

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING of COUNCIL
MONDAY MARCH 21, 2005

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

ABSENT:
COUNCILLOR BOB SMITH

CITY CLERK L. Burch
DEPUTY CLERK/TREASURER D. Zabinsky

GALLERY

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

➤ None

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2005, BE ADOPTED, AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2005, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

None

DELEGATIONS:

a) Jack Fisher, Ross Pease – Crimestoppers

The delegation approached Council with a request to assist the Crimestoppers organization with funding. Their phone bill last month was \$147.13 and there were 18 calls made from this area, so they believe the program is working. BC Hydro, Fortis and the Nelson Legion have given them grants. Councilor Krog asked whether they had approached the other area municipalities and Regional District's, the Province, Phoenix Foundation or the Columbia Basin Trust. Apparently the Province cannot fund because here is a prohibition under the Criminal Code about paying for information. Councilor Kanigan suggested that the City purchase some bumper stickers for City vehicles. Staff will liaise with public works and purchase the bumper stickers.

COMMUNICATIONS FOR INFORMATION:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Grand Forks #841 Royal Canadian Air Cadets – request to attend Annual Ceremonial review and donate trophy.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE LETTER DATED MARCH 11, 2005, FROM THE GRAND FORKS #841 ROYAL CANADIAN AIR CADETS, REQUESTING THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE ANNUAL CEREMONIAL REVIEW ON JUNE 7, 2005 AT THE GRAND FORKS AIRPORT BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE CITY DONATE THE TOP CADET TROPHY AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$100.00.

CARRIED.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Reports for Information:

None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS REQUIRING ACTION:

a) City Clerk's Report – Appointment of Election officials for 2005 General Election

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT CITY CLERK LYNNE BURCH BE APPOINTED CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER AT ARATE OF \$600.00 AND DEPUTY CLERK / TREASURER DAN ZABINSKY BE APPOINTED DEPUTY CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER AT A RATE OF \$450.00 FOR THE 2005 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 2005.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER AND DEPUTY CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER BE AUTHORIZED TO APPOINT ELECTION OFFICIALS AS REQUIRED.

CARRIED.

b) CAO'S Report - Grand Forks Airport – Provincial Funding

MOTION: GORDON / KROG

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL REQUEST THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY TO FORWARD THE MONIES ALLOCATED IN 2004 AND 2005 (\$50,000/YEAR) FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT THE GRAND FORKS AIRPORT.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF \$56,000 FROM ACCUMULATED SURPLUS AS THE CITY'S CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT FUNDS PROVIDED BY THE PROVINCIAL MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION.

CARRIED.

c) City Clerk's Report -Victim Services Program Opportunity to apply for one-time funding initiative.

MOTION: KROG / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL CONCUR WITH THE APPLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SOLICITOR GENERAL FOR ONE-TIME FUNDING INITIATIVE FOR THE POLICE-BASED VICTIM SERVICES PROGRAM IN GRAND FORKS.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT SHOULD THE CITY BE SUCCESSFUL IN SECURING FUNDING THAT THE MAYOR AND CLERK BE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN AN AMENDMENT TO THE VITIM SERVICE'S MANAGER CONTRACT WHICH PROVIDES FOR AN INCREASE IN HOURS FROM 20.5 PER WEEK TO 23.75 HOURS PER WEEK.

CARRIED

MAYOR'S REPORT:

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Zoning and Planning Committee – Councillor Krog - Councillor Krog spoke to the matter of two resolutions that he has proposed be forwarded to the AKBLG conference.

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / O'DOHERTY

WHEREAS TOURISM AND VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS ARE CRITICAL TO THE MAKEUP OF BRITISH COLUMBIA;

AND WHEREAS THE RECENT UNPRECEDENTED JUMP IN INSURANCE RATES IS CAUSING UNDO HARDSHIP ON THESE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, SOCIETIES AND RECREATIONAL PROVIDERS THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCE;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT SET UP AN INSURANCE PROVIDER SIMILAR TO THE MUNICIPAL INSURANCE ASSOCIATION TO ALLOW REASONABLE LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, SOCIETIES AND RECREATIONAL PROVIDERS.

