

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY AUGUST 14, 2006

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

CITY MANAGER V. Kumar
CITY CLERK L. Burch
DEPUTY CLERK / TREASURER D. Zabinsky

GALLERY.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:
➤ None

MOTION: ROBERT / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2006, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

None

QUESTION PERIOD FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mayor Krog stated that City Council is interested in hearing from the public on the issues it is dealing with or on any other issue that is of interest to the general public. To ensure that this process is open and does not feel uncomfortable to anyone, he advised that Council has set up some parameters to follow. He requested the gallery that prior to speaking about their issue that they would advise Council of the following:/ continued on next page

1. Identify yourself, stating your name and place of residence and the issue you are bringing forward.
2. The subject of your participation should be limited to items of broad public interest, not personal to your property. This is not a forum for complaints. Any complaints will be dealt with by Staff and can be made by calling or attending City Hall or other City department during business hours.
3. Presentations: You must limit your questions and or comments to a maximum of five (5) minutes including questions from Council. This will permit time for all that are present to participate.
4. Council may not make any decisions at this meeting and if Council wishes, the item would be referred to Staff for follow-up and recommendation for Council to consider at a regular meeting of Council.

Bill Campbell – 7470 21st Street:

Mr. Campbell brought forward the matter of smoke originating from industrial properties and requested that Council consider a bylaw to require the installation of scrubbers designed to limit industrial emissions. Councillor Moslin advised that the industries are issued permits by the Provincial government for emissions into the air shed and therefore these emissions are governed by the province. Councillor Moslin went on to advise of the pending actions of the Air Quality Committee, stating that future bylaws will be recommended to the Council from the Air Quality Committee. Mr. Campbell suggested that this smoke could be classified as a nuisance and under a nuisance bylaw can be regulated by the City. The Mayor stated that the issue is complicated, and a simple bylaw may not be the answer to the problem. Councillor Hinter stated that he is satisfied that the City is doing all it can at the moment with the Air Quality Committee. Councillor Robert concurred and added that he recently referred to the Reid Report, which outlined that 55% of the smoke in the valley did not originate from industry but from things like wood stoves and fugitive road dust.

OPERATIONAL DISCUSSION & PRESENTATIONS BY STAFF:

None

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

a) City Clerk's Report – Risk Management Policies

MOTION: HINTER / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED JULY 26, 2006 ON THE PROPOSED RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES PACKAGE, BE RECEIVED.

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AND BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT THE PROPOSED PACKAGE OF RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES, BE ADOPTED AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

REQUESTS FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

None

LATE ITEMS:

None

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

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THIS PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 7:13 P.M.

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

MAYOR NEIL KROG

CITY CLERK – LYNNE BURCH