

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING of COUNCIL
MONDAY FEBRUARY 7, 2005

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

CAO J. Lambie
CITY CLERK L. Burch

GALLERY

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

- Letter from Renee Bernier, Chair Boundary Spirit of BC Community Committee, regarding the Boundary's bid to hold the 2010 BC Winter Games, to be brought forward under Correspondence as item 7(b)
- Clerk's Report on the Grand Forks Curling Club's request for temporary change to their Liquor Licence, to be brought forward under Staff Reports as item 9(c)
- Councillor Krog's Report on his attendance at the January Regional District Board Meeting, to be brought forward under Council Reports as item 11(b)
- Budget Options for Boundary Economic Development, part of Item 11(a)
- Councillor Shkrabuik's Report from the Call Centre Committee
- Councillor Krog - Applications for Live Site Funding for 2010 Games, to be brought forward under New Business
- Councillor O'Doherty/Mayor's report on Outward Bound
- Mayor's Report on his meeting regarding RCMP Musical Ride Committee
- Councillor Gordon's report on the Literacy Committee
- Councillor Gordon's report on the Airport

MOTION: GORDON / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

CARRIED.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 2005, AND THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 2005, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

None

DELEGATIONS:

a) Grand Forks Chamber of Commerce – Art as History Project

Loretta Robinson of the Grand Forks Chamber of Commerce stated that she came to answer Council's questions on the proposed project. She circulated copies of the project budget for Council's consideration. She stated that there have been significant contributions from local business and Heritage Canada. She provided background to the project, stating that there is interest from artists to do 8 additional paintings, and plans for an accompanying brochure. She circulated copies of a proposed brochure. She stated that the Chamber is looking to interest the schools in participating in the project. She requested \$5,500 be released from the remaining 2004 tourism initiative money. Discussion ensued. Ms. Robinson advised that 12 paintings have been done at a cost of \$6,700, assisted by a \$3,200 Heritage Canada grant, a \$1,400 grant from the Chamber, \$1,100 donated by business community, and \$1,000 of donated materials.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RELEASE \$5,500 OF THE 2004 TOURISM INITIATIVE FUNDING, AS THE CITY'S CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S ART AS HISTORY PROJECT.

CARRIED.

Councillors Kanigan and Krog opposed the motion.

Brian McAndrew of the Chamber of Commerce circulated a mock-up of the proposed 40-page glossy magazine, a tourism initiative, to which Council has previously contributed \$10,000. He added that the project is on budget, and on schedule. Mr. McAndrew provided the highlights of the project itself. Discussion continued as to funding sources. He concluded the presentation by advising that the magazine would have a distribution of 30,000 copies, province wide and northern Washington.

c) RCMP – Quarterly Report

Staff Sgt Olsen presented his final 2004 quarterly report. He advised that statistics show that crime has decreased in the final quarter. He stated that the season has a lot to do with these figures. He advised that drug enforcement continues in the City, and commented on the execution of a warrant on 72nd Avenue. He reviewed the Detachment business plan, which has been revised from last year, and stated that drugs and youth are still the main priorities. He stated there is increased use of crystal meth, and detachment members are making presentations regarding drugs at the local high schools. He discussed the restorative justice program. He stated that the Detachment is continuing with the border plan, working with US customs. He advised that the Skateboard Park is continuing to be a priority. In response to a question from Council, Staff Sgt. Olsen stated of the 80 new municipal RCMP positions that were announced, none will be for Grand Forks, however our community is on the priority list. In conclusion had advised that supplemental funding for summer policing has been approved.

COMMUNICATIONS FOR INFORMATION:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT ITEM 6A BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION.

CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Grand Forks Secondary School – City of Grand Forks Scholarships

MOTION: SMITH / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE LETTER DATED JANUARY 27, 2005 FROM THE GRAND FORKS SECONDARY SCHOOL REGARDING THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS SCHOLARSHIPS, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE SCHOOL BE ADVISED THAT THE SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT AND CRITERIA WILL REMAIN IN PLACE FOR THE 2005 YEAR. **CARRIED.**

MOTION: KROG / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE LETTER, DATED JANUARY 31, 2005, AND SUBSEQUENT EMAIL FROM RENEE BERNIER, CHAIR OF THE BOUNDARY SPIRIT OF BC COMMUNITY COMMITTEE, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS ADVISE THE COMMITTEE OF THE CITY'S INTENTION TO BID TO HOST THE 2010 BC WINTER GAMES, AND THAT AN EXPENDITURE OF \$35,000 CASH AND \$50,000 OF IN KIND BE COMMITTED IF THE GAMES ARE AWARDED.

