

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY JUNE 26, 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
DEPUTY CLERK / TREASURER D. Zabinsky

GALLERY.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

➤ None

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2006, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

a) Boundary Weed Management Committee – Hoary Alyssum

Mayor Krog welcomed Barb Stewart to the meeting. By way of a power point presentation, Ms. Stewart outlined the objectives of the Boundary Weed Management Committee, and requested that the City work towards controlling noxious weeds on municipal properties within the municipal boundary. Ms. Stewart discussed the serious problem of hoary alyssum because it is toxic to horses and the weed has impacted the sale of hay in the Grand Forks valley. It is currently impacting adjacent agricultural lands. Controlling the weed will bring the City into compliance with the noxious weed act. Communities in Bloom will benefit as they will get marks if the

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community has a noxious weed control program. Weed committee has increased education efforts for residents of the valley. Offered to work with City Staff in developing a weed management plan for the City. Suggesting that the vacant city properties be mowed 3 times per year. Circulated information packages to all Members of Council.

MOTION: ROBERT / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE PRESENTATION MADE BY BARB STEWART OF THE BOUNDARY WEED MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE PROPOSING THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS MANAGE AND WORK TO CONTROL HOARY ALYSSUM, BE RECEIVED. CARRIED.

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MOTION: MOSLIN / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE MATTER OF HOARY ALYSSUM BE REFERRED TO STAFF FOR A FOLLOW-UP REPORT ON THE OPTIONS FOR A PLAN TO CONTROL THE WEED ON CITY LANDS.

CARRIED.

Mayor Krog thanked Ms. Stewart for her presentation.

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.

Alan Waite – 210 Winnipeg Avenue: - Hoary Allysum

Discussed his problem regarding Horary Allysum and the infestation of the weed located on city property adjacent to his property.

Connie Herman – Resident of Area D. – Hoary Allysum

Advised that she is currently working on crown land, controlling noxious weeds. She suggested that the City needs to make an effort to control the weed, in order for the noxious weed control program for lands outside the municipal boundary to be effective.

OPERATIONAL DISCUSSION & PRESENTATIONS BY STAFF:

None

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

a) City Manager’s Report – Infrastructure Development Grant-in-aid Policy

MOTION: GORDON / MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY MANAGER’S REPORT ON THE PROPOSED INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT GRANT-IN-AID POLICY, BE RECEIVED.
CARRIED.

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MOTION: ROBERT / HINTER

RESOLVED THAT IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT THE PROPOSED POLICY STATEMENT ON INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS-IN-AID BE SUPPORTED IN PRINCIPLE AS A HANDS ON WORKING MODEL TO BE REFINED AND TO COME INTO EFFECT ON JANUARY 1, 2007.
CARRIED.

b) City Clerk’s Report – Protective Services and Public Works Policies

MOTION: HINTER / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK’S REPORT ON THE PRESENTED PACKAGE OF PROTECTIVE SERVICES AND PUBLIC WORKS POLICIES, BE RECEIVED.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT THE POLICY PACKAGE AS PRESENTED ON PROTECTIVE SERVICES AND PUBLIC WORKS POLICIES BE APPROVED FOR IMPLEMENTATION NO LATER THAN AUGUST 1, 2006.
CARRIED.

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MOTION: SHKRABUIK / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT THE PRESENTED
POLICY 1201 BE REVISED TO INCLUDE A BROADER SPECTRUM OF USES IN JAMES
DONALDSON PARK AND BROUGHT BACK TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION.
CARRIED.

REQUESTS FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

None

LATE ITEMS:

None

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

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: SHKRABUIK

**RESOLVED THAT THIS PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 8:06
P.M.**

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

MAYOR NEIL KROG

CITY CLERK – LYNNE BURCH