

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING of COUNCIL
MONDAY MARCH 7, 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

CAO J. Lambie
CITY CLERK L. Burch
DEPUTY CLERK/TREASURER D. Zabinsky

GALLERY

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:22 p.m.

IN-CAMERA AGENDA:

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- None

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION TO CONVENE AN IN-CAMERA MEETING:

MOTION: SMITH / 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 IMPROVEMENTS, IF THE COUNCIL CONSIDERS THAT DISCLOSURE COULD REASONABLY BE EXPECTED TO HARM THE INTERESTS OF THE MUNICIPALITY, AND/ delegation continued on next page

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.

RECESS OF REGULAR MEETING:

The meeting was recessed at 6:23 p.m. and reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Reference was made to the printed circulated report from the RDKB representative Councillor Krog who will speak to this report under his portfolios under Section 11 of the Agenda.

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2005, BE ADOPTED, AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

None

DELEGATIONS:

a) John Zibin, Downtown Merchants – Relocation of the Visitors Information Centre

John Zibin, on behalf of the Downtown Merchants requested that Council reconsider their decision to relocate the VIC next to the Aquatic Centre. He stated that he and other downtown business owners feel that the VIC should be located in the downtown area. He cited the example of the

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heritage walking tour stating that this is an attraction for visitors. Mr. Zibin spoke to the issue of locating the VIC in the Courthouse, suggesting that the downtown business core does not want to be left out when the VIC is moved to the west end of the community. He stated that the VIC is essential to the downtown promotions, etc. The Mayor thanked Mr. Zibin for his comments.

On a question from the gallery, discussion ensued as to a meeting to discuss future VIC plans. Further discussion continued as to a meeting to accommodate this request.

COMMUNICATIONS FOR INFORMATION:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Reports for Information:

None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS REQUIRING ACTION:

a) **City Clerk's Report – Re-development of the Public Works Yard Property**

MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS APPROVE THE PROPOSED SUBDIVISION PLAN OF THE PUBLIC WORKS PROPERTY, AS PRESENTED.
CARRIED.**

b) **CAO'S Report - 2005 Funding For Boundary Economic Development Commission**

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY ACCEPT OPTION 2, ON THE ASSESSMENT BASIS, FOR THE 2005 FUNDING CONTRIBUTION FOR THE BOUNDARY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

A) THAT THE COMMUNITY FUTURES DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION REPRESENTATION ON THE BEDC AND THE PROPOSED VENTURES

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BOUNDARY COMMITTEE BE LIMITED TO ONE (1) REPRESENTATIVE.

- B) THAT THE BEDC/VENTURES BOUNDARY COMMITTEE PLAN AND IMPLEMENT AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM IN THE BOUNDARY FOR 2005.
- C) THAT THE BEDC/VENTURES BOUNDARY COMMITTEE PROVIDE A WRITTEN EVALUATION TO THE CITY NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 1, 2005 SO THE CITY CAN DETERMINE WHETHER IT WISHES TO CONTINUE ITS PARTICIPATION IN THE PROPOSED STRUCTURE.
- D) THAT THE CFDC SUPPORT THE PROPOSED STRUCTURE BY PROVIDING FUNDING TO ASSIST IN CREATING ECONOMIC STIMULUS IN THE BOUNDARY AREA.

CARRIED.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor provided an update on the meeting he attended last week with the 2010 Committee. He stated that he attended, along with Councillor Krog, a meeting of the 2010 committee last week, although at this time there are no minutes available. Councillor Krog outlined the highlights of the meeting, such as a wish list of projects that could be undertaken in celebration of the 2010 Olympic year. Ms. Bernier, who was seated in the gallery, stated that the plan, including the minutes, will be forwarded to Council next week.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Zoning and Planning Committee – Councillor Krog - no report

Parks Advisory Committee

RDKB Representative Councillor Krog reported on his attendance at the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Board meeting held on February 24th. He referred to his written report pointing out that the matter of the Phoenix Mountain Alpine Ski Society funding going to referendum. He advised that the Electoral Area representatives requested a meeting of the stakeholders prior to any decision to allow the matter to go to referendum during the upcoming November General Local Elections.

Skateboard Park Committee

Bylaw Review Committee – Councillor Smith -

Grand Forks & District Recreation Commission Representative

Economic Development Committee - Councillor Shkrabuik - no report

Airport Tree Committee – Councillor Shkrabuik brought forward a recommendation from the Airport Tree Committee:

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MOTION: SHKRABUIK / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS REQUEST THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY TO INVESTIGATE HAVING THE VIENNA WOODS AREA DESIGNATED AS A PROVINCIAL PARK. CARRIED.

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 – Mayor Raven reported on the activities of the Boundary Economic Development Committee meeting held last week. He stated that the City of Trail has received their Live Sites Funding.

Economic Development Advisory Committee

Communications Advisory Committee – Councillor Gordon –

Court House Advisory Committee

Phoenix Foundation -

Airport Advisory Committee –

Courthouse Use Committee

Finance Committee – Councillor O’Doherty -

MOTION: O’DOHERTY / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL AGREE TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF CONSTRUCTING A NEW FACILITY FOR THE VISITORS’ INFORMATION CENTRE AND THE FUNDING OF SUCH A FACILITY. CARRIED.

MOTION: SMITH / O’DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE REQUEST FROM THE BOUNDARY MUSEUM TO DISPLAY DOUKHOBOR ARTIFACTS IN THE GRAND FORKS COURTHOUSE BUILDING, BE DENIED. CARRIED.

Councillor Krog commented that the reason Council denied the request was due to the lack of security at the Grand Forks Court House.

Personnel Committee – Councillor Kanigan - Introduced the new Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, Dan Zabinsky

Aquifer Protection Society Representative

BYLAWS:

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

MOTION: SMITH / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1777, CITED AS THE "AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS ZONING BYLAW NO. 1777, 2005, BE FINALLY ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

Prior to any discussion on the next item, Councillor O'Doherty stated his intention to vacate Council Chambers, due to the fact that he lives across the street from area of property where roads and lanes are proposed to be closed, and could therefore be perceived to be in a conflict of interest. Councillor O'Doherty vacated Council Chambers at 7:32 p.m.

b) **Bylaw 1779 – "P&T Road Closure and Dedication Removal Bylaw No. 1779, 2005**

MOTION: SMITH / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1779, CITED AS THE "P&T ROAD CLOSURE AND DEDICATION REMOVAL BYLAW NO. 1779, 2005", BE GIVEN FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READING.

CARRIED.

7:33 p.m. Councillor O'Doherty returned to Council Chambers

NEW BUSINESS

GIVING OF NOTICES:

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL – Monday, March 21, 2005, 7:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 7:38 P.M.

CARRIED.

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MAYOR JAKE RAVEN

CITY CLERK – LYNNE BURCH