CARRIED.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Reports for Information:

None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS REQUIRING ACTION:

a) **City Clerk's Report - Victim Assistance Contract**

MOTION: KROG / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RENEW THE CONTRACT WITH THE PROVINCE OF B.C. FOR THE PROVISION OF THE GRAND FORKS RCMP VICTIM SERVICES PROGRAM UNTIL MARCH 31, 2006, BASED ON THE SAME TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS LAST YEAR, SUBJECT TO THE PROVINCE OF B.C. PROVIDING THE REQUESTED \$24,000.00 IN FUNDING.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE PROGRAM COORDINATOR (ROBERTA GRAY) FOR A CONTRACT PERIOD BEGINNING APRIL 1, 2005 AND ENDING ON MARCH 31, 2006, ON THE SAME TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS.

AND BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK BE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN ALL CONTRACTS OUTLINED ABOVE.

CARRIED.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT MAYOR AND COUNCIL ARRANGE FOR SEPARATE MEETINGS WITH TRANSPORT CANADA, AND THE MINISTRY OF FORESTS, WHICH INCLUDE THE MEMBERS OF THE TREE COMMITTEE, TO DETERMINE BEST HOW TO DEAL WITH THE TREE PROBLEM AT THE GRAND FORKS AIRPORT.

CARRIED.

MOTION: KANIGAN / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS OBTAINS AN INDEPENDENT HORTICULTURIST REPORT ON THE BEST WAY TO DEAL WITH THE TREES AT THE GRAND FORKS AIRPORT.

CARRIED.

c) **City Clerk's Report – Grand Forks Curling Club Request for Temporary Change to Liquor License**

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY CHANGE TO A LIQUOR LICENSE, SUBMITTED BY THE GRAND FORKS CURLING CLUB, FOR A TEMPORARY CHANGE TO THEIR LOUNGE'S LIQUOR LICENSE TO INCREASE THE HOURS OF OPERATION BY ONE HOUR TO 3:00 A.M. ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH AND SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH, 2005 ONLY, BE APPROVED, AND THAT LIQUOR CONTROL AND LICENSING BRANCH BE ADVISED THAT COUNCIL HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO THIS TEMPORARY CHANGE.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT STAFF BE DIRECTED TO FILE THE APPROPRIATE FORM WITH THE LIQUOR CONTROL AND LICENSING BRANCH.

CARRIED.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- The Mayor brought forward the vandalism report for the month of January 2005, and advised that vandalism for the month totaled \$651.53.
- He stated he attended a meeting with the RCMP and other organizations on the feasibility of holding the Musical Ride in Grand Forks, which has been one of 8 BC communities, selected for a performance of the Musical Ride. He requested that Council consider the proposal.

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- The Mayor brought forward discussion on a program called Outward Bound and the vision of combining it with harnessing youth power. He and Councillor Gordon advised that the

project is designed to stimulate youth. They stated that a presentation on this program is available for Council.

MOTION: GORDON / KROG

RESOLVED THAT A MEETING BE SET UP WITH THE OUTWARD BOUND ORGANIZATION TO DISCUSS HOW THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE PROJECT.

CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Zoning and Planning Committee – Councillor Krog - no report

Parks Advisory Committee

RDKB Representative Councillor Krog referred to his written report on the January Board meeting of the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary. He discussed the matter of funding for the museum. He clarified that the City of Grand Forks will be hosting the 2006 AKBLG.

Skateboard Park Committee

Bylaw Review Committee – Councillor Smith

Councillor Smith brought forward a verbal request from the Grand Forks Border Bruins for \$12,000 in funding to assist in ice costs for the team.

MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE VERBAL REQUEST FROM THE GRAND FORKS BORDER BRUINS, BROUGHT FORWARD BY COUNCILLOR SMITH, FOR A GRANT-IN-AID IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,000.00 TO ASSIST IN DEFRAYING THE COST OF ICE TIME, BE REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CARRIED.

Grand Forks & District Recreation Commission Representative

Economic Development Committee - Councillor Shkrabuik - no report

Chamber of Commerce and Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee Representative

Councillor Shkrabuik requested \$2,500 in funding for the Call Centre Committee.

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT FUNDING, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500.00, BE DRAWN FROM THE 2005 COMMUNICATIONS BUDGET, SUBJECT TO CITY STAFF CONFIRMING THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING.

CARRIED.

