

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

MONDAY AUGUST 14, 2006

PRESENT: MAYOR NEIL KROG
COUNCILLOR ANN GORDON
COUNCILLOR TOM HINTER
COUNCILLOR CHRIS MOSLIN
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.

RECESS TO PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING:

MOTION: GORDON / MOSLIN

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 7:13 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- None

MOTION: GORDON / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE AUGUST 14, 2006 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.
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MINUTES:

MOTION: HINTER / MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY JULY 17, 2006, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

MOTION: ROBERT / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES, AND RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN, OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 17, 2006, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:

a) City Clerk's Report – Wildlife Hall

MOTION: HINTER / MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED JULY 18, 2006, RELATIVE TO A PROPOSAL TO REMOVE A RESTRICTIVE COVENANT IN FAVOUR OF THE CITY ON PROPERTY OWNED BY THE GRAND FORKS WILDLIFE ASSOCIATION, BE RECEIVED.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE MATTER OF THIS PROPOSAL TO REMOVE A RESTRICTIVE COVENANT IN FAVOUR OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS ATTACHED TO TITLE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE GRAND FORKS WILDLIFE ASSOCIATION BE REFERRED TO THE SEPTEMBER 25TH, 2006 IN-CAMERA MEETING.

CARRIED.

b) City Clerk's Report – Application for a Development Permit

MOTION: GORDON / HINTER

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED JULY 18, 2006, REGARDING AN APPLICATION TO INSTALL A SIGN IN DOWNTOWN GRAND FORKS, BE RECEIVED.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION, AS SUBMITTED BY THE GRAND FORKS AND DISTRICT

SAVINGS CREDIT UNION FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNAGE ON THE CREDIT UNION PROPERTY, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 1, D.L. 108, S.D.Y.D., PLAN 41505, IN SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE WITH THE DRAWINGS SUBMITTED WITH THE APPLICATION.

CARRIED.

c) City Clerk's Report – Annual Tax Exemption Bylaw

MOTION: GORDON / HINTER

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED AUGUST 8, 2006, REGARDING THE PREPARATION OF THE 2007 ANNUAL TAX EXEMPTION BYLAW, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL GRANTS APPROVAL TO ALL NINE APPLICANTS, INCLUDING:

- Grand Forks Senior Citizens Society Branch 143 (Slavonics)
- Grand Forks Hospital Auxiliary (Thrift Shop)
- Grand Forks Senior Citizens Society Branch 68 (City Park)
- Sunshine Valley Little People's Centre
- Royal Canadian Legion
- Harmony Lodge Freemasons (Masonic Hall)
- Boundary Branch BCSPCA (Donaldson Drive Animal Shelter)
- Grand Forks Wildlife Association (Wildlife Hall)
- Abbeyfield Centennial House Society

FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2007 ANNUAL TAX EXEMPTION BYLAW.

CARRIED.

d) Deputy Clerk/Treasurer's Report – Council resolution to approve rate schedule

MOTION: GORDON / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE DEPUTY CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT, DATED AUGUST 8, 2006, REGARDING A PROPOSED BYLAW AND ATTACHED RATE SCHEDULE FOR THE OPERATION OF THE CITY PARK CAMPGROUND, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE RATE SCHEDULE TO PROPOSED BYLAW 1812 AS PRESENTED, AND THAT STAFF INCLUDE THE RATES IN THE 2007 BC ACCOMMODATION GUIDE.

CARRIED.

e) City Manager's Report – South Ruckles Public Amenity

MOTION: MOSLIN / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT, DATED JULY 27, 2006, REGARDING BEACH ACCESS AND PUBLIC AMENITIES IN THE SOUTH RUCKLES AREA, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD PUBLIC AMENITY AND ACCESS TO THE WATERFRONT IN 2006 AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000 AND ACCORDINGLY ADVISE THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF THIS PROJECT. CARRIED.

f) City Manager's Report – Consideration of Options to Curb Vandalism

MOTION: GORDON / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT, DATED JULY 27, 2006, REGARDING OPTIONS TO CURB VANDALISM, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF ONE ELECTRONIC MOBILE MONITORING DEVICE IN 2006 TO PATROL THE TROUBLED SITES WITHIN THE CITY AND AFTER A TRIAL PERIOD OF THREE MONTHS WITH SATISFACTORY RESULTS, AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A SECOND MOBILE ELECTRONIC MONITORING DEVICE IN THE SPRING OF 2007. MOTION WAS DEFEATED.

