

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

**REGULAR MEETING of COUNCIL**  
**MONDAY JANUARY 17, 2005**

**PRESENT:** MAYOR JAKE RAVEN  
COUNCILLOR ANN GORDON  
COUNCILLOR MIKE KANIGAN  
COUNCILLOR NEIL KROG  
COUNCILLOR TOM SHKRABUIK  
COUNCILLOR BOB SMITH

CAO J. Lambie  
CITY CLERK L. Burch

GALLERY

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

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**IN-CAMERA RESOLUTION:**

MOTION: GORDON / SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT** COUNCIL CONVENE AN IN-CAMERA MEETING AS OUTLINED UNDER:

SECTION 90 (1) (J) OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER, TO DISCUSS INFORMATION THAT IS PROHIBITED, OR INFORMATION THAT IF IT WERE PRESENTED IN A DOCUMENT WOULD BE PROHIBITED, FROM DISCLOSURE UNDER SECTION 21 OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT.

**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 SPECIAL MEETING.

CARRIED.

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MOTION: GORDON / SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT** THIS REGULAR MEETING BE RECESSED AT 6:02 P.M. IN ORDER TO CONDUCT THE CLOSED IN-CAMERA MEETING AND THAT THE REGULAR MEETING RECONVENE AT 7:00 P.M.

CARRIED.

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**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

- Report on the Phoenix Foundation Meeting of Jan. 13, 2005 to be brought forward under Council Reports by Councillor Gordon as Item No. 11(a)
- Report on the BC Tourism Workshop of Jan. 11, 2005 to be brought forward under Council Reports by Councillor Gordon as Item No. 11(b)
- Community Tourism Essentials to be brought forward under Council Reports by Councillor Gordon as Item No. 11 (c).

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / GORDON

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

CARRIED.

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**MINUTES:**

MOTION: SMITH / GORDON

**RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2005, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.**

CARRIED.

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**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

Mayor Raven brought forward the matter of televising the Council meetings. The CAO stated that a response to Council's previous questions has been received from Sunshine Communications and it would be circulated. On a question from the Mayor, the CAO advised that the application for Canada/BC Infrastructure funding for the Westside reservoir has been submitted.

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**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**a) Grand Forks and District Fall Fair – Permission to Use James Donaldson Park**

MOTION: GORDON / SHKRABUIK

**RESOLVED THAT THE LETTER, DATED JANUARY 4, 2005, FROM THE GRAND FORKS AND DISTRICT FALL FAIR COMMITTEE, REQUESTING PERMISSION TO USE JAMES DONALDSON PARK IN MID AUGUST FOR A PRESENTATION OF THE RCMP MUSICAL RIDE, BE RECEIVED AND REFERRED TO STAFF FOR A REPORT BACK TO COUNCIL ON THE IMPACT OF THIS EVENT ON THE GFI AND OPTIONS TO MANAGE THE IMPACT SO THAT BOTH EVENTS COULD USE THE FACILITY.**

CARRIED.

**b) Lawrence B. Antifaev – Request for a meeting to discuss Arts and Cultural Centre**

MOTION: GORDON / KROG

**RESOLVED THAT** THE LETTER, DATED JANUARY 3, 2005, FROM LAWRENCE B. ANTIFAEV, REQUESTING THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS CONVENE A MEETING OF STAKEHOLDERS AND SIGNIFICANT PARTIES INCLUDING THE BOUNDARY MUSEUM, GRAND FORKS ART GALLERY, GRAND FORKS COMMUNITY FUTURES, ETC., BE RECEIVED AND REFERRED TO A FUTURE MEETING WITH THE CHAIR OF THE BOUNDARY 2010 LEGACY COMMITTEE.

CARRIED.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**Reports for Information:**

**a) Analysis of Slag Sales**

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT** THE ANALYSIS OF SLAG SALES, FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY – DECEMBER 2004, BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION.

