

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

**REGULAR MEETING of COUNCIL**  
**MONDAY MAY 16, 2005**

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

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER – J Lambie  
DEP CLK / TREASURER D. Zabinsky

GALLERY

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

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**ADOPTION OF IN-CAMERA AGENDA:**

AMENDMENTS TO THE IN-CAMERA AGENDA:

- Roxul West request for meeting to discuss matters under Section 90(1)(e) of the Community Charter.

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / GORDON

**RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA, DATED MAY 12, 2005 BE ADOPTED, AS AMENDED.**  
CARRIED

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

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / O'DOHERTY

**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 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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The Regular Meeting was recessed at 6:02 p.m. and reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

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**REGULAR MEETING ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:**

- Letter from Grand Forks Secondary School requesting that a Council representative attend the Grad ceremonies on Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> to present the City of Grand Forks Scholarships, to be brought forward under correspondence as item number 7(g).
- Clerk's report regarding the conferring of the Freedom of the City be deleted from this agenda due to lack of a full Council.
- Mayor advised that he will be adding several items under his report

**MOTION: SHKRABUIK / SMITH**

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

**CARRIED.**

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**MINUTES:**

**MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KROG**

**RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 2, 2005, BE ADOPTED, AS CIRCULATED.**

**CARRIED.**

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**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

None

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**RESOLUTIONS FROM IN-CAMERA MEETINGS:**

The Mayor advised that during the interim period after the departure of CAO John Lambie on May 27, 2005, Council has appointed City Clerk Lynne Burch as Acting CAO. He further advised that during the interim period, Council has appointed Superintendent Brian Porter as Acting Airport Manager.

**DELEGATIONS:**

- a) **Grand Forks Christian Community – request for Grand Forks Prayer Post to be held at City Hall**

On behalf of the Grand Forks Christian Community, Leona Sharkey, introduced Arne Bryan founder of Canada Prayer Post. Mr. Bryan began by congratulating Members of Council on giving of their personal time to serve the public. He presented the Mayor with a prayer manual and requested that the local prayer group be allowed to have prayer meetings once a week from 12:05 to 12:55 p.m. in Council Chambers in City Hall. Mr. Bryan circulated envelopes to each member of Council. The consensus of Council was that the prayer post be allowed to proceed with Staff's concurrence.

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- b) **Grand Forks Art Gallery Society – request for Council representative to sit on Joint Steering Committee.**

On behalf of the Grand Forks Art Gallery, Judith Lloyd made a presentation to Council on the Gallery's proposed plans for a new art gallery space which would be a joint arts and cultural centre. She requested that a Council liaison be appointed to sit on their Joint Committee. It was determined that Councillor Smith will sit on the joint committee with the possibility of other Members of Council rotating in attending these meetings. The Deputy Clerk/Treasurer was assigned as the Staff liaison.

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**COMMUNICATIONS FOR INFORMATION:**

None

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**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a) **Grand Forks Art Gallery – request Council support of their application for funding through the BC Lotteries Direct Access Grant Program.**

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT THE LETTER FROM THE GRAND FORKS ART GALLERY RECEIVED MAY 9, 2005, REQUESTING SUPPORT OF THEIR APPLICATION FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE BC LOTTERIES DIRECT ACCESS GRANT PROGRAM, BE RECEIVED. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT STAFF BE DIRECTED TO WRITE A LETTER OF SUPPORT AS REQUESTED. CARRIED.**

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- b) **Regional District of Kootenay Boundary – Phoenix Mountain Alpine Ski Society request for funding referendum**

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MOTION: SHKRABUIK / SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT** THE LETTER FROM THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY REQUESTING INPUT FROM THE STAKEHOLDERS AS TO PROCEEDING TO REFERENDUM FOR FUNDING OF THE PHOENIX SKI HILL BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION. CARRIED.

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MOTION: KROG / SHKRABUIK

**RESOLVED THAT** COUNCIL CONFIRMS THEIR PREVIOUS POSITION, ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION AT THE AUGUST 16, 2004 REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL, THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS SUPPORTS THE PHOENIX MOUNTAIN ALPINE SKI HILL AND HAS COMMITTED FUNDING, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,264.00 FOR THE FIVE YEARS, BEING 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008. CARRIED.

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**c) Grand Forks Community Trails Society – request for support of their application for funding from the National Crime Prevention Centre**

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SHKRABUIK

**RESOLVED THAT** THE LETTER FROM THE GRAND FORKS COMMUNITY TRAILS SOCIETY, RECEIVED MAY 10, 2005, REQUESTING SUPPORT OF THEIR APPLICATION FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE BC LOTTERIES DIRECT ACCESS GRANT PROGRAM, BE RECEIVED. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** STAFF BE DIRECTED TO WRITE A LETTER OF SUPPORT AS REQUESTED. CARRIED.

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**d) Pope & Talbot, Inc. – Letter from Maria Pope requesting access to night flights at the Grand Forks Airport.**

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT** THE LETTER FROM POPE & TALBOT, INC. REQUESTING COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION IN TAKING THE NECESSARY STEPS TO ENSURE NIGHT FLIGHTS AT THE GRAND FORKS AIRPORT BE RECEIVED. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** THE APPROXIMATELY 50 TREES IDENTIFIED BY TRANSPORT CANADA ON CITY PROPERTY BE CUT TO ALLOW FOR NIGHT FLIGHTS AT THE GRAND FORKS AIRPORT. **BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT** AREA D RESIDENTS WITH TREES IDENTIFIED BY TRANSPORT CANADA THAT NEED TO BE CUT ON THEIR PRIVATE PROPERTIES, BE REQUESTED TO CUT THEIR TREES, AT THE CITY'S COST. CARRIED.

