

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

**REGULAR MEETING of COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2005**

**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  
CITY CLERK - L. Burch

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

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**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

- Call Centre Committee to be brought forward by Councillor Shkrabuik under his report.
- Delegation from Ray Hanson on behalf of the Citizens of Grand Forks and the Boundary Area, requesting Council's endorsement of investigation of opportunities for our region to adopt a community affected by the Tsunami of December 26, 2004.

**MOTION:** O'DOHERTY / SHKRABUIK

**RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.**

**CARRIED.**

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**MINUTES:**

**MOTION:** O'DOHERTY / SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 20<sup>th</sup>, 2004, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.**

**CARRIED.**

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Ray Hanson, on behalf of citizens of Grand Forks and the Boundary Area, brought forward the idea of adopting a village or area affected by the Tsunami of December 26, 2005. He suggested that money in the short term is good, but in the long term is there an opportunity for benefit from long-term support from our area, not just financial but other support as well. He suggested that this could be accomplished through some of the international aid agencies, such as the Red Cross. He stated that in his opinion the community would unite around a common focus to help individuals individually and collectively, and that this effort may make Grand Forks more attractive to new residents.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS SUPPORTS IN PRINCIPAL THE INVESTIGATION OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR REGION TO SUPPORT THE PEOPLE AFFECTED BY THE TSUNAMI OF DECEMBER 26, 2004.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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**COMMUNICATION FOR INFORMATION:**

None

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**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a) **Boundary District Arts Council – request that annual funding be included in 2005 Financial Plan.**

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE BOUNDARY DISTRICT ARTS COUNCIL BE ADVISED THAT \$3,500.00 HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN THE 2005 FINANCIAL PLAN AS ANNUAL FUNDING FOR THE BOUNDARY DISTRICT ARTS COUNCIL IN 2005.

CARRIED.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**Reports for Information:** None

**a) Clerk's Report – Terasen Gas Franchise Agreement – 11<sup>th</sup> Extension**

MOTION: SMITH / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT REGARDING THE STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN TERASEN GAS (BC GAS) AND THE UBCM WORKING GROUP & NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE REGARDING A NEW OPERATING AGREEMENT BETWEEN MUNICIPALITIES AND TERASEN GAS.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE 11<sup>TH</sup> AMENDING AGREEMENT, EXTENDING THE EXPIRY DATE TO DECEMBER 31, 2005, IN THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS AND TERASEN GAS INC. BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED BY TERASEN GAS, AND THAT THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK BE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

CARRIED.

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**b) Clerk's Report – Televising of Council Meetings**

MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE CLERK'S REPORT ON THE MATTER OF TELEVISIONING COUNCIL MEETINGS BE RECEIVED AND THAT THE CAMERAS NOT BE RE-INSTALLED IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS. MOTION WAS DEFEATED.

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MOTION: KROG / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT STAFF BE DIRECTED TO CONTACT SUNSHINE COMMUNICATIONS TO ADVISE THAT COUNCIL IS LOOKING FOR A BETTER PARTNERSHIP THAN THE ONE THEY PROPOSE AND INQUIRE AS TO WHO THE OTHER PROVIDERS ARE AS OUTLINED IN THEIR LETTER, AS WELL AS WHO WOULD BE ABLE TO INSTALL THE SYSTEM.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT STAFF BE DIRECTED TO OBTAIN A QUOTE FROM THESE OTHER PROVIDERS AS WELL AS A QUOTE FOR THE WIRELESS MICROPHONES.

CARRIED.

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**c) CAO's Report – Westside/Eastside Reservoirs**

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WESTSIDE RESERVOIR AND INSTALLATION OF THE TRUNK MAINS, TOGETHER WITH REPAIRS AND UPGRADES REQUIRED FOR THE EASTSIDE RESERVOIR AT A TOTAL COST OF \$4,080,00.00.

CARRIED.

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**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

None

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

**Parks Advisory Committee**

**RDKB Representative**

**Skateboard Park Committee**

**Bylaw Review Committee** – Councillor Smith - no report

**Grand Forks & District Recreation Commission Representative**

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**Economic Development Committee** - Councillor Shkrabuik

Brought forward the matter of committee to investigate a call centre in Grand Forks. He suggested that meetings would be held every second Friday. Councillors Krog, Kanigan and Gordon expressed interest in sitting on committee. Staff were directed to write a letter to Michael Strukoff of School District 51 inviting him to also sit on the committee.

**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** Mayor Raven made reference to the attached minutes of the most recent meeting.

**Economic Development Advisory Committee**

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**Communications Advisory Committee** – Councillor Gordon – no report

**Court House Advisory Committee**

**Phoenix Foundation**

**Airport Advisory Committee –**

**Courthouse Use Committee**

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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:**

a) **Bylaw 1769 – “City of Grand Forks Water Regulations and Rates Amendment**

MOTION: GORDON / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1769, CITED AS THE “CITY OF GRAND FORKS WATER REGULATIONS AND RATES AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1769, 2004” BE FINALLY ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

*Councillors Krog and Smith opposed the motion*

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b) **Bylaw 1770 – City of Grand Forks Sewer Regulation and Rates Amendment**

MOTION: O’DOHERTY / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1770, CITED AS THE “CITY OF GRAND FORKS SEWER REGULATIONS AND RATES AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1770, 2004”, BE FINALLY ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

*Councillors Smith and Krog opposed the motion.*

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c) **Bylaw 1771– Electrical Utility Regulatory Amendment Bylaw**

MOTION: KANIGAN / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1771, CITED AS THE “ELECTRICAL UTILITY REGULATORY AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1771, 2004”, BE FINALLY ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

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d) **Bylaw 1772– Garbage Regulations and Rates Amendment Bylaw**

MOTION: O’DOHERTY / KANIGAN

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1772, CITED AS THE “GARBAGE REGULATIONS AND RATES AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1772, 2004”, BE FINALLY ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

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e) **Bylaw 1773– Parcel A & B Plan M10977 Repeal Bylaw**

MOTION: KROG / GORDON

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RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1773 CITED AS THE "PARCEL A & B PLAN M10977 REPEAL BYLAW NO. 1773, 2005", BE GIVEN FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS.  
CARRIED.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

Brought forward for discussion were the Minutes from the most recent BEDC meeting. Discussion centered on a Report regarding economic restructuring. It was suggested that the position of the City of Grand Forks should be determined prior to any future joint meetings. It was further suggested the matter be discussed on January 17<sup>th</sup>. On a question from Councillor Krog, Mayor Raven clarified that the recorded support in the amount of \$5,000 for the Grand Forks Chamber of Commerce was for the website.

Mayor Raven brought forward the matter of Council strategic planning, suggesting that another meeting with the intention of formulating a cohesive plan should be scheduled. Mayor Raven discussed prioritizing issues, suggesting that this should be the focus of the meeting. The CAO suggested it be set up as an administrative meeting for Thursday, January 13 at 5:30 p.m.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: KROG

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 7:45 P.M.

CARRIED.

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**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

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MAYOR JAKE RAVEN

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CITY CLERK – LYNNE BURCH