CARRIED.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS REQUIRING ACTION:**

**a) City Clerk's Report - Request for Site Specific Floodplain Exemption**

MOTION: SMITH / KANIGAN

**RESOLVED THAT** THE APPLICATION FOR A SITE SPECIFIC EXEMPTION TO THE FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT BYLAW, ALLOWING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING AND VARYING THE REQUIRED SETBACK FROM THE RIVER FROM THE REQUIRED 100 FEET TO 20 FEET ON PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 10, D.L. 108, PLAN 91, LOCATED AT 946 KETTLE RIVER DRIVE, AS SUBMITTED BY THE PROPERTY OWNER, JACK KONKEN, BE APPROVED, BASED ON THE RECOMMENDATION OUTLINED IN THE ENGINEER'S REPORT, ATTACHED TO THE APPLICATION AND DATED JANUARY 10, 2005, SUBJECT TO THE COMPLIANCE OF ALL OTHER REQUIREMENTS OUTLINED IN BYLAW NO. 1756.

CARRIED.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

The Mayor brought forward the matter of his and Councillor Gordon's attendance at the Chamber of Commerce Tourism Workshop. He stated that this matter would be covered under Councillor Gordon's report.

The Mayor advised Council that he has sent a letter to Sandy Santori, on behalf of the City, thanking him for his past service to the City of Grand Forks as M.L.A. for West Kootenay Boundary and wishing him well in his endeavour in the private sector.

The Mayor reported on his meeting last Friday in which he toured airport, in particular viewing trees, with a party that does horse logging. He advised that the individual would log the trees using the practice of horse logging at no cost to the City, in return for the trees. The Mayor further advised that Transport Canada requires that certain trees be removed as per their inspection report submitted to the City last spring. Councillor Gordon provided additional details on the requirement to have the trees removed, stating that it is a safety issue. Councillor Kanigan requested a written proposal on horse logging the airport area, and further requested that Staff re-circulate the inspection report from last year. The CAO provided background on an earlier quotation he received for the removal of these trees.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

**Parks Advisory Committee**

**RDKB Representative** Councillor Krog reported on two meetings he attended at the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary. He advised that he attended a personnel committee meeting to discuss replacing the RDKB CAO who is planning on retiring this year and he advised that he attended a Planning & Development meeting. He stated that a written report will be forthcoming.

**Skateboard Park Committee**

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

**Grand Forks & District Recreation Commission Representative**

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**Economic Development Committee** - Councillor Shkrabuik - no report

**Chamber of Commerce and Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee Representative**

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**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** – outlined hers and Mayor Raven’s report on their attendance at the Chamber of Commerce Tourism Workshop. She referred to her report circulated at this meeting, which is attached to these minutes. She provided further details on a coordinated effort of tourism initiatives in the Boundary area. She stated that a serious group of people in the area want to see Tourism as a viable industry in the Boundary area, and that they are looking to have a Boundary Proposal, funded by the Boundary area..

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**Court House Advisory Committee**

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**Phoenix Foundation** -Councillor Gordon referred to her written report and touched on the highlights of the recent Phoenix Foundation Meeting. The Report is attached to these minutes. She advised that the Phoenix Foundation has presented the Foundation’s financial statement and that it appeared to her that the Foundation Board is close to their million-dollar goal.

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**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** -  
**Aquifer Protection Society Representative**

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**Other Council Items:** Councillor Krog advised that he received email concerning a follow-up on discussions that Council had with principals of Selkirk College as to the possibility of an aviation-training program and the use of the Grand Forks Airport. He advised that the College has requested that Council meet with the head of the Selkirk College School of Business and Aviation, on February 9, 2005. Council Members advised that they would be available on that date for a meeting at 12:00 noon in Council Chambers.

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**BYLAWS:**

- a) **Bylaw 1773 – “Parcel A & B Plan M10977 Repeal Bylaw No. 1773, 2005”**

MOTION: SMITH / GORDON

**RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1773, CITED AS THE “PARCEL A & B PLAN M10977 REPEAL BYLAW NO. 1773, 2005, BE FINALLY ADOPTED.**

CARRIED.

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**b) Bylaw 1774 – “Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Zoning Bylaw No. 1774, 2005**

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT** BYLAW NO. 1774, CITED AS THE “AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS ZONING BYLAW NO. 1774, 2005”, BE GIVEN FIRST AND SECOND READING.

CARRIED.

Staff was requested to advertise that the required public hearing will be held on Monday, February 7<sup>th</sup> 2005 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: SHKRABUIK

**RESOLVED THAT** THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 7:39 P.M.

CARRIED.

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**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

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MAYOR JAKE RAVEN

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CITY CLERK – LYNNE BURCH