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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY APRIL 10, 2006

PRESENT: MAYOR NEIL KROG
COUNCILLOR ANN GORDON
COUNCILLOR TOM HINTER
COUNCILLOR CHRIS MOSLIN
COUNCILLOR PATRICK O'DOHERTY
COUNCILLOR GENE ROBERT
COUNCILLOR TOM SHKRABUIK

CITY MANAGER	V. Kumar
CITY CLERK	L. Burch
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	D. Zabinsky

GALLERY

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

➤ None

MOTION: ROBERT / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA BE ADOPTED, AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / HINTER

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES, AND RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN, OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2006, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2006, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

a) Grand Forks & District Recreation Commission – Community Centre Proposal

Mr. John Mackey on behalf of the Grand Forks & District Recreation Commission, made a presentation to Council on the Commission's preferred choice of location for the new community centre. He stated that his presentation would focus only on the location of the facility and not on the design or use of the facility. Mr. Mackey on behalf of the Commission proposed that the Community Centre be located in concert with the other recreation facilities, between the Grand Forks Aquatic Centre and the Grand Forks Arena. He advised that the Commission believes the Community Centre is necessary and will address needs of many user groups now and in the future.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Mackey for taking the time to make this presentation to Council.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE PRESENTATION MADE BY JOHN MACKEY OF GRAND FORKS & DISTRICT RECREATION COMMISSION ON THE MATTER OF AN ADDITIONAL PROPOSAL FOR THE LOCATION OF THE NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED.

b) Rosemary Phillips – Request for financial support for the 2006 Music in the Park Program

Ms. Phillips began her presentation by stating her reasons for requesting funding for the Music in the Park Program. She stated that this program began as a result of the construction of the Trans Canada Trail in City Park, with a view of attracting people to City Park. She advised that the event attracts approximately 200 people for each concert. She stated that she put forward a budget in October 2005, for nine nights of music in the park, for a total of \$3,894, 60% of the total \$5,900 budget, stating that local business will be asked to contribute the remaining 40%.

The Mayor thanked Ms. Phillips for her presentation to Council.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT THE PRESENTATION MADE BY ROSEMARY PHILLIPS ON BEHALF OF THE MUSIC IN THE PARK PROGRAM, REQUESTING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE 2006 MUSIC IN THE PARK PROGRAM, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a) **Grand Forks BMX Society – Request for funding for Infrastructure Upgrades to the BMX Track in City Park, deferred from the Regular Meeting of February 20, 2006.**

MOTION: HINTER / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE MATTER OF A REQUEST FOR FUNDING FOR INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES TO THE BMX TRACK IN CITY PARK, BE DEFERRED UNTIL THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL, APRIL 24TH, 2006.

CARRIED.

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- b) **Policies – Financial Support**

MOTION: GORDON / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE STAFF REPORT ON POLICY AND GUIDELINES FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT BE RECEIVED AND REFERRED FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AND DECISION AT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL.

CARRIED.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:

- a) **City Clerk's Report – Emergency Executive Committee**

MOTION: HINTER / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT COUNCILLORS GORDON AND ROBERT BE APPOINTED TO THE EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH BYLAW 1655.

CARRIED.

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- b) **City Manager's Report – Operating Agreement for Power Purchase**

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ENDORSE THE OPERATING AGREEMENT AS NEGOTIATED AND SIGNED BY THE CITY MANAGER FOR THE SUPPLY OF POWER ON A WHOLESALE BASIS FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 2006 TO MARCH 31, 2010.

CARRIED.

MOTION: GORDON / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL, UPON THE ADVICE OF THE MAYOR, RECOMMENDS COUNCILLOR TOM SHKRABUIK TO THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRAND FORKS & DISTRICT RECREATION COMMISSION UNDER SECTION A.1 (a).

CARRIED.

d) City Manager's Report – Regional District Financial Plan

MOTION: HINTER / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVE THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY FINANCIAL PLAN WHERE GRAND FORKS IS A PARTICIPANT.

CARRIED.

e) City Manager's Report – Arts and Culture Policy

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY'S MANAGER'S REPORT, AND THE MATTER OF THE ARTS AND CULTURE POLICY, BE TABLED FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.

