

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING of COUNCIL
MONDAY AUGUST 15, 2005

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

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER – V. Kumar
CITY CLERK L. Burch

GALLERY

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

IN-CAMERA MEETING AGENDA:

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- A matter regarding the purchase of property, in accordance with Section 90(1)(e) of the Community Charter, to be brought forward on the In-camera meeting agenda as item number 2(b).

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA BE ADOPTED, AS AMENDED.

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION TO CONVENE AN IN-CAMERA MEETING:

MOTION: GORDON / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL 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 interest of the municipality, and
- Section 90(1)(c) of the Community Charter to discuss labour relations or other employee relations.

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AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT PERSONS, OTHER THAN MEMBERS, OFFICERS, OR OTHER PERSONS TO WHOM COUNCIL MAY DEEM NECESSARY TO CONDUCT CITY BUSINESS, WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM THE IN-CAMERA MEETING.

CARRIED.

RECESS OF REGULAR MEETING:

The Regular Meeting of Council was recessed at 6:02 p.m. and reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH:

The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Victor Kumar, the new Chief Administrative Officer.

REGULAR MEETING ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Vandalism Report to be brought forward under the Mayor's Report as item number 9(a).

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA BE ADOPTED, AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: GORDON/ SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 25, 2005, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

None

DELEGATIONS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS FOR INFORMATION:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Grand Forks and District Fall Fair – Request to host a parade

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KROG

RESOLVED THAT THE LETTER FROM THE GRAND FORKS AND DISTRICT FALL FAIR, DATED JULY 14, 2005, REQUESTING PERMISSION TO HOST A PARADE ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2005 TO KICK OFF THIS YEAR'S FALL FAIR, BE RECEIVED. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** PERMISSION BE GRANTED TO HOST A PARADE, ON THE ROUTE IDENTIFIED IN THE LETTER, SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE RCMP, THE FIRE CHIEF AND THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

CARRIED.

b) Grand Forks Art Gallery – Request that the City acquire crown land.

MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE LETTER FROM JUDITH LLOYD, CHAIR OF THE GRAND FORKS ART GALLERY, REQUESTING THAT THE CITY INVESTIGATE ACQUIRING CROWN LAND AT THE CONVERGENCE OF THE KETTLE AND GRANBY RIVERS, BE RECEIVED. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** STAFF BE DIRECTED TO MAKE INITIAL CONTACT WITH THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND LANDS, AND INVESTIGATE WHAT IS REQUIRED TO ACQUIRE THIS IDENTIFIED PORTION OF CROWN LAND AND REPORT BACK TO COUNCIL.

CARRIED.

c) Grand Forks Art Gallery – Art Gallery Liaison to City.

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE LETTER, DATED AUGUST 8, 2005, FROM JUDITH LLOYD, CHAIR OF THE GRAND FORKS ART GALLERY, ADVISING THAT THE GRAND FORKS ART GALLERY HAS APPOINTED DEANNA LUDOWICZ TO ACT AS THEIR LIAISON TO THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS FOR 2005/2006, BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION AT THIS TIME.

CARRIED.

None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS REQUIRING ACTION:

a) City Clerk's Report – Televising of Council Meetings

MOTION: KROG / KANIGAN

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED AUGUST 2, 2005, ON THE HISTORY OF THE TELEVISIONING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS, BE RECEIVED. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT STAFF BE AUTHORIZED TO OBTAIN QUOTATIONS FOR THE UPGRADING OF THE SOUND SYSTEM IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, AS WELL AS AN UPDATE ON THE POWER POINT PROJECTOR.

CARRIED.

b) City Clerk's Report – Application for Development Permit – Grand Forks Flooring

MOTION: SMITH / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT AN ADDITION TO THE EXISTING BUILDING, COMMONLY KNOWN AS "GRAND FORKS FLOORING", AND TO UPGRADE THE EXISTING FAÇADE OF THE BUILDING, ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1573 CENTRAL AVENUE, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 8, BLOCK 6, DL 380, PLAN 586 EXCEPT PLAN H17065, AS SUBMITTED BY THE PROPERTY OWNERS, ERNEST AND DENYSE PROMMER, BE APPROVED IN SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE WITH THE PLANS ATTACHED TO THE APPLICATION.

CARRIED.

c) Fire Chief's Report – Fall Fair Committee's Request to block off road on the north side of the Curling Rink

MOTION: GORDON / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT ON A REQUEST TO COUNCIL FROM THE FALL FAIR TO BLOCK OFF ROAD NORTH OF THE CURLING RINK, BE RECEIVED. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** THIS PARTICULAR REQUEST TO BLOCK OFF THE ROAD TO THE NORTH OF THE CURLING RINK BE DENIED, AND THAT STAFF BE DIRECTED TO FURTHER INVESTIGATE POSSIBLE SITES FOR THE FUTURE OF THE FALL FAIR AND REPORT BACK TO COUNCIL THIS FALL.

