

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

**REGULAR MEETING of COUNCIL**  
**MONDAY JUNE 20, 2005**

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

ACTING CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER – L. Burch  
DEP CLK / TREASURER - D. Zabinsky

GALLERY

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

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**REGULAR MEETING ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

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MOTION: SMITH / GORDON

**RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA BE ADOPTED, AS CIRCULATED.**

CARRIED.

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**MINUTES:**

MOTION: SMITH / SHKRABUIK

**RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2005, BE ADOPTED, AS CIRCULATED.**

CARRIED.

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**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

None

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None

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**COMMUNICATIONS FOR INFORMATION:**

None

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**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a) **GF Chamber of Commerce Moonlight Madness Committee – Request to close downtown streets for July 15<sup>th</sup> Moonlight Madness.**

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / GORDON

**RESOLVED THAT** THE LETTER FROM JOHN ZIBIN ON BEHALF OF THE GF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MOONLIGHT MADNESS COMMITTEE, REQUESTING DOWNTOWN ROAD CLOSURES TO ACCOMMODATE THE JULY 15<sup>TH</sup> MOONLIGHT MADNESS BE RECEIVED. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** PERMISSION BE GRANTED FOR THE CLOSURE OF ROADS, AS PER THE MAP ATTACHED TO THE LETTER, SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE FIRE CHIEF AND THE RCMP.

CARRIED.

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- b) **Grand Forks Border Bruins – Request for Special Occasion Liquor Licence for a Beer Garden and Request for Council to donate cost of insurance.**

MOTION: SMITH / KROG

**RESOLVED THAT** THE LETTER FROM THE GRAND FORKS BORDER BRUINS, DATED JUNE 14, 2005, REQUESTING COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION IN GRANTING A SPECIAL OCCASION LIQUOR LICENCE ALLOWING THE GROUP TO HOLD A BEER GARDEN DURING THE GRAND FORKS SLOWPITCH TOURNAMENT IN DICK BARTLETT PARK ON JULY 8, 9 AND 10, 2005, BE RECEIVED AND APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE BORDER BRUINS OBTAINING 3<sup>RD</sup> PARTY LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE, NAMING THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS AS ADDITIONAL INSURED, AS REQUIRED BY THE CITY'S LIABILITY INSURANCE CARRIER.

CARRIED.

- c) **Powerhouse Developments Inc. and Environmental Assessment Office – regarding the response to Council's previous stated concerns relative to the future availability of water in the Kettle River should the Cascade Heritage Power Project be approved.**

MOTION: GORDON / SHKRABUIK

**RESOLVED THAT** THE LETTER FROM POWERHOUSE DEVELOPMENTS INC., DATED JUNE 10, 2005 AND THE LETTER FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OFFICE, DATED JUNE 13, 2005, REGARDING COUNCIL'S PAST STATED CONCERN OF THE FUTURE AVAILABILITY OF WATER IN THE KETTLE RIVER SHOULD APPROVAL BE GRANTED FOR THE CASCADE HERITAGE POWER PROJECT, BE RECEIVED. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OFFICE BE ADVISED THAT THE PREVIOUS CONCERN EXPRESSED BY COUNCIL AS TO THE FUTURE AVAILABILITY OF WATER IN THE KETTLE RIVER, APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED BY POWERHOUSE DEVELOPMENTS INC., BY AGREEING TO ABIDE BY CASE III AS SET OUT IN THE AQUA FACTOR REPORT.

RESOLUTION TO POSTPONE:

MOTION: KROG / SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT** FOREGOING RESOLUTION BE POSTPONED PENDING A REPORT FROM THE WATER AVAILABILITY COMMITTEE THAT THEY HAVE REVIEWED THE INFORMATION AND BELIEVE THAT THE MATTER HAS BEEN ADDRESSED.

CARRIED.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS FOR INFORMATION:**

None

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**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS REQUIRING ACTION:**

- a) **Acting CAO Report – Application for Development Permit, Chevron Canada Limited**

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / KANIGAN

**RESOLVED THAT** THE APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT A NEW GAS BAR AND CONVENIENCE STORE ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1863 CENTRAL AVENUE, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOTS 3-8, BLOCK 17, D.L. 380, PLAN 35, AS SUBMITTED BY THE PROPERTY OWNER, CHEVRON CANADA LIMITED, BE APPROVED IN SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE WITH THE PLANS ATTACHED TO THE APPLICATION.

CARRIED.

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**b) Deputy Clerk / Treasurer Report – Airport Tree Removal Additional Information**

MOTION: GORDON / SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT, BASED ON THE QUOTATIONS RECEIVED, COUNCIL ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH PASS CREEK ENTERPRISES LTD., TO REMOVE ALL NECESSARY TREES AT THE GRAND FORKS AIRPORT, ABOVE THE LINE IDENTIFIED BY TRANSPORT CANADA AS BEING OVER HEIGHT, AND ALL TREES WITHIN 2 FEET OF THE LINE IDENTIFIED BY TRANSPORT CANADA, IN ORDER TO SATISFY TRANSPORT CANADA REQUIREMENTS TO LIFT THE EXISTING NOTAM, AND THAT THE CITY CLERK BE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT. CARRIED.**

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MOTION: KROG / SHKRABUIK

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL REQUEST PASS CREEK ENTERPRISES TO FORWARD A REPORT IDENTIFYING A SOLUTION, INCLUDING COSTS FOR REMEDIATION, TO DISPOSE OF THE DEBRIS OF THE REMOVED TREES AT THE AIRPORT. CARRIED.**

