

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING of COUNCIL
MONDAY OCTOBER 17, 2005

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

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER V. Kumar
CITY CLERK L. Burch
DEPUTY CLERK/TREASURER D. Zabinsky

GALLERY

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

IN-CAMERA MEETING AGENDA:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA 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 OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER TO DISCUSS MATTERS IN A CLOSED MEETING WHICH ARE THE SUBJECT OF SECTIONS 90(1) AND 90(2) OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER. **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.

RECESS OF REGULAR MEETING:

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

REGULAR MEETING ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

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MOTION: O'DOHERTY / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA BE ADOPTED, AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2005, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

None

DELEGATIONS:

a) Grand Forks Border Bruins Alumni Association

Ron Hooge, on behalf of the Grand Forks Border Bruins Alumni Association, began his presentation by thanking Council for the opportunity to make this presentation. He advised that he was President of Border Bruins for 9 years, and that the Border Bruins Hockey team celebrated their 35th anniversary last year. He stated that this prompted the formation of an alumni association. Mr. Hooge stated that over 600 players have played for the Border Bruins over the past 35 years. He advised that they have found 402 players out of the 600, and they have been invited to play in an alumni tournament which will be held in January 2006. He referred to "Inside Scoop" newsletter, which copies were circulated to Council. In conclusion he advised that an funds generated through tournaments will filter back to Border Bruins. Mr. Hooge concluded his presentation by showing a 4 minute video presentation.

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MOTION: O'DOHERTY / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE PRESENTATION MADE BY RON HOOGE, ON BEHALF OF THE BORDER BRUINS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS FOR INFORMATION:

a) Summary Information Items

MOTION: KANIGAN / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL INFORMATION SUMMARY, ATTACHED TO THE REPORT DATED OCTOBER 11, 2005, BE RECEIVED AND ACTED UPON AS RECOMMENDED.

CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Nil

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS REQUIRING ACTION:

a) Application for Development Permit, Grand Forks Realty.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KANIGAN

RESOLVED THAT THE APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT A 2,640 SQUARE FOOT COMMERCIAL BUILDING ON PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOTS 16-19 AND LOT 25, BLOCK 6, DL 108, S.D.Y.D, PLAN 23, LOCATED AT 272 CENTRAL AVENUE, INTENDED TO HOUSE THE REAL ESTATE SALES OFFICE OF GRAND FORKS REALTY, AS SUBMITTED BY THE PROPERTY OWNER, 607757 BC LTD, BE APPROVED IN SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE WITH THE PLANS ATTACHED TO THE APPLICATION.

CARRIED.

b) Major Industrial Revitalization Tax Exemption Certificate – Pope & Talbot Ltd.

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / KANIGAN

RESOLVED THAT A MAJOR INDUSTRIAL REVITALIZATION AREA TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE BE ISSUED ON LANDS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 1, D.L.'S 382 AND

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534, S.D.Y.D., PLAN 43597, AND PARCEL A, D.L. 534, S.D.Y.D., PLAN KAP77809, WHICH LANDS ARE THE SUBJECT OF A REVITALIZATION TAX EXEMPTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS AND POPE & TALBOT LTD. CARRIED.

c) Request to Remove Restrictive Covenant to Allow for Sale of Industrial Property

MOTION: KANIGAN / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE LETTER, DATED OCTOBER 11, 2005, FROM ARGOSY CONSTRUCTION GROUP INC., REQUESTING THAT COUNCIL GRANT APPROVAL TO REMOVE AN EXISTING RESTRICTIVE COVENANT ON PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 10, DISTRICT LOT 534, S.D.Y.D., PLAN34656, BE RECEIVED. 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.

MOTION WAS DEFEATED.

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MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE MATTER OF A REQUEST FROM ARGOSY CONSTRUCTION GROUP INC. TO REMOVE A RESTRICTIVE COVENANT ON A PIECE OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY, ALLOWING THE COMPANY TO PURCHASE AND DEVELOP THE PROPERTY, BE REFERRED BACK TO STAFF FOR REPORT ON OPTIONS AVAILABLE FOR AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PROPOSED PURCHASER AND THE CITY IN DEVELOPING THE PROPERTY. CARRIED.

d) Selkirk College Research Endowment Fund

MOTION: KANIGAN /SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST RECEIVED FROM SELKIRK COLLEGE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE REGIONAL INNOVATION CHAIR ARISING FROM THE PROVINCIAL LEADING EDGE ENDOWMENT FUND, THAT COUNCIL ENDORSES THE CITY'S ANNUAL FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION OF \$6,000 UP TO FIVE YEARS AND SEND A LETTER OF COMMITMENT TO SELKIRK COLLEGE AND FURTHER COMMITS TO WORK WITH THE KETTLE VALLEY COMMUNITIES FOR INCLUSION OF THIS FUNDING IN THE EDC BUDGET FOR 2006-2010.

MOTION WAS DEFEATED.

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MOTION: KROG / KANIGAN

RESOLVED THAT A REPRESENTATIVE FROM SELKIRK COLLEGE BE REQUESTED TO MAKE A PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL ON THE PROPOSAL FOR A REGIONAL INNOVATION CHAIR ARISING FROM THE PROVINCIAL LEADING EDGE ENDOWMENT FUND, FOR CONSIDERATION OF OPTION 2 OUTLINED IN THE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT DATED OCTOBER 12, 2005. CARRIED.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- The Mayor reported on the status of a Community Forest Licence with the other boundary communities of Greenwood and Midway. He stated that the matter will most likely be dealt with by a new Council.
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COMMITTEE AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS:

Councillor Gordon – reported on her tour of the new Boundary Lodge facility. She stated that there are 17 rooms for seniors assisted living. She advised that the facility has been financed by the federal government and by BC Housing, and will be managed by the Grand Forks Housing Society.

BYLAWS:

- a) **Bylaw No. 1789 cited as “Year 2006 Annual Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1789”**

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1789, CITED AS “YEAR 2006 ANNUAL TAX EXEMPTION BYLAW NO. 1789”, BE FINALLY ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

- b) **Bylaw No. 1790 cited as “Year 2005 – 2009 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1790”**

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / KANIGAN

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1790, CITED AS “YEAR 2005 – 2009 FINANCIAL PLAN AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1790”, BE FINALLY ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

- c) **Bylaw No. 1791 cited as “Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Zoning Bylaw No. 1791” (Sibat Small Lot Rezoning)**

MOTION: KANIGAN / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1791, CITED AS “AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS ZONING BYLAW NO. 1791, 2005, BE GIVEN FIRST AND SECOND READINGS. CARRIED.

d) Bylaw No. 1792 cited as “Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Zoning Bylaw No. 1792” (City Property Multi-Family – Community Use)

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / KROG

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1792, CITED AS “AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS ZONING BYLAW NO. 1792, 2005, BE GIVEN FIRST AND SECOND READINGS. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

None

GIVING OF NOTICES:

- PUBLIC HEARING – Bylaws Numbered 1791 and 1792, Monday November 7, 2005 at 6:00 p.m.
- REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL – Monday, November 7, 2005 – 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 7:39 P.M.

CARRIED.

Regular Meeting of Council
October 17, 2005

MAYOR JAKE RAVEN

CITY CLERK – LYNNE BURCH