CARRIED.

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MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor brought forward the Vandalism Report for the month of July, 2005. He stated that there was \$1,508.05 in vandalism costs to the City for the month.

COMMITTEE AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS:

Zoning and Planning Committee – Councillor Krog
Parks Advisory Committee
RDKB
Skateboard Park Committee

Bylaw Review Committee – Councillor Smith -
Grand Forks & District Recreation Commission Representative

Economic Development Committee - Councillor Shkrabuik
Chamber of Commerce and Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee Representative –

Emergency Program Executive Committee – Mayor.
Community Consultative Group Representative
Boundary Economic Development Commission Representative There have been discussions with persons for the position of Economic Development Officer. No further information at this time.
Economic Development Advisory Committee
Spirit of BC – West Kootenay Boundary Communities Committee

Communications Advisory Committee – Councillor Gordon
Court House Advisory Committee
Phoenix Foundation -
Airport Advisory Committee –
Courthouse Use Committee

Finance Committee – Councillor O’Doherty
Councillor O’Doherty, as Chair of the Finance Committee brought forward recommendations of the Committee.

MOTION: O’DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT \$100,000.00 BE INCLUDED IN THE 2006 BUDGET FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A VISITORS’ INFORMATION CENTRE, AND THAT APPLICATION BE MADE FOR \$19,698.43, AVAILABLE TO THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS UNDER THE COMMUNITY TOURISM PROGRAM PHASE ONE.

CARRIED.

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MOTION: O’DOHERTY / KROG

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY WRITE A LETTER TO AREA "D" DIRECTOR TONY LODDER REQUESTING A CONTRIBUTION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE VISITORS' INFORMATION CENTRE, FROM FUNDING RECEIVED FOR AREA "D", UNDER THE TOURISM FUNDING PROGRAM, AS IT BENEFITS THE ENTIRE AREA.
CARRIED.

Councillor Smith stated that his wife, Debbie Smith is a Director on the Board of the Grand Forks and District Child Care Society and as such, he may be perceived to be in a potential conflict of interest in participating in the following debate. He vacated Council Chambers at 7:17 p.m.

MOTION: GORDON / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE SUNSHINE VALLEY CHILD CARE SOCIETY BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION.
CARRIED.

Councillor Smith returned to Council Chambers at 7:18 p.m.

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE PROPOSED ADVERTISING PACKAGE, PRESENTED BY THE GRAND FORKS BORDER BRUINS, IN THEIR LETTER DATED JULY 28, 2005, BE PURCHASED BY THE CITY, SUBJECT TO THE BORDER BRUINS PRESENTING THREE SAMPLES OF THE ON-ICE LOGO FOR COUNCIL TO CHOOSE FROM.
CARRIED.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KROG

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL PROCEED WITH OPTION 3, PROPOSED BY THE GRAND FORKS BORDER BRUINS, WITH THE BLUE COLOUR.
CARRIED.

MOTION: GORDON / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS AKBLG CONFERENCE COMMITTEE BE GIVEN THE RESPONSIBILITY OF HIRING A PERSON UNDER CONTRACT TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF COORDINATING THE 2006 AKBLG CONFERENCE, AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000, AND THAT THE COMMITTEE LIAISE WITH STAFF TO ENSURE THAT PROPER HIRING PROCEDURES ARE FOLLOWED.
CARRIED.

BYLAWS:

- a) **Bylaw No. 1784 cited as “Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Official Community Plan Designation Bylaw No. 1784, 2005”**

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / KROG

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1784, CITED AS THE “AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN DESIGNATION BYLAW NO. 1784, 2005”, BE FINALLY ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

- b) **Bylaw No. 1785 cited as “Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Zoning Bylaw No. 1785, 2005”**

MOTION: SMITH / KROG

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1785, CITED AS “AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS ZONING BYLAW NO. 1785, 2005”, BE FINALLY ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

- c) **Bylaw No. 1787 cited as “P&T 66th Avenue Road Closure Bylaw No. 1787, 2005”**

MOTION: O’DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1787, CITED AS “P&T 66TH AVENUE ROAD CLOSURE BYLAW NO. 1787, 2005”, BE GIVEN FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS.

CARRIED.

Councillor Krog voted against the resolution

- d) **Bylaw No. 1788 cited as “P&T 69th Avenue Road Closure Bylaw No. 1788, 2005”**

MOTION: KROG / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1788, CITED AS “P&T 69TH AVENUE ROAD CLOSURE BYLAW NO. 1788, 2005”, BE GIVEN FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS.

CARRIED.

➤ REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL – Tuesday, September 6, 2005 – 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 7:26 P.M.

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

MAYOR JAKE RAVEN

CITY CLERK – LYNNE BURCH