

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

**PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**MONDAY JULY 17, 2006**

**PRESENT:** MAYOR NEIL KROG  
COUNCILLOR ANN GORDON  
COUNCILLOR TOM HINTER  
COUNCILLOR GENE ROBERT  
COUNCILLOR TOM SHKRABUIK

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

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

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**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

➤ None

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / ROBERT

**RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF MONDAY, JULY 17, 2006, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.**

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**REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:**

**a) Grand Forks Border Bruins Association – Mega Cash Lottery**

Mayor Krog welcomed Laura Carlson to the meeting. On behalf of the Grand Forks Border Bruins Association she requested that the City assist the Association by underwriting the Mega Cash Lottery, held in support of the hockey club activities. Ms Carlson advised that the lottery is the major fund raising activity and if the lottery is not successful, the organization will not survive. Ms. Carlson explained that under BC Gaming Commission rules, the prize money of \$20,000 must be secured in a financial institution, prior to the sale of tickets. She stated that in the past, the lottery has garnered \$30,000 in revenue for the hockey association.

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MOTION: GORDON / SHKRABUIK

**RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT THE PRESENTATION MADE BY LAURA CARLSON OF THE GRAND FORKS BORDER BRUINS ASSOCIATION PROPOSING THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS ASSIST THE HOCKEY CLUB BY UNDERWRITING THE MEGA CASH LOTTERY, BE RECEIVED.**

CARRIED.

Mayor Krog thanked Ms. Carlson for her presentation.

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**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:

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.

**Ian Moslin – Community Futures Development Corporation Employee :** Advised that he is working with youth this summer assisting them with finding employment. Ian stated that there is an abundance of youth in Grand Forks able to work at jobs available in Christina Lake however there is no public transit to transport them to job sites. He advised that the same situation exists in the West Boundary where an employer is interested in hiring 20 youth, however transportation in the West Boundary is an issue. He stated that “Handy Dart” service does not service the lake and is intended for seniors as opposed to youth. He explained that Community Futures Development Corporation would like to explore feasibility of a public transit system in partnership with other organizations.

**Jason Harshenin of the Grand Forks Gazette:** Presented concerns as to issue of affordable housing and inquired as to proposals that Council may have to assist with the matter. The Mayor advised that City in the past has assisted the Grand Forks Housing Society with the construction of the Gables Affordable Housing project, however he advised Mr. Harshenin that there is nothing on the horizon to address this issue further at this time.

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**OPERATIONAL DISCUSSION & PRESENTATIONS BY STAFF:**

**(a) Deputy Clerk / Treasurer's Financial Report – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Financial Report**

The Deputy Clerk / Treasurer presented his report to the Committee on the financial position for the City of Grand Forks from April – June, 2006. By way of a power-point presentation he discussed such topics as Covering Cash Flow, Revenue Expenditure Summary, and the Consolidated Summary. He discussed the various funds, stating that all of the funds are in good financial shape.

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT THE PRESENTATION ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER FINANCIAL POSITION, OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS, PRESENTED BY THE DEPUTY CLERK/TREASURER, BE RECEIVED.  
CARRIED.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

**a) City Clerk's Report –Policy**

MOTION: HINTER / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT ON THE PROPOSED JAMES DONALDSON PARK USE POLICY, BE RECEIVED.

AND BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT THE PROPOSED POLICY STATEMENT ON THE USE OF JAMES DONALDSON PARK BE ADOPTED .

CARRIED.

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**REQUESTS FROM CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

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**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

None

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**LATE ITEMS:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: ROBERT

**RESOLVED THAT THIS PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 7:28 P.M.**

CARRIED.

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MAYOR NEIL KROG

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CITY CLERK – LYNNE BURCH