MOTION: HINTER / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL PROCEED WITH OPTION 2, OUTLINED IN THE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT, DATED JULY 27, 2006, TITLED OPTIONS TO CURB VANDALISM FOR THE FALL, AND HIRE CONTRACTORS, IE: B.C. CORPS OF COMMISSIONAIRES TO PROVIDE SECURITY SERVICES WITHIN THE CITY, INCLUDING PROVIDING PATROL SERVICES, SUCH AS OBSERVING, RECORDING AND REPORTING OF ACTIVITIES, WITH ENFORCEMENT LEFT TO THE RCMP.

CARRIED.

- a) Deputy Clerk/Treasurer's Report – 2079 77th Avenue Unsightly Premises

MOTION: HINTER / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE DEPUTY CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT, REGARDING THE MATTER OF THE UNSIGHTLINESS OF PROPERTY AT 2079 77TH AVENUE, THIS BEING THE "SHOW CAUSE" HEARING, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT INASMUCH AS THE PROPERTY OWNER DID NOT ATTEND THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD, COUNCIL DECLARES THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2079 77TH AVENUE TO BE A NUISANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 74 OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER AND THE FOLLOWING REMEDIAL ACTION BE ORDERED: 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. 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: HINTER / ROBERT

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

BYLAWS

a) **Bylaw 1810 - Overweight Traffic Regulation Bylaw**

MOTION: HINTER / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1810, CITED AS "OVERWEIGHT TRAFFIC REGULATION BYLAW NO. 1810, 2006, BE GIVEN FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS. CARRIED.

b) **Bylaw 1811 – Amendment to the Subdivision and Development Bylaw**

MOTION: GORDON / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1811, CITED AS “AMENDMENT TO THE SUBDIVISION AND DEVELOPMENT BYLAW NO. 1811, 2006”, BE GIVEN FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READING.

CARRIED.

LATE ITEMS:

None

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

Councillor Gordon:

Councillor Gordon reported on the following activities:

- Reported on her discussions with public health as to the matter of the outbreak of whooping cough in Grand Forks.
- Reported on her efforts to follow up on Community Health Promotion funding through UBCM. Stated she has made Interior Health aware of the funding and is hopeful for a meeting with local officials to come up with eligible projects.

Councillor Moslin:

Councillor Moslin reported on the following activities.

- Reported on the current activities of the Boundary Air Quality Committee. He advised that there is an upcoming public meeting on October 11th sponsored by the Boundary Air Quality Committee. A public survey is being contemplated and will be brought forward to Council shortly. He stated that he has discussed, with the City Manager, the possibility of meeting with the Minister of Environment at UBCM.
- Reported on the status of the Trans-Canada Trail, the Lafferty washout. Stated that the remedial action includes a new temporary trail on the upper side. He advised that a long term solution includes a new span of 40 meters, however sufficient funding will need to be found.

Councillor Robert –

Councillor Robert reported on the following activities

- Attended a visioning and mandate developing session with the Boundary Museum.
- Attended Music in the Park weekly.
- Attended Festival of Freedom and thanked the organizing committee.

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- Thanked the Air Quality Committee for the installation of the 2.5 monitor on City Hall.
- Met with the Architect concerning the Community Centre.
- Attended Greenwood Arts Festival

- Complaint about Barbara Ann Park, complimented City Crews on a great job of resolving the problem.
- Advised that there is a possibility that “Fantastic” will play in Grand Forks this fall.
- Reminded Council that the GFI will take place on August 30 to September 4th.
- Reminded Council that the Grand Forks Fall Fair will take place September 9th and 10th
- He brought forward the matter of a UBCM Member Notice, Titled “Liquor Policy – Public Interest” and requested that Staff bring forward this matter at the next meeting for further discussion.

A copy of Councillor Robert’s report is attached to these minutes:

Mayor Krog:

Mayor Krog reported on the following activities:

- Waste Management Project in the east end of the RDKB
 - CBT inclusion, meetings to take place
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ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: HINTER

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 8:32 P.M. CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

MAYOR NEIL KROG

CITY CLERK - LYNNE BURCH