

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY APRIL 24, 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.

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE RECESSED AT 7:01 P.M. TO ALLOW FOR THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING, AND THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE RECONVENED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING.

CARRIED.

The Meeting was recessed at 7:01 p.m. and reconvened at 8:16 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- None

MOTION: GORDON / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE APRIL 24, 2006 AGENDA BE ADOPTED, AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

MOTION: GORDON / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2006, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a) **City Manager's Report – Grants and Financial Support (matter referred from the last Regular Meeting of Council)**

MOTION: GORDON / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT ON THE MATTER OF GRANTS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT, DATED APRIL 14, 2006, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED.

MOTION: MOSLIN /

RESOLVED THAT A LUMP SUM OF NO MORE THAN \$60,000 BE ALLOCATED FROM EXISTING PROGRAMS IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR DISTRIBUTION TO ORGANIZATIONS AND NON-PROFIT GROUPS BASED ON ESTABLISHED CRITERIA.

There was no seconder for the motion. The proposed motion was not debated.

Discussion ensued as to the various options put forward for grants-in-aid.

MOTION: ROBERT /

RESOLVED THAT A LUMP SUM OF NO MORE THAN \$20,000 BE ALLOCATED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR DISTRIBUTION TO ORGANIZATIONS AND NON-PROFIT GROUPS BASED ON ESTABLISHED CRITERIA AND FUNDS FOR DISTRIBUTION BE RECOMMENDED BY A 5-MEMBER COMMITTEE MADE UP OF MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC APPOINTED BY COUNCIL. .

The motion was not seconded and no debate ensued.

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL CONTINUE WITH THE STATUS QUO OF NOT DISTRIBUTING GRANTS-IN-AID.

CARRIED.

Councillors Robert and Moslin voted against the resolution.

b) City Clerk's Report – Infrastructure Upgrades for the BMX Track in City Park

MOTION: MOSLIN / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE FUNDING FOR THE FOLLOWING BMX TRACK INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES:

STARTING GATE: \$ 850.00

MOTOSHED RENOVATIONS 2,800.00

PLUS APPROVAL FOR CITY CREWS TO ASSIST WITH EXTRA WASHROOM CLEANING, THE HAULING AND SETTING UP OF BLEACHERS, THE COLLECTION OF GARBAGE, ETC. DURING THE WEEKEND OF THE BORDERLINE NATIONALS, AT A COST OF APPROXIMATELY \$1,000.00. CARRIED.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:

a) City Manager's Report – Communities in Bloom

MOTION: ROBERT / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECOGNIZES THE COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION AND SUPPORTS THEIR ACTIVITIES AND ENCOURAGES THE COMMUNITY TO MAKE DONATIONS THROUGH THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS TO COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM.

AND BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CONTRIBUTE \$500.00 TOWARDS THE COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM FOR ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT SERVICES OF THE ORGANIZATION. THE MOTION WAS DEFEATED.

MOTION: MOSLIN / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECOGNIZES THE COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION AND SUPPORTS THEIR ACTIVITIES AND ENCOURAGES THE COMMUNITY TO MAKE DONATIONS THROUGH THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS TO COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM. CARRIED.

b) City Manager's Report – Music in the Park

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT, DATED APRIL 12, 2006, REGARDING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR MUSIC IN THE PARK, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CONTINUES TO ENCOURAGE MUSIC IN THE PARK BY VOLUNTEERS BY PROVIDING VENUE, POWER, GENERIC SIGN AND WASHROOM FACILITIES.

CARRIED.

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT STAFF BE REQUESTED TO RESEARCH AND PREPARE A REPORT ON THE COSTS AND OPTIONS FOR A PORTABLE STAGE AND SOUND SYSTEM FOR COUNCIL'S FURTHER CONSIDERATION.

CARRIED.

c) City Manager's Report – Regionally operated Services in City Owned Facilities

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT, DATED APRIL 12, 2006, REGARDING CAPITAL AUTHORIZATION FOR REGIONALLY OPERATED SERVICES IN CITY OWNED FACILITIES, BE RECEIVED. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS BY THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY TO THE CITY OWNED ARENA AND AQUATIC CENTRE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REDUCING OPERATING COSTS.

TABLING RESOLUTION:

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE FOREGOING MATTER, REGARDING THE CAPITAL AUTHORIZATION FOR THE REGIONALLY OPERATED SERVICES IN CITY OWNED FACILITIES, BE TABLED UNTIL AFTER THE DISCUSSION ON THE COMMUNITY CENTRE LOCATION.

CARRIED.

d) City Manager's Report – Community Centre

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / HINTER

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT, DATED APRIL 12, 2006, REGARDING THE PROPOSED COMMUNITY CENTRE SITE SELECTION AND AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED TO SELECT AN ARCHITECT, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED.

