THE APPLICATION.

CARRIED.

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MOTION: GORDON / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE COMMUNITY LEGACY PROGRAM POLICY BE ADOPTED AS PRESENTED.

CARRIED.

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MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KROG

RESOLVED THAT THE LAND DISPOSITION POLICY BE ADOPTED AS PRESENTED.

CARRIED.

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MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KROG

RESOLVED THAT, IN RESPECT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT DATED SEPTEMBER 29, 2004, COUNCIL GRANT A FURTHER SIXTY DAY EXTENSION FOR THE DEMOLITION AT 7140-3<sup>RD</sup> STREET.

CARRIED.

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**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Ministry of Forests request to remove trees from leased lands at the Airport

Council discussed the Ministry of Forests' request to remove trees from their leased lands at the Grand Forks Airport. Staff was directed to bring back information to Council with regard to the value of the trees that are proposed to be cut, as well as the terms of the Forestry's lease with the City.

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Vandalism Report

The Mayor presented the monthly vandalism report.

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The Mayor reported that Terasen gas is coming to meet with the City to discuss the matter of the gas line on 75<sup>th</sup> Avenue, west of Hutton School. Mayor will try to contact Terasen gas representatives as soon as possible.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Councillor Krog – UBCM report:** Councillor Krog reported that he had attended the UBCM and came back with a great deal of good information on a variety of matters. He reported that the City's resolution regarding Alternative Justice and Water boards were endorsed . He advised that, while at the UBCM convention he also participated in Association of Kootenay Boundary Local Governments executive meeting. Councillor Krog said that he is heartened by some of the provincial funding announcements such as traffic revenues be given to municipalities and the doubling of provincial tourism funding.

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

**RDKB Representative** - Councillor Krog reported that the Board of the RDKB gave three readings to the Aquatic Centre referendum bylaw. He further reported that Directors for Areas C, D, and E gave grants in aid for the Phoenix Ski Hill in the amounts of \$3,000 each from C and D and \$5,000 from Area E. With regard to waste management, Councillor Krog advised that the RDKB is looking at the potential for regional financing for bluebox recycling, rather than the current system whereby the municipality pays the full amount.

**Skateboard Park Committee**

MOTION: KROG / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT STAFF BE DIRECTED TO REMOVE GRAFFITI FROM SKATEBOARD PARK AS SOON AS IT IS DETECTED.

CARRIED.

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

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**Councillor Shkrabuik – UBCM Report -** Councillor Shkrabuik reported on his attendance at the UBCM convention. He reported on the small communities forum at UBCM advising that many small communities are having difficulty with attracting and keeping doctors, as well as with the (continued on next page)

prospect of paying for policing when reaching population 5,000. He said that many communities reported starting a reserve fund to build up to paying policing costs. Councillor Shkrabuik reported on a tour he had taken of a subdivision that had been devastated by fire in the summer of 2003. He remarked that the rate of recovery was incredible with the entire subdivision having been rebuilt, including sidewalks and landscaping.

**Economic Development Committee - Councillor Shkrabuik - no report**  
**Chamber of Commerce and Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee Representative**  
**Referendum Committee**

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**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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**Councillor Gordon – UBCM report** - Councillor Gordon reported that members of Council met with the Honourable Murray Coell, Minister of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services to request reconsideration of the City's funding application for the west end reservoir. She stated that Mr. Coell advised that occasionally communities that were awarded infrastructure funds couldn't come up with the matching portion and so that money was returned to the province and so, perhaps further money could be available that way. Councillor Gordon reported on a meeting with the Honourable Geoff Plant, Attorney General, stating that they had discussed the cost and extent of vandalism. She said that the Minister had referred Council to the Parental Responsibility Act as another avenue in which to combat vandalism.

Councillor Gordon said that she toured the Kelowna Airport and had a briefing on their expansion. She reported on Council's meeting with the Honourable Mike DeJong and their discussion regarding forestry and the City's proposed International Emergency Operations Base. She said that Council had also met with representatives of the Provincial Emergency Program to discuss the Emergency Operations Base proposal and BC Ambulance Service personnel to discuss night air medivacs from the Grand Forks Airport. Councillor Gordon reported that Council was also able to secure a last minute meeting with the Honourable Shirley Bond, Minister of Advanced Education, to discuss advanced educational opportunities in Grand Forks

On other matters, Councillor Gordon said the final draft of the Cascade Power Project proposal report is expected by the end of the month and that it will then go to three different cabinet ministers for approval.

Councillor Gordon advised that it would be appropriate to decommission the DME at the Airport as it is no longer required due to the AWOS. She said that decommissioning this piece of equipment would reduce maintenance costs as this would be one less piece of equipment to maintain.

**Communications Advisory Committee** – Councillor Gordon – no report  
**Court House Advisory Committee**  
**Phoenix Foundation Representative**  
**Airport Advisory Committee**  
**Courthouse Use Committee**

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**Mayor Raven – UBCM Report** – Mayor Raven reported on his attendance at the UBCM stating that in one of the sessions discussion centred around the sharing of resources by different agencies. He mentioned School Boards and municipalities sharing maintenance, payroll, snow clearing, etc. Mayor Raven advised that he and Councillor Shkrabuik have discussed this idea with local school district officials.

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**Finance Committee** – Councillor O’Doherty - no report

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

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**BYLAWS:**

MOTION: O’DOHERTY / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1756, CITED AS THE “CITY OF GRAND FORKS FLOOD PLAIN MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1756, 2004, BE FINALLY ADOPTED.  
CARRIED.

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MOTION: GORDON / KROG

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1757, CITED AS THE “AMENDMENT TO THE PLANNING PROCEDURES AND FEES BYLAW NO. 1757 BE FINALLY ADOPTED.  
CARRIED.

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MOTION: O’DOHERTY / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1758, CITED AS THE “YEAR 2005 ANNUAL TAX EXEMPTION BYLAW NO. 1758” BE GIVEN FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS.  
CARRIED.

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MOTION: O’DOHERTY / SHKRABUIK



RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1755, CITED AS THE "PROCEDURE BYLAW AMENDMENT NO. 1755, 2004" BE GIVEN FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS.

CARRIED.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

MOTION: GORDON / KROG

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS MAKES APPLICATION TO THE BC MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION FOR A FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION UNDER THE TRANSPORTATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (TPP), SMALL COMMUNITY AIRPORT CAPITAL REHABILITATION COMPONENT, TO ASSIST WITH APPROVED COSTS OF REHABILITATION PROJECTS AT THE GRAND FORKS AIRPORT, AS DETAILED IN THE APPLICATION DATED OCTOBER 10, 2004. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS AGREES TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN ANY FACILITIES FUNDED THROUGH THE TPP IN GOOD CONDITION, IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF TRANSPORT CANADA FOR PUBLIC CERTIFICATION AND THAT THE FACILITIES WILL NOT BE SOLD, TRANSFERRED OR ASSIGNED WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE MINISTRY.

CARRIED.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 8:20 P.M.

CARRIED.

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MAYOR JAKE RAVEN

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DAWN ATTORP, DEPUTY CLERK