

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

**REGULAR MEETING of COUNCIL**

**MONDAY OCTOBER 3, 2005**

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

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

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

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**REGULAR MEETING ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Delegation Request from Industrial Users of the Water Utility – Randy Johnson of Can Par Industries to be heard under Delegations as Item Number 4 (c)
- Request from Kettle Valley Taxi to be brought forward under Mayor's report.

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / SMITH

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

CARRIED.

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**MINUTES:**

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / GORDON

**RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2005, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.**

CARRIED.

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**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

None

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**DELEGATIONS:**

**a) Participants of the Community Centre Public Meeting - Input from Forum**

Rosemary Phillips and Gary Smith made a presentation to Council on the input obtained at the Public Forum held on Monday, September 26, 2005 on the matter of the construction of a Community Centre, and requested that Council hold a town hall meeting to discuss and review all aspects of the proposed Community Centre. Issues brought forward by the presenters suggested that there is strong support for the proposed community centre, however concerns surrounding the estimated time-frame, the duplicating existing facilities, the size of the complex, and estimated construction and operation costs, as well as the use of local contractors, and citizen input, were expressed by the presenters. Councillor Krog, clarified the comment that in the past the proposal for a community centre that was going to be built for \$500,000, was cancelled due to relocation, stating that it was cancelled due to the lack of funding partners, and that the \$500,000 was the City's Contribution to the total project cost. At the request of the Mayor, the CAO announced that the province's deadline for construction of the Live Sites Projects has been extended until March, 2008. Discussion ensued as to escalating construction costs as the time-frame is extended. Ms. Phillips stated that if the job is worth doing, it is worth doing well, and the extra costs involved in the extended time-frame it is worthwhile for public input. Mayor Raven thanked the delegation for their presentation.

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**b) Rosemary Phillips - Community Centre Location**

On behalf of herself, Rosemary Phillips made a presentation to Council requesting that Council consider locating the proposed Community Centre on property which is currently occupied by Dick Bartlett Park and that the existing Bartlett Park ball diamonds be relocated to the City property to the west of Dick Bartlett Park. She stated that the site proposed is not visible from the road, and the high traffic volumes to the proposed site will impact residences, and it is preferable to locate the community centre on 19<sup>th</sup> Street resulting in less noise for the residential area. Councillor Kanigan agreed with Ms Phillips, stating that the relocation would facilitate overflow parking for James Donaldson Park. Councillor Krog spoke to the matter of having to rezone the proposed site, stating that if the ball diamonds were moved, rezoning would still be required. Some discussion ensued as to the costs of relocating the ball diamonds. Staff was requested to estimate costs for upgrading roads in the area. It was clarified that the Community Centre proposal is different from the proposed Arts and Cultural Centre, and the two proposed facilities are not in competition with each other.

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**Late Item**

**c) Can Par Industries Ltd. – Input on Water Rates Review**

Randy Johnson, on behalf of Can Par Industries, made a presentation to Council outlining the industry's input on the water rate review and the proposed water rate increase. Mr. Johnson discussed Can Par's favourable existing water rate. He went on to present economic information as it relates to Can Par Industries. Mr. Johnson stated that Can Par cannot afford the increase in water rates, and at this time cannot afford to put in their own well.

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**COMMUNICATIONS FOR INFORMATION:**

**a) Summary Information Items**

MOTION: KANIGAN / SMITH

**RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL INFORMATION SUMMARY, ATTACHED TO THE REPORT DATED SEPTEMBER 27, 2005, BE RECEIVED AND ACTED UPON AS RECOMMENDED.**

CARRIED.

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**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**a) Frank O. Koide, CA – Resignation as City Auditor**

MOTION: KROG / O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT THE LETTER FROM FRANK O. KOIDE, CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT, RESIGNING HIS POSITION AS CITY AUDITOR, BE REGRETFULLY RECEIVED. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE CITY ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR AUDIT SERVICES FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. AND BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT THE CITY WRITE A LETTER OF APPRECIATION TO MR. KOIDE FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITY.**

CARRIED.

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**b) Village of Nakusp – Request for Support of Nakusp Boat Launch Facility**

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / O'DOHERTY

**WHEREAS BC HYDRO AND THE WATER COMPROLLER HAVE INDICATED THAT THE NAKUSP RAMP MAY NOT FIT WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE COLUMBIA WATER USE PLAN (WUP) AND HAVE NOT ACKNOWLEDGED THE DEGRADATION OF THE RAMP DUE TO HYDRO OPERATIONS;**

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AND WHEREAS THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (CC) FOR WUP HAS REPEATEDLY AND OVERWHELMINGLY SUPPORTED ADDRESSING THE NAKUSP BOAT RAMP ISSUES LINKED TO HYDRO OPERATIONS;

AND WHEREAS THE PEOPLE OF NAKUSP AND THE SURROUNDING AREA WERE PROMISED BY BC HYDRO RELIABLE AND SAFE ACCESS TO THE ARROW RESERVOIR UPON FLOODING OF THE LAKE;

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS, SUPPORTS THE VILLAGE OF NAKUSP POSITION, AND REQUESTS THAT THE WATER COMPTROLLER AND BC HYDRO RE-EVALUATE THE DECISION ON THE ELIGIBILITY OF THE NAKUSP BOAT RAMP WITHIN THE COLUMBIA WATER USE PLAN AND FOR BC HYDRO TO ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

CARRIED.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS REQUIRING ACTION:**

**a) Application for Development Permit, Grand Forks Flooring.**

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SHKRABUIK

**RESOLVED THAT** THE APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT A 2,892 SQUARE FOOT ADDITION TO THE EXISTING GRAND FORKS FLOORING BUILDING ON PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 8, BLOCK 6, DL 380, SDYD, PLAN 586, EXCEPT PLAN H17065, LOCATED AT 1573 CENTRAL AVENUE, AS SUBMITTED BY THE PROPERTY OWNERS, ERNEST AND DENYSE PROMMER, BE APPROVED IN SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE WITH THE PLANS ATTACHED TO THE APPLICATION. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE CLERK BE INSTRUCTED TO COMPLETE THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS TO REMOVE THE NOTICE FILED UNDER SECTION 920 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT IN AUGUST 2005, TO RESCIND THE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED DEVELOPMENT PERMIT.