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**b) Acting CAO's Report – Water Utility Rates Review**

MOTION: SMITH / GORDON

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVE THE WATER UTILITY RATES REVIEW, AUTHORED BY HARRY OSACHOFF AND KEN WIESNER, AS ATTACHED TO THIS REPORT FOR INFORMATION. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE REPORT BE CIRCULATED TO PARTICIPATING STAKEHOLDERS AND THE PUBLIC AT LARGE, WITH THE INTENTION OF COUNCIL RECEIVING INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC AS TO THE REPORT DURING THE NEXT 30 DAYS, PRIOR TO IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN. CARRIED.**

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**a. Deputy Clerk / Treasurer Report – Olympic Live Sites Application**

MOTION: SMITH / SHKRABUIK

WHEREAS THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS WISHES TO APPLY UNDER THE OLYMPIC LIVE SITES PROGRAM FOR FUNDING TO CONSTRUCT A COMMUNITY CENTRE; AND

WHEREAS THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT IS PROVIDING OLYMPIC LIVE SITES FUNDING TO A MAXIMUM OF \$330,000.00 BASED ON THE CITY PROVIDING AT LEAST 50% OF THE COST OF THE PROJECT; AND

WHEREAS THE CITY MUST PROVIDE A RESOLUTION TO THE FUNDING AGENCY DESCRIBING HOW THE PROJECT WILL BE FINANCED../ resolution continued on next page

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FUNDING FOR THIS PROJECT SHALL BE PROVIDED FROM CURRENT RESERVE FUNDS. CARRIED.

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**c) Deputy Clerk / Treasurer Report – Workers’ Compensation Board Council Policy**

MOTION: SMITH / GORDON

**RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL POLICY ON AIMS AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY, AS AMENDED BY COUNCIL, BE ADOPTED BY COUNCIL AND THAT STAFF BE DIRECTED TO POST THIS POLICY ON THE APPROPRIATE BULLETIN BOARDS.**

CARRIED.

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**d) Acting CAO’s Report – City Park Campground Sani-Station Closure**

MOTION: KANIGAN / SHKRABUIK

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVE THIS REPORT REGARDING THE CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY THE CITY PARK CAMPGROUND ATTENDANT AS TO THE CLOSURE OF THE SANI—DUMP STATION IN CITY PARK. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT STAFF BE DIRECTED TO BRING BACK A FURTHER REPORT WITH AT LEAST TWO ADDITIONAL OPTIONS FOR THE SANI-STATION IN CITY PARK.**

CARRIED.

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**MAYOR’S REPORT:**

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**COMMITTEE AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS:**

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

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

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**Economic Development Committee - Councillor Shkrabuik  
Chamber of Commerce and Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee Representative –  
Upon question from Councillor Shkrabuik, the Acting CAO advised that the OCP is due to be updated next year.**

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**Emergency Program Executive Committee – Mayor Raven brought forward the matter of backyard burning in Area D. He stated that last year Council adopted a resolution requesting that the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary consider a ban on backyard burning in Area D. He stated that he cannot recall receiving a response to Council’s request.**

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MOTION: SHKRABUIK / SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT STAFF BE DIRECTED TO RESEARCH THE MATTER OF COUNCIL'S 2004 REQUEST THAT AREA D BAN BACKYARD BURNING AND REPORT BACK TO COUNCIL. CARRIED.**

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**Community Consultative Group Representative  
Boundary Economic Development Commission Representative  
Economic Development Advisory Committee**

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

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**Finance Committee – Councillor O'Doherty**

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

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**BYLAWS:**

- a) **Acting CAO's Report – Proposed Amendment to the Procedures for the Conduct of Local Government Elections and Other Voting Bylaw No. 1391**

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT THE ACTING CAO'S REPORT, DATED JUNE 14, 2005, PROPOSING TO AMEND THE PROCEDURES FOR THE CONDUCT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS AND OTHER VOTING BYLAW NO. 1391, BE RECEIVED. CARRIED.**

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- b) **Bylaw No. 1786 cited as "Amendment to the Procedures for the Conduct of Local Government Elections and Other Voting Bylaw No. 1786, 2005"**

MOTION: SMITH / SHKRABUIK

**RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1786, CITED AS "AMENDMENT TO THE PROCEDURES FOR THE CONDUCT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS AND OTHER VOTING BYLAW NO. 1786, 2005, BE GIVEN FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS.**

CARRIED.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

Councillor Gordon requested that Staff to look into bringing in a car crusher to deal with derelict vehicles and forward report back to Council.

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**GIVING OF NOTICES:**

- PUBLIC HEARING FOR BYLAWS NO. 1784 AND 1785 – Monday, July 4, 2005, AT 7:00 P.M.
- REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL – Monday, July 18, 2005 – 7:00 p.m.

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**ADOPTION OF IN-CAMERA AGENDA:**

AMENDMENTS TO THE IN-CAMERA AGENDA:

- None

MOTION: SMITH / GORDON

**RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA, DATED JUNE 16, 2005 BE ADOPTED, AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED**

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**RESOLUTION TO CONVENE AN IN-CAMERA MEETING:**

MOTION: KROG / SHKRABUIK

**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

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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 TO WHOM COUNCIL MAY DEEM NECESSARY TO CONDUCT CITY BUSINESS, WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM THE IN-CAMERA MEETING.**

CARRIED

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: GORDON

**RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 8:08 PM  
CARRIED.**

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**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

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MAYOR JAKE RAVEN

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CITY CLERK – LYNNE BURCH