CARRIED.

f) City Clerk's Report – Fall Fair Society Request for approvals for the Annual Fall Fair

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE USE OF DICK BARTLETT PARK ON FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 9TH AND SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2006, FOR USE AS ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR THE GRAND FORKS DISTRICT FALL FAIR. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** APPROVAL BE GRANTED FOR THE ISSUING OF SPECIAL OCCASION LIQUOR LICENCES FOR THE TWO DAYS, SEPTEMBER 9TH AND 10TH, TO ALLOW THE FALL FAIR SOCIETY TO HOLD A BEER GARDEN DURING THE TWO DAY FALL FAIR EVENT, SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS.

CARRIED.

g) City Manager's Report – Policy on inspections of structures and facilities based on available resources

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MOTION: GORDON / HINTER

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE POLICY ON INSPECTIONS OF STRUCTURES AND FACILITIES, AS PRESENTED, BASED ON THE FINANCIAL AFFORDABILITY AND THE AVAILABLE MANPOWER.

CARRIED.

h) Deputy Clerk/Treasurer's Report – Response to Request for Proposals for Operation of the City's Campground for 2006 – 2008

MOTION: GORDON / MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL AWARD THE 2006 – 2008 CAMPGROUND SERVICES CONTRACT TO THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS FOR THE CONTRACT PRICE OF \$37,000.00 PER YEAR.

CARRIED.

Councillor Shkrabuik voted against the motion.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Unsightly Property, 7439 7th Street – “Show Cause” Hearing

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / HINTER

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL, HAVING PROVIDED THE OWNER OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7439 7TH STREET AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD AND EXPLAIN HIS PLANS TO CLEAN-UP THE PROPERTY, THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7439 7TH STREET BE DECLARED A NUISANCE IN ACCORDANCE SECTION 74 OF COMMUNITY CHARTER AND THE FOLLOWING REMEDIAL ACTION BE ORDERED:

1. STAFF ARE DIRECTED TO SEND A NOTICE TO THE PROPERTY OWNER AND/OR THE OCCUPIER, ADVISING THAT THE CITY OR THE CITY'S AGENTS, WILL BE ATTENDING THE PROPERTY, ON A SPECIFIED DATE, AND REMOVING THE OFFENDING MATERIALS.
2. THE NOTICE WILL FURTHER ADVISE THAT THE COSTS FOR THE PROPERTY CLEAN-UP WILL BE BILLED TO THE PROPERTY OWNER, AND SHOULD THE BILL REMAIN UNPAID AFTER DECEMBER 31ST, THE COST WILL BE ADDED TO THE PROPERTY TAXES AS TAXES IN ARREARS.

CARRIED.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION: GORDON / MOSLIN

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RESOLVED THAT INFORMATION ITEMS NUMBERED 5A TO 5I BE RECEIVED AND ACTED UPON AS RECOMMENDED.

CARRIED.

MOTION: GORDON / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS SUPPORTS IN PRINCIPLE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL SENIORS' ADVOCACY OFFICES (RSAC) AS PROPOSED BY THE SENIORS' ADVOCACY STEERING COMMITTEE AS A MEANS OF PROVIDING SECURITY AND PROTECTION TO SENIORS' RIGHTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL, PROVINCIAL AND MUNICIPAL LEGISLATION.

AND BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT AN ACTUAL SENIORS ADVOCACY COMMITTEE BE FORMED IN THE BOUNDARY THROUGH A PUBLIC MEETING PROCESS.

CARRIED.

BYLAWS

a) **Bylaw 1802 - Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Zoning Bylaw No. 1802, 2006**

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1802, CITED AS "AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS ZONING BYLAW NO. 1802, 2006, BE GIVEN THIRD READING.

CARRIED.

b) **Bylaw 1803 - Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Mobile Home Park Bylaw No. 1803, 2006**

MOTION: ROBERT / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1803, CITED AS "AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS MOBILE HOME PARK BYLAW NO. 1803, 2006, BE GIVEN THIRD READING.

CARRIED.

LATE ITEMS:

None

- Advised that our local fabricators at Unifab Manufacturing are building the platform/barge to hold the crane being used to construct the new bridge in Kelowna, stating Grand Forks can be proud of local industry
- Advised that there are several upcoming meetings with the Boundary partners in Economic Development and the Regional Economic Development Manager, Kevin Weaver, of which the primary focus will be on Regional VICs, Boundary-wide branding and tourism promotion.
- Stated that Council has forwarded a letter of support for a feasibility study, that could provide Skills/Trades training in Grand Forks.