CARRIED.

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**b) Applications for Development Permit, Beverly Vatkin**

MOTION: SMITH / KANIGAN

**RESOLVED THAT** THE APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT TO RE-DEVELOP AN EXISTING RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE AS A MOTORCYCLE SALES AND REPAIR SHOP ON PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 4, DISTRICT LOT 520, SDYD, PLAN 16242, AND LOCATED AT 2585 CENTRAL AVENUE, AS SUBMITTED BY THE PROPERTY OWNER BEVERLY VATKIN, BE APPROVED IN SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE WITH THE PLANS ATTACHED TO THE APPLICATION CARRIED.

**c) Community Centre Committee, Proposal for location of the proposed  
Community Centre**

MOTION: KROG / SMITH

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVE THE REPORT, DATED OCTOBER 3, 2005, FROM THE COMMUNITY CENTRE BUILDING COMMITTEE, FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.

CARRIED.

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MOTION: KROG / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DIRECT STAFF TO PROCEED WITH THE STATUTORY PROCESS TO REZONE CITY OWNED PROPERTY, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 3, PLAN 32149, THE CURRENT PROPOSED SITE FOR THE NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE, FROM THE EXISTING RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO COMMUNITY USE.

CARRIED.

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MOTION: SHKRABUIK / KANIGAN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS REQUESTS THAT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE BUILDING COMMITTEE SET UP A MEETING FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING PUBLIC INPUT ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROPOSED COMMUNITY CENTRE.

CARRIED.

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MOTION: KROG / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT STAFF BE DIRECTED TO PROVIDE A REPORT WITH REQUESTED INFORMATION ON THE COSTS INVOLVED IN RELOCATING THE DICK BARTLETT PARK BALL DIAMONDS TO THE WEST, AS WELL AS COSTS FOR EXPANDING THE REQUIRED ROADS, AND OTHER APPLICABLE COSTS INVOLVED IN LOCATING THE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON THE PRESENT SITE OF DICK BARTLETT PARK.

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**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- The Mayor circulated a plaque, presented to him at UBCM, commemorating the City's membership in UBCM which is 100 Years old.
- The Mayor brought forward a verbal request that he received this afternoon in his office for a letter in support of a proposal for a taxi business in Grand Forks. The request has come from Charles Haggen, of Kettle Valley Taxi.

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MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KANIGAN

RESOLVED THAT THE VERBAL REQUEST FROM CHARRLES HAGGEN, BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE MAYOR, FOR A LETTER IN SUPPORT OF HIS PROPOSAL FOR A TAXI SERVICE BUSINESS IN GRAND FORKS, BE RECEIVED. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT CITY OF GRAND FORKS FORWARD A LETTER IN SUPPORT OF A TAXI SERVICE IN GRAND FORKS. CARRIED.

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- The Mayor circulated information from Selkirk College regarding the Regional Innovation Chair in Rural Economic Development.
  - The Mayor provided verbal information on the Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust, to support investments in tourism, forestry, pine beetle recovery, etc. He stated that the Mayors of Cranbrook, Trail, Golden and Grand Forks, have been appointed to the Board of Directors.
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**COMMITTEE AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS:**

**Councillor Gordon** – reported that Environment Canada will be installing the weather station at the airport within the next few weeks. She further stated that the availability of the information on the website, is being looked into.

**Councillor Krog** – reported on his attendance at the southern interior development meeting in Trail, as well as on his attendance at the RDKB Board Meeting and the Regional Hospital Board meeting. He stated that bylaws intended to allow cost sharing of the Museum to be presented as a referendum in November received 3 readings. He further reported on the various forums he attended at the UBCM Conference held last week in Vancouver. Councillor Krog reported on the outcome of the four UBCM resolutions proposed by the City of Grand Forks. He advised that the resolution, calling for reliable cell service in Grand Forks, and the resolution suggesting that municipalities be allowed to acquire provincial assets at a reduced price, were both endorsed by UBCM. The Grand Forks resolution calling for an end to the “waterbed effect” for stumpage fees paid by forestry companies, was endorsed by UBCM. The City’s proposal that the provincial government set up a scheme to insure non-profit tourism recreation providers, similar to MIA, was endorsed by UBCM with a change in wording, even though it did not receive endorsement from the UBCM executive.

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**BYLAWS:**

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

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / KANIGAN

**RESOLVED THAT** BYLAW NO. 1790, CITED AS “YEAR 2005 - 2009 FINANCIAL PLAN AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1790”, BE GIVEN FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS.  
CARRIED.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

None

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**GIVING OF NOTICES:**

- CANDIDATE INFORMATIONAL SESSION – Tuesday, October 4, 2005 – 7:00 p.m. at Selkirk College
  - REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL – Monday, October 17, 2005 – 7:00 p.m.
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**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: KROG

**RESOLVED THAT** THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 8:19 P.M.  
CARRIED.

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MAYOR JAKE RAVEN

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CITY CLERK – LYNNE BURCH