

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING of COUNCIL
MONDAY NOVEMBER 7, 2005

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

CITY MANAGER V. Kumar
CITY CLERK L. Burch
DEPUTY CLERK/TREASURER D. Zabinsky

GALLERY

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

REGULAR MEETING ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

➤ none

MOTION: GORDON / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA BE ADOPTED, AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2005, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

None

DELEGATIONS:

a) Grand Forks International

Gerry Foster, on behalf of the Grand Forks International began his presentation by referring to the GFI's letter of request for financial contribution. He stated that the GFI is a special event, unique in Canada, and is the best amateur baseball tournament in Canada. He advised that the GFI event is volunteer driven with upwards of 300 volunteers. In conclusion he stated that it is so important to have Council's support and encouragement.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE REQUEST FROM THE GFI FOR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE GFI, BE REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

MOTION WAS DEFEATED.

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MOTION: KROG / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT STAFF BE DIRECTED TO PROVIDE PREVIOUS AGREEMENTS, OUTLINING THE 1/3 SHARING OF LIQUOR PROFITS, AND OTHER WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION, AND THAT THE MATTER OF THE GFI REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION BE CONSIDERED AT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL.

CARRIED.

b) Selkirk College

On behalf of Selkirk College, Delyse Sylvester, brought greetings from Marilyn Lunscombe, President of Selkirk College. She stated that the College has been lobbying the Provincial and Federal governments to develop research opportunities. She advised that research at the university level is different from research at a college level. Ms. Sylvester advised that the College has secured funding for geo-spatial research centre, researching such things as fire risk hazards for our communities, by mapping out the community wildfire risks. She stated that Geo-spatial research centre will be looking at the real needs of the Communities, such as amenities that attract employees to communities.

Ms. Sylvester went on to outline her role of raising funds for the Endowment Fund. She stated that the Provincial government established a tight time frame of 11 months to match the provincial funding. She stated that the campaign leaders are looking for \$50,000 from Grand Forks, \$100,000

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from Trail, Nelson and Castlegar areas as well as contributions from Regional District of Kootenay Boundary and Regional District of Central Kootenay. She outlined some tangible impacts on Grand Forks. Discussion ensued on how the money would be spent. She advised that Selkirk College is raising \$2.5 million for the endowment fund, of which 5% would be for the salary for the Innovation Chair and some administrative costs. Some discussion ensued as to the chosen chair, who has a background in urban planning, and is attracted to this area for a lifestyle change. Members of Council inquired as to salary to be paid, and duplication of services. Ms Sylvester advised that the salary is still being negotiated. She stated that endowment funding is expected to be given over a 5 year period which is posing challenges, as bridge funding will be required to realize the endowment. She advised that Trail, RDKB, and Grand Forks are proposed to collectively raise \$200,000. She stated that the Proposal went to RDKB for \$50,000, Grand Forks for \$50,000, and \$100,000 from Trail. She concluded her presentation by stating that the College is looking for Council's committed support at this meeting, in order to leverage funding from other partners, such as the Vancouver Foundation.

Mayor Raven thanked Ms. Sylvester for attending the meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS FOR INFORMATION:

a) Summary Information Items

MOTION: GORDON / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL INFORMATION SUMMARY, ATTACHED TO THE REPORT DATED NOVEMBER 1, 2005, BE RECEIVED AND ACTED UPON AS RECOMMENDED.

CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Nil

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS REQUIRING ACTION:

a) Option for New Development Agreement – Argosy Construction Group Inc.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT THE STAFF REPORT DATED OCTOBER 31, 2005, OUTLINING AN OPTION FOR AN AGREEMENT TO REMOVE THE EXISTING COVENANT AND ALLOW

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FOR THE SALE AND DEVELOPMENT OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY, IN RESPONSE TO COUNCIL'S REQUEST AT THE OCTOBER 17, 2005 REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL, BE RECEIVED .

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT APPROVAL BE GRANTED FOR THE SIGNING OF THE DRAFT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS AND ARGOSY CONSTRUCTION GROUP INC., FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 10, DISTRICT LOT 534, S.D.Y.D., PLAN 34656.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT APPROVAL BE GRANTED TO REMOVE THE EXISTING COVENANT ON THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY, OWNED BY HARDY MOUNTAIN CONSTRUCTION, IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE SALE OF THE PROPERTY TO ARGOSY CONSTRUCTION GROUP INC.

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Amending Resolution

MOTION: KROG / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE SECOND PARAGRAPH OF THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT APPROVAL BE GRANTED FOR THE SIGNING OF THE DRAFT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS AND ARGOSY CONSTRUCTION GROUP INC., PROVIDED THAT CLAUSE TWO OF THE AGREEMENT OUTLINES THE REQUIREMENT FOR A DEVELOPMENT PLAN TO BE SUBMITTED AND APPROVED, PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF A BUILDING PERMIT, FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 10, DISTRICT LOT 534, S.D.Y.D., PLAN 34656."

THE AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION WAS CARRIED.

THE ORIGINAL MOTION AS AMENDED WAS CARRIED.

b) Application for Subdivision in the Agricultural Land Reserve

MOTION: GORDON / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE APPLICATION FOR SUBDIVISION IN THE AGRICULTURAL LAND RESERVE, FOR PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS THAT PART OF D.L. 382 SHOWN ON PLAN B193, S.D.Y.D., EXCEPT PLAN 8875, LOCATED AT 6370 12TH STREET, AS SUBMITTED BY THE PROPERTY OWNER, TROY KABATOFF, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE APPLICATION BE AUTHORIZED TO PROCEED AND THAT STAFF BE DIRECTED TO FORWARD THE APPLICATION ALONG WITH THE REQUIRED LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORT, TO THE AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION.

CARRIED.

c) GFI – Past Financial Contribution

The Staff Report outlined above was not considered as the matter was referred to the next Regular Meeting of Council earlier in the meeting.

d) Request for Proposals for Audit Services

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 169(1) OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER, COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS APPOINTS THE CHARTERED ACCOUNTING FIRM OF BERG NAQVI LEHMANN AS CITY AUDITORS FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS, BEGINNING WITH THE 2005 FISCAL PERIOD.

CARRIED.

e) Selkirk College Research Endowment Fund – Matching Grant Community Contribution

The Staff Report outlined above was not considered as the matter was referred to the next Regular Meeting of Council.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- None.
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COMMITTEE AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS:

None

BYLAWS:

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

GIVING OF NOTICES:

➤ REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL – Monday, November 21, 2005 – 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 8:22 P.M.

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

MAYOR JAKE RAVEN

CITY CLERK – LYNNE BURCH