Councillor O'Doherty

- Reported on his attendance at the annual Council of Forest Industries (COFI) conference last week in Kelowna, and further announced that Maria Pope of Pope & Talbot Ltd., has been elected chair of the Council of Forest Industries.

Councillor Gordon

- Reported on her attendance at a Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Presentation, by a group headed by Crystal Caine and Ed Pongracz of the Lower Columbia All First Nations, and Lori Swanson Liaison with Interior Health. She stated that the presentation pointed out that there is resemblance between FADS and Drug Abuse and treatment beds for both are limited. Councillor Gordon reported that the group is lobbying the Province to provide more funding on both accounts.

Councillor Shkrabuik

Nil

Councillor Robert

- Attended a meeting of the AKBLG Conference Committee, thanking Bill Irvine and Columbia Brewery for the donation of a substantial gift and prizes for the conference.
- Attended an Art Gallery presentation "Drinking Alone" by a theatre group from Salmo
- Attended Board meeting of Art Gallery on March 27th
- Attended working session of Phoenix Foundation on April 4th
- Attended Provincial Emergency Management Workshop on April 4th
- Attended Communities in Bloom meeting. In attendance at the meeting was the Trail Communities in Bloom group discussing their successful projects
- Attended a film festival April 7-9 of noted documentaries from around the world. He acknowledged the participation of John and Maryanne Westaway, Larry Hudema and Dave Borchelt.

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Councillor Moslin

- Advised that the Grand Forks Air Quality Committee has received a \$35,000 grant from Province for the activities of the Committee. He stated that second meeting of the Committee is tomorrow at the Omega Restaurant at 3:00 p.m.
- Reported on the clean up of garbage on the Granby Road, stating that local residents, Wayne and Linda Priebe undertook this task. He also stated that local merchants have cleaned-up the vacant lot in the 300 Block of Market Avenue.
- Discussed plans to participate in a pitch-in garbage clean-up campaign, stating that the Wildlife group, Communities in Bloom, the Chamber of Commerce and a group led by Stu Dale will participate in different areas of the community.
- Inquired as to Staff's research on whether or not tours of the courthouse can be conducted. The City Manager advised that a letter has been written to Court Services representatives in Kelowna, however no response has been received to date.
- Advised that a Peace Conference will be held in Vancouver June 23 – 28, and inquired if the Mayor would be attending. The Mayor advised that it was intention to decline the invitation, due to costs.

Mayor Krog

- Attended a meeting of the Boundary Economic Development Commission on March 14th.
- Attended a meeting of SIDIT on March 17th in Kelowna, stating that he has been appointed, as Mayor of Grand Forks, by legislation, to sit on interim board. He advised of the intended functions of interim board, and voiced his concerns that the process may not be inclusive of all areas and the area being considered is too large and the funding amount too small.
- Attended a West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District meeting in Trail – advising that the Board has requested that the Ministry of Health undertake an independent review of health services in the Kootenay Boundary Health Area.
- Attended luncheon presentation, hosted by the Chamber of Commerce, for the 2006 Census
- Attended Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Board meeting in Trail, identifying the following highlights:
 - 2006 Budget received Board Approval
 - 2007 Policing costs appears to be reflecting the school tax model
 - Approved the participation of the Boundary Economic Development Commission in a provincial initiative to develop an in-migration strategy
 - Town Hall meetings and Financial Plan Public Consultations have been conducted
- Trade Rave meeting on March 31st. A Trade Rave is to be held in Grand forks on May 17th at Unifab Industries. The Mayor suggested that the City participate to introduce young people to a future career as an Electrical Lineman.

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- Reported on his attendance at the Council of Forest Industries conference. He advised of his introduction to OMNITRAX, located across the border in Kettle Falls. He stated that a group of railway enthusiasts would be interest in coming to Grand Forks with their mini track cars.

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE VERBAL REPORTS, PRESENTED BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL AT THIS MEETING, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF IN-CAMERA MEETING AGENDA:

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

➤ None

MOTION: HINTER / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA FOR THE IN-CAMERA MEETING SCHEDULED TO IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW THE REGULAR MEETING BE ADOPTED, AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

IN-CAMERA RESOLUTION:

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / O'DOHERTY

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.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: SHKRABUIK

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**RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 8:57
P.M.**

CARRIED.

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MAYOR NEIL KROG

CITY CLERK – LYNNE BURCH