

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING of COUNCIL

MONDAY JUNE 6, 2005

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

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

GALLERY

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

REGULAR MEETING ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Deputy Clerk / Treasurer's Report on the quotations received for the removal of trees at the Grand Forks Airport to be brought forward under Staff Reports as item number 8(b)
- Remove Grand Forks International Delegation from the agenda, identified as item 4(e) as the presenter cannot attend this Council meeting due to a family emergency.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA BE ADOPTED, AS AMENDED.

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: GORDON / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 16, 2005, THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 25, 2005 AT 6:00 P.M. AND THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 25, 2005 AT 6:35 P.M. BE ADOPTED, AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

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BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

None

DELEGATIONS:

a) Christina Lake Stewardship Society – Invitation to attend the Christina Lake Management Plan open house

On behalf of the Christina Lake Stewardship Society, Grace Macgregor made a presentation to Council inviting all Members of Council to attend their Management Plan open house. She advised that a grant had been received to conduct the Lake Management Plan, and that on June 16th at the Community Hall an open house will be held to advise the public what has been done to date.

Councillor Bob Smith stated his intention to vacate Council Chambers at this time inasmuch as he may have a perceived conflict of interest as his wife is a part of the Sunshine Valley Child Care Society. He vacated Council chambers at 7:05 p.m.

b) Sunshine Valley Child Care Society – Request for Assistance

On behalf of the Sunshine Valley Child Care Society, Erin Stavenjord and Linda Burroughs made a presentation to Council requesting financial assistance to operate the Perley Playstation in the interim.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PRESENTED BY THE SUNSHINE VALLEY CHILD CARE SOCIETY BE REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CARRIED.

Councillor Smith returned to Council Chambers at 7:10 p.m.

c) Grand Forks Community Trails Society – Request the release of \$3,500 trails funding

Sandy McKelar of the Grand Forks Community Trails Society made a presentation to Council, updating Council on the progress made by the Society to date. She requested that funding in the amount of \$3,500 be released from the amount set aside in the 2005 annual operating budget for the upgrading of community trails, for the installation of signage on the trails. She went on to state that the Society would like to work with the Public Works Department so that benches and garbage cans meet with the City's approval, and to ensure maintenance standards are met.

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RESOLVED THAT STAFF BE DIRECTED TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE GRAND FORKS COMMUNITY TRAILS SOCIETY TO FURTHER CLARIFY THE SOCIETY'S EXPECTATIONS OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND REPORT BACK TO COUNCIL ON THE COSTS TO THE CITY, IF ANY.

CARRIED.

MOTION: KROG / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT \$3,500 OF THE BUDGET SET ASIDE FOR DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY TRAILS IN THE 2005 FINANCIAL PLAN, BE RELEASED TO THE GRAND FORKS TRAILS SOCIETY AT THIS TIME, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNAGE ON COMMUNITY TRAILS.

CARRIED.

d) Area D Residents East end of Airport – Input into replacement of trees on City Airport property.

Pam Harris and Gloria Koch outlined the concerns of the residents, adjacent to the airport, that the trees removed, to facilitate 24-hour airport service, be replaced in order to avoid any negative impact on the residents. The presenters requested that only necessary trees be removed and that they be replaced with other trees, as well as replacing trees on the forestry airport land and on city airport lands. They circulated copies of information for all of Council. They concluded by circulating copies of photographs.

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE REPORT FROM AREA D RESIDENTS BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION AND THAT STAFF BE DIRECTED TO PROVIDE A REPORT ON THE OPTIONS, COSTS AND THE TIME FRAME FOR REPLACING TREES ON AIRPORT LANDS.

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS FOR INFORMATION:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATIONS:

- a) Letter from the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary regarding the proposal Vienna Woods Provincial Park

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- b) Letter from the Chamber of Commerce inviting the Mayor and Councillors to participate in Canada Day Ceremonies

BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION.

CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) **Freedom Festival – Request to close downtown streets for July 21st Street Dance for Youth**

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE LETTER FROM THE FREEDOM FESTIVAL AT THE FORKS REQUESTING DOWNTOWN ROAD CLOSURES TO ACCOMMODATE THE JULY 21ST STREET DANCE FOR YOUTH BE RECEIVED. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** PERMISSION BE GRANTED FOR THE CLOSURE OF ROADS, AS PER THE ATTACHED LETTER SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE FIRE CHIEF AND THE RCMP.