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / O'DOHERTY

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE PROPOSED COMMUNITY CENTRE BE LOCATED IN THE WEST END BETWEEN/ IN THE VICINITY OF THE ARENA/ AQUATIC CENTRE/ CURLING RINK: EXACT CITING TO BE DETERMINED LATER. AND BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT AFTER THE SELECTION OF A LOCATION FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, A PROPOSAL CALL BE ISSUED FOR THE SELECTION OF AN ARCHITECT TO PROVIDE 3 CONCEPTUAL DESIGNS WITH CAPACITIES OF 300 AND 500 WITH PHASE-IN OPTION AND PRELIMINARY COSTS ESTIMATES PRIOR TO THE TENDER CALL.

CARRIED.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / GORDON

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

CARRIED.

TABLED RESOLUTION:

MOTION: GORDON / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE RESOLUTION, REGARDING THE CAPITAL AUTHORIZATION FOR REGIONALLY OPERATED SERVICES IN CITY OWNED FACILITIES, TABLED EARLIER IN THIS MEETING, BE LIFTED FROM THE TABLE AT THIS TIME.

CARRIED.

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT, DATED APRIL 12, 2006, REGARDING CAPITAL AUTHORIZATION FOR REGIONALLY OPERATED SERVICES IN CITY OWNED FACILITIES, BE RECEIVED. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** COUNCIL APPROVES THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS BY THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY TO THE CITY OWNED ARENA AND AQUATIC CENTRE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REDUCING OPERATING COSTS. CARRIED.

BYLAWS

a) Bylaw 1802 - Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Zoning Bylaw

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / HINTER

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1802, CITED AS "AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS ZONING BYLAW NO. 1802, 2006, BE FINALLY ADOPTED. CARRIED.

b) Bylaw 1803 - Amendment to the Grand Forks Mobile Home Park Bylaw

MOTION: HINTER / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1803, CITED AS "AMENDMENT TO THE GRAND FORKS MOBILE HOME PARK BYLAW", BE FINALLY ADOPTED. CARRIED.

c) Bylaw 1804 - A Bylaw to Impose a Flat Tax on Parcels in the City of Grand Forks

MOTION: HINTER / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1804, CITED AS "CITY OF GRAND FORKS FLAT TAX ON PARCELS BYLAW NO. 1804, 2006", BE GIVEN FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS. CARRIED.

d) Bylaw 1805 - Municipal Road Maintenance Services Flat Tax on Parcels Roll Bylaw

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THIRD READING OF BYLAW NO. 1805, CITED AS "MUNICIPAL ROAD MAINTENANCE SERVICES FLAT TAX ON PARCELS ROLL BYLAW 1805, 2006", BE RESCINDED. CARRIED.

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1805, CITED AS “MUNICIPAL ROAD MAINTENANCE SERVICES FLAT TAX ON PARCELS ROLL BYLAW 1805, 2006” BE AMENDED BY INCLUDING SUBSECTION “C) IMPROVEMENTS ONLY” IN SECTION 5 OF THE BYLAW.
CARRIED.

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1805 CITED AS “MUNICIPAL ROAD MAINTENANCE SERVICES FLAT TAX ON PARCELS ROLL BYLAW 1805, 2006” BE GIVEN THIRD READING AS AMENDED.
CARRIED.

e) Bylaw 1806 - 2006 Annual Tax Rates Bylaw

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / HINTER

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1806, CITED AS “2006 ANNUAL TAX RATES BYLAW”, BE GIVEN FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READING.
CARRIED.

LATE ITEMS:

None

REPORTS, QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL (VERBAL)

Councillor Moslin–

- ❖ Reported on the activities of the Air Quality Committee, which last met on April 11th. He advised that the Committee is looking to make the meeting report public shortly. He stated that the next meeting is May 9th, and will be convened with a professional facilitator.
 - ❖ Councillor Moslin reported that Clean Air Day is May 7th. He recognized pitch-in volunteers who worked to clean up garbage in the community last Saturday.
 - ❖ He reminded Council of the Youth Forum, scheduled for Friday May 5th.
 - ❖ On a question from Councillor Moslin, the City Manager responded that he is waiting for a written response from the Ministry of the Attorney General as to the possibility of making the courthouse open to the public.
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Councillor Robert –

- ❖ Advised that he had attended a Fall Fair Committee meeting, stating that this year is the 50th Anniversary of the Grand Forks Fall Fair.
- ❖ He stated that Dan Lebedoff has been elected Chair of the Boundary Museum Board.
- ❖ Advised that the 30th Anniversary Celebration of the Grand Forks Arts Council was a success. Concluded by recognizing volunteers who participated in Earth Day.

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Councillor Shkrabuik:

None

Councillor Gordon:

- ❖ Outlined complaints received as to the deer population within the municipal boundaries.

MOTION: GORDON / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT STAFF BE REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, WILDLIFE BRANCH, AND INQUIRE AS TO WHAT OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE TO CONTROL DEER POPULATION. CARRIED.

- ❖ Advised on her attendance at the Boundary Lodge Seniors Birthday Party.
- ❖ Reported on the plans for the upcoming AKBLG conference scheduled to be held in Grand Forks at the end of this week.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 9:52 P.M. CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

MAYOR NEIL KROG

CITY CLERK - LYNNE BURCH