

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY FEBRUARY 6, 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
CITY CLERK
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

V. Kumar
L. Burch
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: SHKRABUIK / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA BE ADOPTED, AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: GORDON / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES, AND RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN, OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2006, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

MOTION: HINTER / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2006, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

Councillor Hinter declared a potential conflict of interest, stating that he could be perceived as having a bias towards the next item on the agenda inasmuch as the presenter, Midge Brandow, is his sister. He stated his intention to vacate Council Chambers at this time. Councillor Hinter vacated Chambers at 7:03 p.m.

a) Granby Guides & Outfitters and the Grand Forks Wildlife Association

Barry Brandow of Granby Guides & Outfitters, and on behalf of the Grand Forks Wildlife Association, represented tonight by Craig Kiselbach, made a presentation seeking Council's support of a provincial Wildlife Management Area designation for an area known as the Gilpin Grasslands. Mr. Brandow outlined the background to the situation, citing previous governments initiatives for wildlife management, stating that he feels that the initiative for a wildlife area designation for the Gilpin Grasslands is important. In response to a question of Council, Mr. Brandow stated that he would make a presentation to the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary, stating that Area D Director, Tony Lodder was involved in earlier meetings. Mr. Kiselbach stated that the Grand Forks Wildlife Association was instrumental in the first land management area in 1972, and fully supports this initiative. Mayor Krog thanked them both for their presentations.

Councillor Hinter returned to Council Chambers at 7:20 p.m.

b) Grand Forks BMX Society

Laddie Rich of the Grand Forks BMX Society made a presentation requesting financial assistance for improvements to the BMX track in City Park in time for the Borderline Nationals in June, 2006. Mr. Rich began his presentation by outlining the number and type of races held for the Grand Forks BMX Club, stating that the "nationals" series are the most prestigious in the country, and Grand Forks has been presented the opportunity on June 2, 3, 4, 2006 to co-host the nationals with the American Bicycle Association, titled the Borderline Nationals. Mr. Rich went on to request \$5,000.00 for infrastructure upgrades to the track in City Park, as well as cost sharing for jerseys for their club members. He advised that the Club is expecting a considerable number of riders from the United States, as approximately 2,000 visitors are expected to attend this event from out of town. He advised Council on the Club's promotional initiatives for the event. In closing he stated that BMX activities provides a family oriented safe atmosphere for the youth of Grand Forks, and financial support should be considered an investment in the community.

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE PRESENTATION MADE BY LADDIE RICH OF THE GRAND FORKS BMX SOCIETY, REQUESTING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE BMX FACILITY UPGRADE IN CITY PARK, BE RECEIVED AND REFERRED TO STAFF FOR A REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL REQUEST MADE. CARRIED.

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MOTION: SHKRABUIK / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE PRESENTATION MADE BY BARRY BRANDOW OF GRANBY GUIDES & OUTFITTERS, AND CRAIG KISELBACH OF THE GRAND FORKS WILDLIFE ASSOCIATION, REQUESTING COUNCIL'S SUPPORT FOR THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT TO DESIGNATE THE GILPIN GRASSLAND AREA AS A WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA, BE RECEIVED.

c) Public Health Nursing

Ann Hawes of Public Health Nursing made a presentation to Council requesting consideration for the adoption of a Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Bylaw, intended to require all licensed establishments to post signage in their place of business warning of the effects of FASD. Ms. Hawes began by circulating information on her presentation. Ms. Hawes referred to her research on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, suggesting that FASD has already costs Grand Forks taxpayers in the way of special education services, social service costs, etc. She concluded by requesting that the City of Grand Forks take a leadership role for rural communities in adopting this proposed bylaw.

MOTION: GORDON / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE PRESENTATION MADE BY ANN HAWES OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING REQUESTING COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION IN ADOPTING A BYLAW REQUIRING ALL LICENSED ESTABLISHMENTS AND LIQUOR RETAIL OUTLETS TO POST FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER WARNING SIGNS, BE RECEIVED. CARRIED.