Boundary Economic Development Commission Representative - Brought forward the minutes from the January 25th, BEDC meeting. Mayor Raven referred to the Boundary Economic Development budget, stating that there is some urgency in determining this budget.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KROG

RESOLVED THAT THE MATTER OF FUNDING THE CITY'S SHARE OF THE PROPOSED BOUNDARY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AS PRESENTED IN A BUDGET INCLUDED WITH THE BEDC MINUTES WHICH HAVE BEEN PRESENTED AT THIS MEETING, BE REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CARRIED.

Economic Development Advisory Committee

**Communications Advisory Committee – Councillor Gordon –
Court House Advisory Committee
Phoenix Foundation -**

Airport Advisory Committee – Councillor Gordon advised that the Air Ambulance Authority reports that Helijet from Richmond BC has been designated to be available for medivac services at night at the Grand Forks Airport. She advised that they will be conducting night training as required. She further reported that the Provincial Govt has announced funding to assist in refurbishing the Grand Forks Airport.

MOTION: GORDON / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT STAFF BE DIRECTED TO CONTACT THE BC AMBULANCE AUTHORITY AND REQUEST THAT THEY MAKE A PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL AS THE NEW PROVIDER OF MEDIVAC SERVICE.

CARRIED.

Courthouse Use Committee

Councillor Gordon reported on her attendance at the Literacy Committee meeting, explaining the purpose of the Committee.

Finance Committee – Councillor O'Doherty - no report

Councillor O'Doherty advised that a Meeting of the Finance Committee has been called for Monday February 21, 2005 at 4:00 p.m.

**Personnel Committee – Councillor Kanigan -
Aquifer Protection Society Representative**

Councillor O'Doherty stated that in regards to the next item on the agenda, that his residence is located directly across from the subject property, and in this regard he may be in a potential conflict of interest. He stated his intention to vacate Council Chambers at this time. Councillor O'Doherty left Council Chambers at 8:40 p.m.

a) **Bylaw 1774 – “Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Zoning Bylaw, 2005”**

MOTION: KROG / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1774, CITED AS THE “AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS ZONING BYLAW NO. 1774, 2005, BE GIVEN THIRD READING.

CARRIED.

Councillor O'Doherty returned at 8:43 p.m.

b) **Bylaw 1775 – “Plan 1457 Road Closure and Dedication Removal Bylaw No. 1775, 2005**

MOTION: KROG / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1775, CITED AS THE “PLAN 1457 ROAD CLOSURE AND DEDICATION REMOVAL BYLAW NO. 1775, 2005”, BE GIVEN FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READING.

CARRIED.

c) **Bylaw 1776 – “Walnut Street Closure and Dedication Removal Bylaw No. 1776, 2005**

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1776, CITED AS “WALNUT STREET CLOSURE AND DEDICATION REMOVAL BYLAW NO. 1776, 2005”, BE GIVEN FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READING.

CARRIED.

d) **Bylaw 1777 – “Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Zoning Bylaw No. 1777, 2005**

MOTION: SMITH / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1777, CITED AS “AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS ZONING BYLAW NO. 1777, 2005”, BE GIVEN FIRST AND SECOND READING.

RESOLVED THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 890(4) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, THE REQUIREMENT FOR A PUBLIC HEARING WITH RESPECT TO BYLAW NO. 1777, BE WAIVED, INASMUCH AS AN OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN IS IN EFFECT FOR THIS AREA, AND THE PROPOSED ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW IS CONSISTENT WITH THE OCP.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT STAFF BE DIRECTED TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED BYLAW NO. 1777 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 893 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Councillor Krog brought forward the matter of live sites funding. He discussed the Boundary wide committee for the live site funding.

MOTION: KROG / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL SEND A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO THE CITY OF TRAIL FOR THEIR APPLICATION FOR LIVE SITE FUNDING, AND THAT OUR REPRESENTATIVE INDICATE THE CITY'S POSITION THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS SUPPORTS ALL APPLICATIONS FOR LIVE SITE FUNDING.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

GIVING OF NOTICES:

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING AT 4:00 p.m. – Monday, February 21, 2005
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL – Monday, February 21, 2005, 7:00 P.M.

RESOLUTION TO CONVENE AN IN-CAMERA MEETING:

MOTION: SMITH / GORDON

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 THE COUNCIL CONSIDERS THAT DISCLOSURE COULD REASONABLY BE EXPECTED TO HARM THE INTERESTS OF THE MUNICIPALITY, AND
- SECTION 90(1)(j) OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER, INFORMATION THAT IS PROHIBITED OR INFORMATION THAT IF IT WERE PRESENTED IN A

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DOCUMENT WOULD BE PROHIBITED, FROM DISCLOSURE UNDER SECTION 21 OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT

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

CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 8:48 P.M.

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

MAYOR JAKE RAVEN

CITY CLERK – LYNNE BURCH