

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING of COUNCIL
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 7, 2004

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

CAO – J. Lambie
CLERK – L. Burch

GALLERY

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- None

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: GORDON/ O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF:

- THE REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 16, 2004
- THE SPECIAL MEETING OF AUGUST 30, 2004

BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES: None

RESOLUTIONS FROM IN-CAMERA MEETINGS:

None

DELEGATIONS:

None

COMMUNICATION FOR INFORMATION:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE LETTER, DATED AUGUST 24, 2004 FROM CANPAR INDUSTRIES, POPE AND TALBOT AND ROXUL WEST, REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A UTILITY RATES COMMITTEE BE REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CARRIED.

MOTION: GORDON / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE LETTER FROM JOYCE O'DOHERTY, DATED AUGUST 23, 2004, REGARDING THE MUSIC IN THE PARK PERFORMANCES, BE RECEIVED. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR BE AUTHORIZED TO SEND A LETTER OF THANKS TO THE CONCERT ORGANIZER, ROSEMARY PHILLIPS.

CARRIED.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Reports for Information: None

Administrative Reports Requiring Action:

a) City Clerk's Report – Application for Development Permit (Ramada Inn)

MOTION: GORDON / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED 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, AS SUBMITTED BY THE PROPERTY OWNER, MAHAL ENTERPRISES INC., BE APPROVED IN SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE WITH THE PLANS ATTACHED TO THE APPLICATION. CARRIED.

b) City Clerk's Report – Annual Tax Exemption Bylaw

MOTION: KROG / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT STAFF BE DIRECTED TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS IN THE ANNUAL TAX EXEMPTION BYLAW, PROVIDING TAX EXEMPTION FOR 2005.

- Sunshine Valley Child Care Society – Little People's Centre
- Sunshine Valley Child Care Society – Perley Play Station
- Harmony Lodge #37, Freemasons
- Grand Forks Auxiliary to Boundary Hospital
- Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 59
- Grand Forks Slavonic Senior Citizens

CARRIED.

c) CAO's Report – Appointment of Acting Collector

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPOINT HARRY OSACHOFF AS ACTING COLLECTOR TO CONDUCT THE ANNUAL TAX SALE IN THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2004, IF REQUIRED. CARRIED.

d) City Clerk's Report – Strata Title Conversion Report

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE STRATA TITLE CONVERSION POLICY AS PRESENTED, ON APPROVING STRATA CONVERSION REQUESTS.

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e) CAO's Report – Culvert Replacement – Johnson Flats

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000 FROM SURPLUS FUNDS TO REPLACE THE COLLAPSED CULVERT AT THE BOTTOM OF 12TH STREET IN JOHNSON FLATS. CARRIED.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

a) Letter of Congratulations to the GFI Volunteers

MOTION: GORDON / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT A LETTER BE SENT TO THE GFI VOLUNTEERS CONGRATULATING THEM ON A JOB WELL DONE.

CARRIED.

b) Vandalism Report

- The Mayor presented the monthly vandalism report.

c) Night medivac

- reported that he is having continuing discussions with the Ministry of Health on the matter of night medivac service

d) Interior Health

-Clubhouse on Riverside Drive. Staff directed to find out what IH plans are for the residence and to inquire as to a condo in Grand Forks owned by IH.

e) Aquatic Centre

- The Mayor reported that Director Lodder has agreed to go to referendum on the subject of the Aquatic Centre.

g) Strategic Planning Session

- discussion on whether or not the session should be dealt with in-camera. Consensus to hold session In-camera.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Zoning and Planning Committee – Councillor Krog - no report

Parks Advisory Committee

RDKB Representative

Skateboard Park Committee

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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
Referendum Committee

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

Communications Advisory Committee – Councillor Gordon – no report
Court House Advisory Committee
Phoenix Foundation Rep - reported on a meeting of the board of directors of the Phoenix Foundation with Barbara Oats of the Vancouver Foundation. An excerpt of the report is attached to these minutes. It was suggested that the City consider further funding over the next two years.
Airport Advisory Committee – Councillor Gordon advised that a request has been received to meet with Red Mountain Ski Area regarding operations for the winter.
Courthouse Use Committee

Finance Committee – Councillor O’Doherty - no report

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

BYLAWS:

- a) **Bylaw No. 1754, cited as the “Wetlands for Drainage Land Purchase Bylaw No. 1754”**

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1754, CITED AS THE “WETLANDS FOR DRAINAGE LAND PURCHASE BYLAW NO. 1754” BE FINALLY ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1756, CITED AS THE "CITY OF GRAND FORKS FLOOD PLAIN MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1756, 2004, BE GIVEN FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS. CARRIED.

c) **Bylaw No. 1757, cited as the "Amendment to the Planning Procedures and Fees Bylaw No. 1757"**

MOTION: GORDON / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1757, CITED AS THE "AMENDMENT TO THE PLANNING PROCEDURES AND FEES BYLAW NO. 1757 BE GIVEN FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS - None

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 7:32 P.M. CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

MAYOR JAKE RAVEN

LYNNE BURCH, CITY CLERK