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MOTION: SHKRABUIK / SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT** THE LETTER FROM THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS REGARDING THE RELOCATION OF THE GRAND FORKS VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE, BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION AND REFERRED TO THE NEXT FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING. CARRIED.

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**f) John Zibin – Request to close downtown streets for June 11<sup>th</sup> Down Town Car Show**

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT** THE LETTER FROM JOHN ZIBIN REQUESTING DOWNTOWN ROAD CLOSURES TO ACCOMMODATE THE 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL DOWN TOWN GRAND FORKS CAR SHOW, BE RECEIVED. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** PERMISSION BE GRANTED FOR THE CLOSURE OF ROADS, AS PER THE ATTACHED MAP, SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE FIRE CHIEF AND THE RCMP. CARRIED.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**Reports for Information:**

None

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**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS REQUIRING ACTION:**

**a) Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Report – City Travel Policy**

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT** THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS TRAVEL RATES AND CHARGES POLICY NO. 3.7 BE AMENDED BY DELETING ITEM 7 ON SCHEDULE a TO THE POLICY AND REPLACING IT WITH THE FOLLOWING WORDING:

“FOR SPOUSES OR PARTNERS ACCOMPANYING AUTHORIZED OFFICIALS REPRESENTATING THE CITY AT THE FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES CONVENTION, UNION OF BC MUNICIPALITIES CONVENTION, ASSOCIATION OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS CONVENTION, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANAGERS’ ASSOCIATION

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FUNCTIONS ONLY. FOR CLARIFICATION, FORMAL FUNCTIONS ARE THE MAIN BANQUET, RECEPTIONS, AND LUNCHESES THAT ARE DEFINED IN THE CONVENTION PROGRAM AS INCLUDING SPOUSES OR PARTNERS.”

CARRIED.

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**b) City Clerk Report – Appointment of Approving Officers**

MOTION: KROG / GORDON

**RESOLVED THAT** CITY CLERK LYNNE BURCH BE APPOINTED APPROVING OFFICER FOR THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS, AND DEPUTY CLERK DAN ZABINSKY BE APPOINTED DEPUTY APPROVING OFFICER IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 77 OF THE LAND TITLE ACT.

CARRIED.

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**c) Fire Chief Report – Mutual Aid Agreement**

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT** COUNCIL APPROVE THE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF FIRE SERVICES, AS PRESENTED AND ATTACHED TO THE FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT OF MAY 12, 2005, BETWEEN THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS, THE CITY OF GREENWOOD AND THE VILLAGE OF MIDWAY. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK BE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS.

CARRIED.

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**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

The Mayor brought forward the following items:

- Vandalism Report for the month of April, 2005
- Requests received for Council Meetings to be broadcast on local cable tv. It was suggested that the Mayor discuss the matter with the CAO upon his return.
- Information Update, suggested that the matter be discussed with the CAO.
- Discussion surrounded the mandate of the Tree Committee.

MOTION: SMITH / GORDON

**RESOLVED THAT** AIRPORT TREE COMMITTEE, PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED BY COUNCIL BE DISSOLVED AT THIS TIME.

CARRIED.

Councillor O'Doherty voted against the motion.

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- Museum funding. Advised that Area C and D directors have agreed to go to referendum this fall on funding the annual operating costs of the Boundary Museum equally with the City of Grand Forks.

**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** - Councillor Smith brought forward the matter of requirements for barriers to the black train bridge, to prevent motorized traffic. Staff will forward report to Council on options available.  
**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**

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**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 recent Joint Meeting.  
**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) **Bylaw No. 1780 cited as “Year 2005 – 2009 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw – Major Industrial Revitalization Tax Exemption**

MOTION: SMITH / O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT** BYLAW NO. 1780, CITED AS "YEAR 2005 – 2009 FINANCIAL PLAN AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1780" BE FINALLY ADOPTED. CARRIED.

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**b) Agreement with Pope & Talbot Ltd. for a permissive tax exemption**

Proir 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 Pope & Talbot Ltd and therefore could be perceived to be in a conflict of interest. Councillor O'Doherty vacated Council Chambers at 7:55 pm.

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT** THE AGREEMENT WITH POPE & TALBOT LTD. FOR A PERMISSIVE TAX EXEMPTION UNDER THE MAJOR INDUSTRIAL REVITALIZATION PERMISSIVE TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM, AS ATTACHED TO THE CLERK'S REPORT SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL AT THEIR MAY 2, 2005 MEETING, BE APPROVED AND THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK BE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

CARRIED.

Councillor O'Doherty returned to Council Chambers at 7:56 p.m.

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**c) Staff Report – 5 Year Financial Plan Bylaw Amendment Requirement**

The Deputy Clerk/Treasurer spoke to his report stating that it is necessary to amend Bylaw 1768 to ensure that the City Financial Plan reflects the reduction in revenue caused by the 2% reduction in tax rates.

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**d) Bylaw No. 1783 cited as "Year 2005 – 2009 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1780"**

MOTION: SMITH / GORDON

**RESOLVED THAT** BYLAW NO. 1783, CITED AS YEAR 2005 – 2009 FINANCIAL PLAN AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1783, BE GIVEN FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS.

CARRIED.

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**GIVING OF NOTICES:**

- REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL – Monday June 6, 2005, 7:00 P.M.
- 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.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 7:58 PM  
CARRIED.**

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**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

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MAYOR JAKE RAVEN

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CITY CLERK – LYNNE BURCH