CARRIED.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Reports for Information:

None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS REQUIRING ACTION:

- a) **City Clerk Report – Freedom of the City to be Conferred (report previously circulated)**

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL CONFER WITH THE FREEDOM OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS ON THE 44TH FIELD ENGINEER SQUADRON IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 158 OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** A CEREMONY SIMILAR TO THE ONE OUTLINED ON THE DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED BY NATIONAL DEFENCE CANADA, BE ARRANGED IN COMMEMORATION OF THE CONFERRING OF THE FREEDOM OF THE CITY ON THIS DISTINGUISHED UNIT OF THE ARMED FORCES OF CANADA.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- b) **Deputy Clerk / Treasurer Report – Airport Tree Removal Request for Quotations**

MOTION: GORDON/ SMITH

RESOLVED THAT, BASED ON THE QUOTATIONS RECEIVED, COUNCIL ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH PASS CREEK ENTERPRISES LTD., TO REMOVE TREES AT THE AIRPORT, AND THAT THE CITY CLERK BE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT.

MOTION: KANIGAN / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE ABOVE RESOLUTION, SURROUNDING THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT TO REMOVE TREES AT THE AIRPORT BE POSTPONED UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING. CARRIED.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor brought forward the following items:

- Vandalism Report for the month of May, 2005

COMMITTEE AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS:

Zoning and Planning Committee – Councillor Krog

Parks Advisory Committee

RDKB

Skateboard Park Committee

Bylaw Review Committee – Councillor Smith -

Grand Forks & District Recreation Commission Representative

Economic Development Committee - Councillor Shkrabuik

Chamber of Commerce and Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee Representative

Emergency Program Executive Committee – Mayor

Community Consultative Group Representative

Boundary Economic Development Commission Representative – the Mayor brought forward the matter of the minutes from the May 26 BEDC meeting.

Economic Development Advisory Committee

Court House Advisory Committee

Phoenix Foundation -

Airport Advisory Committee – Advised the Deputy Administrator for the Trail Hospital advised that the critical care service was inaugurated today. She further advised that MRI services will be available at the Trail hospital this fall.

Courthouse Use Committee

Finance Committee – Councillor O’Doherty

Personnel Committee – Councillor Kanigan -

Aquifer Protection Society Representative

BYLAWS:

- a) **Bylaw No. 1783** cited as “**Year 2005 – 2009 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1780**”

MOTION: SMITH / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1783, CITED AS YEAR 2005 – 2009 FINANCIAL PLAN AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1783, BE FINALLY ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

- b) **Bylaw No. 1784** cited as “**Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Official Community Plan Designation Bylaw No. 1784, 2005**”

MOTION: GORDON / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1784, CITED AS “AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN DESIGNATION BYLAW NO. 1784, 2005, BE GIVEN FIRST AND SECOND READING. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** A PUBLIC HEARING BE SCHEDULED FOR JULY 4TH TO HEAR INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC REGARDING BYLAW NO. 1784.

CARRIED.

- c) **Bylaw No. 1785** cited as “**Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Zoning Bylaw No. 1785**”

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RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1785, CITED AS “AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS ZONING BYLAW NO. 1785, BE GIVEN FIRST AND SECOND READING. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** A PUBLIC HEARING BE SCHEDULED FOR JULY 4TH TO HEAR INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC REGARDING BYLAW NO. 1785.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

None

GIVING OF NOTICES:

- ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS – Monday June 20, 2005, 6:00 p.m.
- REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL – Monday June 20, 2005, 7:00 p.m.
- PUBLIC HEARING FOR BYLAWS NO. 1784 AND 1785 – Monday, July 4, 2005, AT 7:00 P.M.

ADOPTION OF IN-CAMERA AGENDA:

AMENDMENTS TO THE IN-CAMERA AGENDA:

- None

MOTION: GORDON / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA, DATED JUNE 2, 2005 BE ADOPTED, AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED

RESOLUTION TO CONVENE AN IN-CAMERA MEETING:

MOTION: GORDON / SHKRABUIK

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

- SECTION 90(1)(c) OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER TO DISCUSS LABOUR RELATIONS AND OTHER EMPLOYEE RELATIONS; AND
- 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

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- 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

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 7:39 PM
CARRIED.**

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

MAYOR JAKE RAVEN

CITY CLERK – LYNNE BURCH