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MOTION: MOSLIN / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT A RESOLUTION BE FORWARDED TO THE AKBLG ANNUAL MEETING INTENDED TO BE ADOPTED AND FORWARDED ON THE UNION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA MUNICIPALITIES CONFERENCE THAT THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA BE PETITIONED TO PASS LAWS REQUIRING LICENSED ESTABLISHMENTS AND LIQUOR RETAIL OUTLETS TO POST WARNING NOTICES ABOUT FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER. CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:

a) City Manager's Report – Tobacco Free Zone Signs

MOTION: GORDON / MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE INSTALLATION AND COST SHARING OF SIGNS IN CITY PARKS, UP TO \$500.00, IN A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE INTERIOR HEALTH AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT A "TOBACCO FREE ZONE" PROGRAM IN CITY PARKS. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT ACTUAL SIGNS TO BE INSTALLED BE APPROVED BY COUNCIL PRIOR TO INSTALLATION.

CARRIED.

b) City Manager's Report – AKBLG Conference Funding and Sponsorship

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE CONVENTION BUDGET AND FUNDING REQUIRED TO HOST THE 2006 ANNUAL AKBLG CONVENTION AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING INCLUDING PROVIDING STAFF AND OTHER SUPPORT RESOURCES. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL COMMITS TO COVER ANY DEFICIT ARISING FROM THE CONVENTION ACTIVITIES.

CARRIED.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / GORDON

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

CARRIED.

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MOTION: HINTER / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT ITEM Q, OF THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATIONAL ITEMS BE BROUGHT FORWARD FOR DISCUSSION AT THIS TIME. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

THAT MAYOR KROG, THE ACTING MAYOR OR ANY ONE MEMBER OF COUNCIL BE AUTHORIZED TO ATTEND THE COUNCIL OF FOREST INDUSTRIES CONFERENCE IN APRIL, 2006.

CARRIED.

BYLAWS

a) Bylaw 1797 - Electrical Utility Rates Bylaw

MOTION: GORDON / HINTER

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1797, CITED AS “ELECTRICAL UTILITY REGULATORY AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1797, 2006”, BE GIVEN FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READING.

CARRIED.

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b) Bylaw 1799 - City of Grand Forks 2006 – 2010 Financial Plan

MOTION: GORDON / HINTER

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1799, CITED AS “YEAR 2006 – 2010 FINANCIAL PLAN BYLAW”, BE GIVEN FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READING.

CARRIED.

LATE ITEMS:

None

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

Councillor Hinter brought forward the matter of the \$80,000 - \$100,000 annual subsidy for the Grand Forks Airport.

MOTION: HINTER / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT STAFF BE DIRECTED TO BRING FORWARD A REPORT ON THE
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POSSIBLE FEES AND CHARGES TO BE IMPLEMENTED AT THE GRAND FORKS AIRPORT.
CARRIED.

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Councillor Moslin brought forward the matter of the highway traffic study that is currently being conducted. It was stated that Councillor HINTER was invited to participate, and City Staff has participated in the discussion of traffic flow from the Yale bridge to 6th Street. Discussion ensued as to the condition of the pavement on Central Avenue. It was suggested that a meeting be held with Ministry of Highways on this matter. Staff will report back to Council on any future meetings with the Ministry.

Discussion of policies received at the last primary committee meeting ensued. It was stated that the recommendations to adopt the policies contained in the Primary Committee meeting were adopted with the minutes earlier this evening. Councillor Moslin stated that he wished to re-examine the GFSS Scholarship Policy.

MOTION: MOSLIN / HINTER

RESOLVED THAT THE GRAND FORKS SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP POLICY, NO. 5.02, BE AMENDED AND PRESENTED TO THE NEXT PRIMARY MEETING, TO INCREASE THE SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT, TO INCLUDE 2 SCHOLARSHIPS OF \$1,000 EACH ANNUALLY, FOR TWO STUDENTS GRADUATING FROM THE GRAND FORKS SECONDARY SCHOOL. BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT THE POLICY BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE THAT IT WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR ANY CANDIDATES PROCEEDING TO A POST SECONDARY SCHOOL .

CARRIED.

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Councillor Moslin also brought forward the matter of a Council Indemnity Review policy, stating that the policy should be reviewed the year before the election, so that it is implemented when a new Council takes office. The City Manager stated that the intent of the Councillor Moslin's proposal can be accommodated within the policy as it is written.

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Mayor Krog requested that Members of Council stay for a few minutes after the adjournment of the meeting in order to individually talk to those present in the gallery.

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ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: HINTER

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 8:28 P.M.

CARRIED.

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MAYOR NEIL KROG

CITY CLERK – LYNNE BURCH