

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY JANUARY 23, 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.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

➤ None

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING BE ADOPTED, AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

a) Interior Health / Canadian Cancer Society – Tobacco Free Zone Initiative

Louise Poole of Interior Health Authority and Helen Bobbitt of the West Kootenay branch of the Canadian Cancer Society made a presentation to Council proposing a cost sharing initiative between the City of Grand Forks, the Interior Health Authority and the Canadian Cancer Society to implement a tobacco free zone initiative in Grand Forks.

Ms. Bobbitt stated that tonight's presentation focuses on tobacco use and exposure, stating that the Boundary area has above average use of tobacco products. She went on to add that the number of smokers have decreased over the past few years, but there is still work to be done in raising

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awareness and in this regard stated that the Canadian Cancer Society supports this proposal.

M. Poole stated that she has made this presentation in other west Kootenay communities, stating that this proposal is aimed at limiting spaces where individuals can smoke. She stated that Tobacco free zones do not include ashtrays, etc. She outlined the proposed partnership for signage for a tobacco free zones in recreation areas, suggesting that with other partnership funds, an 18x18 sign would cost the City approximately \$25.00. Ms. Poole advised that most of the program legwork is done by Interior Health, and there would be very little city staff time required. Mayor Krog thanked Ms. Poole and Ms. Bobbitt for making this presentation to Council.

b) Grand Forks Community Trails Society – Update on Trails Initiatives

George Longden and Christy Luke, on behalf of the Grand Forks Community Trails Society, introduced their society to the new Council. Mr. Longden began by stating that the presentation is intended to give a brief history of the organization and to give an update on current trails projects.

Ms. Luke gave a brief history of trail development from the Year 2000 – present. Copies of a written chronology of trail projects was circulated to members of Council at this time. She stated that the total project amount spent to date is \$1.3 million, and the City's cash contribution was approximately \$20,000.

Mr. Longden continued by outlining some of the current projects of the Trails Society including .

- “Grand Forks Valley Walkabout”, a pocket guide to 12 walking trails.
- Information Signs were developed with funds from the City.
- Acquisitions of trails around the black train bridge.

He went on to outline proposals for the immediate future which include:

- Securing access to south side of the black train bridge
- Interest from British military to re-deck this bridge

In conclusion, Mr. Longden advised that the group will need Council's help in acquiring trail property from Coalshute Road to the black train bridge. He further advised that the Group will be reporting back to Council in April, 2006.

Mayor Krog thanked Mr. Longden and Ms. Luke for their presentation.

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

There were no representatives from the Granby Guides and Outfitters or the Grand Forks Wildlife Association in the gallery at this time.

- Rosemary Phillips advised that the door to City Hall was not opened until just before 7:00 p.m. this evening.

OPERATIONAL DISCUSSION & PRESENTATIONS BY STAFF:

None

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

a) City Clerk Report – Proposed Zoning Amendments

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT STAFF BE DIRECTED TO PREPARE AN AMENDMENT TO THE GRAND FORKS ZONING BYLAW INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING TWO AMENDMENTS:

- REZONE PROPERTY ON 68TH AVENUE, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 1, D.L. 380/520, PLAN KAP64274, FROM THE CURRENT R3 MULTIPLE FAMILY TO R2 RESIDENTIAL SMALL LOT.
- AMEND SECTION 33(2)(B) REDUCING THE MINIMUM PARCEL SIZE FROM THE REQUIRED 21,786 SQUARE FEET TO 15,000 SQUARE FEET.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THIS BYLAW BE PERMITTED TO PROCEED TO PUBLIC HEARING.

CARRIED.

b) City Manager Report – Transfer from electrical Utility to General Revenue Fund

MOTION: HINTER / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT THE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT, ON THE TRANSFER FROM ELECTRICAL UTILITY TO GENERAL REVENUE FUND BE RECEIVED AT THIS TIME.

CARRIED.

c) City Manager Report – Electrical Rate Structure

MOTION: HINTER / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT THEY ESTABLISH 2006 RATES THAT RECOVERS COSTS PLUS A RETURN ON INVESTMENTS AND FOR RESIDENTIAL RATEPAYERS A BASIC MONTHLY MINIMUM CHARGE OF \$10.00 PER

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MONTH PLUS CONSUMPTION RATE AND FURTHER THAT COMMERCIAL RATEPAYERS RECEIVE AN IMMEDIATE RATE REDUCTION TO EQUAL THE RATE

CHARGED BY FORTISBC INCLUDING A MINIMUM MONTHLY CUSTOMERS CHARGE OF \$10.00.

CARRIED.

d) City Manager Report – Corporate Policies

MOTION: GORDON / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT THE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT CONTAINING PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE-GOVERNANCE POLICIES, BE APPROVED AND IMPLEMENTED BY FEBRUARY 28, 2006.

CARRIED.

REQUESTS FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION: ROBERT / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT THE STRATEGIC ACTION PLANNING WORKSHOP REPORT BE RECEIVED AND THAT PUBLIC INPUT BE SOUGHT PRIOR TO ADOPTION.

CARRIED.

LATE ITEMS:

None

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

a) Councillor Moslin's presentation on Airshed Management Plan.

By way of PowerPoint presentation, Councillor Moslin explained the characteristics of an airshed management plan. He stated that there has been a history of cooperative planning on this matter. Referring to the Quesnel Airshed Management Plan, he advised that it contains goals that are intended to take over a decade to accomplish. He stated that there are local champions of air quality including city staff member Kathy LaBossiere, members of Council including Councillors O'Doherty, Hinter and Mayor Krog. Referring to the Reid report, which recommended 50% reduction in fugitive dust from roadways and the banning of backyard burning, Councillor Moslin

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advised that the City has accomplished these goals. He went on to discuss the improved monitoring programs and suggested that real time monitoring equipment be considered.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / GORDON

**RESOLVED THAT IT BE RECOMMENDED TO THE COUNCIL THAT COUNCILLOR
MOSLIN'S REPORT BE RECEIVED.**

CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: HINTER

**RESOLVED THAT THIS PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 8:13
P.M.**

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

MAYOR NEIL KROG

CITY CLERK – LYNNE BURCH