CARRIED.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SHKRABUIK

WHEREAS PROVINCIAL ASSETS SUCH AS LAND AND BUILDINGS ARE BEING PUBLICLY OFFERED FOR SALE AT MARKET VALUE;

AND WHEREAS THERE ARE TIMES WHEN THESE ASSETS ARE SOLD WITHOUT THE COMMUNITY'S KNOWLEDGE, RESULTING IN LOST OPPORTUNITIES AND NEGATIVE FINANCIAL IMPACTS;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ANY PROVINCIAL OWNED LANDS OR BUILDINGS THAT ARE NO LONGER REQUIRED BE OFFERED FIRST TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR COMMUNITY USE AT A REDUCED RATE.

CARRIED.

Parks Advisory Committee
RDKB
Skateboard Park Committee

Grand Forks & District Recreation Commission Representative

Economic Development Committee - Councillor Shkrabuik - no report

**Airport Tree Committee –
Chamber of Commerce and Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee Representative**

Emergency Program Executive Committee – Mayor Raven - Mayor Raven spoke to the matter of a resolution that he has proposed be forwarded to the AKBLG conference.

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / GORDON

WHEREAS THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT HAS A TARGET STUMPAGE RATE, AND HAS SET A STUMPAGE RATE OF \$0.25/M3 FOR GRADE 3 LOGS, WHICH IS THE RATE CHARGED TO LUMBER PRODUCERS PROCESSING TIMBER DESTROYED BY MOUNTAIN PINE BEETLE, MAINLY IN CENTRAL AND NORTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA

AND WHEREAS, IN AN EFFORT TO MEET THE PROVINCIAL TARGET STUMPAGE RATE, THE VALUE NOT COLLECTED FROM GRADE 3 LOGS, IS BEING PASSED ONTO THE VALUE CHARGED FOR GREEN LOGS, EFFECTIVELY CHARGING SIGNIFICANTLY MORE STUMPAGE TO PRODUCERS MAINLY IN THE SOUTHERN INTERIOR, COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE GRADE 3 WATERBED;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT BE REQUESTED TO ELIMINATE, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, THE GRADE 3 WATERBED, WHICH IS CURRENTLY SUBSIDIZING NORTHERN FORESTRY PRODUCERS, AND CREATE PROVINCE WIDE STUMPAGE RATES WHICH ARE FAIR TO ALL FORESTRY OPERATORS IN THE PROVINCE. CARRIED.

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

Communications Advisory Committee – Councillor Gordon – Councillor Gordon spoke to the matter of a resolution that she has proposed be forwarded to the AKBLG conference.

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MOTION: SHKRABUIK / KROG

WHEREAS THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT HAS DECLARED THAT ALL BRITISH COLUMBIANS SHOULD HAVE 911 ACCESS FOR EMERGENCY REASONS AND MANY MOUNTAINOUS REGIONS OF THE PROVINCE DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO 911 VIA CELL PHONES;

AND WHEREAS CELL PHONE DELIVERY OPERATES ON “LINE OF SIGHT” FROM THE NEAREST TOWER, AND THIS “LINE OF SIGHT” COVERAGE IS NOT AVAILABLE IN MANY AREAS OF THE PROVINCE DUE TO THE COST INVOLVED;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT BE REQUESTED TO CONSIDER PARTNERING WITH A TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY TO PROVIDE CONSISTENT AND RELIABLE CELL PHONE COVERAGE IN ALL AREAS OF THE PROVINCE THAT CURRENTLY DO NOT HAVE COVERAGE.

CARRIED.

Court House Advisory Committee
Phoenix Foundation -
Airport Advisory Committee –
Courthouse Use Committee

Finance Committee – Councillor O’Doherty -

Personnel Committee – Councillor Kanigan -
Aquifer Protection Society Representative

BYLAWS:

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

7:32 p.m. Councillor O’Doherty announced that due to the fact that he lived across the street from the Pope and Talbot property he may be perceived to be in a conflict of interest on this bylaw and removed himself from Council chambers.

MOTION SHKRABUIK / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1779, CITED AS THE “P&T ROAD CLOSURE AND DEDICATION REMOVAL BYLAW NO. 1779, 2005”, BE FINALLY ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

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

GIVING OF NOTICES:

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL – Monday, April 4, 2005, 7:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 7:34 P.M.

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

MAYOR JAKE RAVEN

CITY CLERK – LYNNE BURCH