

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING of COUNCIL

MONDAY FEBRUARY 21, 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

CITY CLERK L. Burch

GALLERY

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Clerk's Report regarding application to the B.C. Community Water Improvement program for funding water system reservoir upgrading to be brought under Staff Reports as Item No. 9(c)

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: KANIGAN/ SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2005, AND THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2005, BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

CARRIED.

It was brought forward that there is a spelling error of Andrew Horahan's name in the Public Hearing minutes of February 7th.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

None

DELEGATIONS:

a) Grand Forks Chamber of Commerce – Request to Relocate the Visitor Information Centre in the Courthouse building

Linda Sokolic, President of the Grand Forks Chamber of Commerce, made a presentation to Council, stating that the current facilities for the Chamber of Commerce are not adequate. She cited such deficiencies as poor air quality, the lack of air conditioning, and the lack of public washrooms, stating that this does not leave a good first impression to our visitors.

Ms Sokolic suggested that the Visitors Information Centre be moved into the Courthouse building, stating that the former City Hall operations spaces could be easily adapted for the Visitors Information Centre, and that highway mileage signs would not be impacted by the move to the Courthouse as it is just across the street.

Some discussion ensued as to proposed traffic plans for the Courthouse assuming the VIC shared the building with the Circuit Court. A letter from School District 51, supporting the Chamber's proposal to relocate to the Courthouse, was circulated for Council's information. The Architect of the Courthouse renovations also indicated his support.

Ms. Sokolic read the wording of a petition that includes 189 signatures, supporting the move of the Chamber from their current location to the Courthouse. On a question from Members of Council, it was stated that the Chamber of Commerce employs the Chamber Manager / VIC Supervisor, and the VIC employs the Office Assistant / Travel Councillor and 2 other part-time employees, as well as 2 summer time students depending upon the student employment grants available. Ms Sokolic concluded by thanking Council for their time.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE PETITION SUBMITTED, CONTAINING 189 SIGNATURES IN FAVOUR OF RELOCATING THE VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE TO THE GRAND FORKS COURTHOUSE, BE REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AT A MEETING TO BE SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2005.

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS FOR INFORMATION:

MOTION: KROG / KANIGAN

RESOLVED THAT ITEMS 6A, 6B, 6C, 6D AND 6E BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION.

CARRIED.

a) Festival of Freedom at the Forks – Request for Funding For Festival

MOTION: KROG / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE LETTER, DATED FEBRUARY 8, 2005, FROM THE FESTIVAL OF FREEDOM AT THE FORKS REGARDING THE FESTIVAL AND A REQUEST FOR FUNDING, CASH AND IN-KIND TOTALING \$3,000.00, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE FESTIVAL OF FREEDOM AT THE FORKS COMMITTEE BE ADVISED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS WILL CONTRIBUTE IN-KIND SERVICES.

CARRIED.

Mayor Raven and Councillor Shkrabuk voted against the resolution.

b) Sunshine Valley Community Services – Request For Loading Zone

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE LETTER DATED JANUARY 20, 2005 FROM THE SUNSHINE VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES AND “PEOPLE 1ST”, REQUESTING THAT A LOADING ZONE BE DESIGNATED IN FRONT OF THE SUNSHINE VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING LOCATED AT 7441 2ND STREET, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A 15 MINUTE LOADING ZONE BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

CARRIED.

c) Boundary Museum – Request to Use Courthouse to Display Doukhobor Artifacts

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE LETTER DATED FEBRUARY 4, 2005, FROM THE BOUNDARY MUSEUM REQUESTING COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION IN ALLOWING THE MUSEUM SOCIETY TO DISPLAY A SELECTION OF DOUKHOBOR ARTIFACTS ON THE MAIN FLOOR OF THE GRAND FORKS COURT HOUSE COMMENCING MAY 1, 2005, BE RECEIVED AND REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2005.

CARRIED.

Reports for Information:

None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS REQUIRING ACTION:

a) **CAO's Report – Negotiations on the Black Train Bridge With CPR**

MOTION: SMITH / KROG

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS ADVISE THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY THAT THE CITY HAS NO INTEREST IN ACQUIRING THE BLACK TRAIN BRIDGE.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT CPR BE ADVISED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS HAS NO OBJECTION TO THE GRAND FORKS TRAILS SOCIETY DEALING DIRECTLY WITH CPR REGARDING RESTORATION OF THE BLACK TRAIN BRIDGE.

AND BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT BOTH CPR AND THE GRAND FORKS TRAILS SOCIETY BE ADVISED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS IS NOT PREPARED TO COMMIT FUNDING FOR THE RESTORATION OR FUTURE MAINTENANCE COSTS OF THE BRIDGE.

CARRIED.

b) **CAO'S Report - Use of James Donaldson Park for the RCMP Musical Ride**

MOTION: SMITH / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE GRAND FORKS FALL FAIR SOCIETY BE GRANTED PERMISSION TO USE JAMES DONALDSON PARK ON AUGUST 17TH, 2005, TO HOST THE RCMP MUSICAL RIDE.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE GRAND FORKS FALL FAIR SOCIETY BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL ARRANGEMENTS AND ANY RELATED COSTS TO HOST THE RCMP MUSICAL RIDE.

AND BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER CONDITIONS, WHICH COULD CAUSE DAMAGE TO JAMES DONALDSON PARK THAT THE EVENT BE MOVED TO DICK BARTLETT PARK.

CARRIED.

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS MAKE APPLICATION TO THE B.C. COMMUNITY WATER IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR FUNDING TO CONSTRUCT THE WESTSIDE RESERVOIR AND TO UPGRADE THE EAST SIDE RESERVOIR, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,110,000, PRIOR TO THE APPLICATION DEADLINE OF FEBRUARY 28, 2005.

CARRIED.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

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

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

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 –
Court House Advisory Committee
Phoenix Foundation -
Airport Advisory Committee –
Courthouse Use Committee

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

BYLAWS:

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 7:41 p.m.

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

MOTION: SMITH / SHKRABUIK

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

CARRIED.

Councillor O’Doherty returned at 7:42 p.m.

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

MOTION: SMITH / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1775, CITED AS THE “PLAN 1457 ROAD CLOSURE AND DEDICATION REMOVAL BYLAW NO. 1775, 2005”, BE FINALLY ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

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

MOTION: SMITH / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1776, CITED AS “WALNUT STREET CLOSURE AND DEDICATION REMOVAL BYLAW NO. 1776, 2005”, BE FINALLY ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

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

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1777, CITED AS "AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS ZONING BYLAW NO. 1777, 2005", BE GIVEN THIRD READING
CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

GIVING OF NOTICES:

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL – Monday, March 7, 2005, 7:00 P.M.

RESOLUTION TO CONVENE AN IN-CAMERA MEETING:

MOTION: SMITH / KROG

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.

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 IN-CAMERA MEETING.
CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 8:45 P.M.
CARRIED.

Regular Meeting of Council
February 21, 2005

MAYOR JAKE RAVEN

CITY CLERK – LYNNE BURCH