

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

MONDAY JUNE 5, 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:

MOTION: GORDON / HINTER

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEM:

- Late Item: The City Clerk's Report – Use of Angus McDonald Park for the Annual Ladys Fastball Tourney and Permission for a Special Occasion Liquor Licence

AND BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA BE AMENDED TO DELETE THE FOLLOWING ITEM:

- Mountain Caribou Project delegation, as they have advised that they are unable to attend.

CARRIED.

MOTION: ROBERT / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA, FOR THE MEETING OF JUNE 5, 2006, BE ADOPTED, AS AMENDED.

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / GORDON

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

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY MAY 23, 2006, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

MOTION: HINTER / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL, HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2006, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

a) BC Conservation Foundation Bear Aware Program – Michelle Burton

Ms. Michelle Burton of the BC Conservation Foundation, made a presentation to Council on the Bear Aware Program. The program is intended to educate people in communities on how to deal with garbage, which if not kept properly, will attract bears. Ms. Burton circulated copies of brochures for the bear aware program. She advised that she is currently conducting the program from Midway, for the West Boundary area, and that she has received an expressed interest from Perley School to participate in the program. Dave Webster of Conservation Officer Services, for the Grand Forks area, advised that 63 bears were destroyed in 2002, and the number has declined annually. He commented that there are still many bears in the area, but the ministry's policy is not to destroy the animals unless there is demonstrated evidence that the bears are a threat to the human population in the area. On a question from Council he advised that the Province of BC does assist in funding the Bear Aware program.

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / HINTER

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS SEND A LETTER TO THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT REQUESTING THAT THEY FULLY SUPPORT THE BC CONSERVATION FOUNDATION BEAR AWARE PROGRAM BY FUNDING THE PROGRAM IN IT'S ENTIRETY. CARRIED.

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It was suggested that the City could support the initiative by making the literature available at the front counter in City Hall and putting the message in the City's newsletters.

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE PRESENTATION MADE BY MICHELLE BURTON REPRESENTING THE BC CONSERVATION FOUNDATION BEAR AWARE PROGRAM REQUESTING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE PROGRAM, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED.

The Mayor thanked Ms. Burton for her presentation to Council.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:

a) City Clerk's Report – Festival of Freedom

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED MAY 31, 2006, REGARDING A REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE FESTIVAL OF FREEDOM, BE RECEIVED. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS CONTINUES TO ENCOURAGE THE FESTIVAL OF FREEDOM EVENT BY PROVIDING PAID EMPLOYEE SUPPORTED SERVICES TO THE FESTIVAL.

CARRIED.

b) City Manager's Report – Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust (SIDIT)

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT, ON THE REQUEST FOR THE NOMINATION OF A CITY REPRESENTATIVE TO THE COLUMBIA-KOOTENAY REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL NOMINATE MAYOR NEIL KROG AS THE CITY'S NOMINEE TO THE COLUMBIA-KOOTENAY REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

CARRIED.

c) City Manager's Report – Municipal Industrial Taxation Policy

MOTION: GORDON / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT ON MUNICIPAL INDUSTRIAL TAXATION POLICY AND THE PROPOSED LETTER TO THE PROVINCE OF BC OUTLINING COUNCIL'S POSITION ON THE MATTER, DATED MAY 30, 2006, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL WRITES A LETTER, AS DRAFTED AND ATTACHED TO THE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT, DATED MAY 30, 2006, TO THE PREMIER AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SERVICES WITH COPIES TO UBCM MEMBER MUNICIPALITIES AND THE COMPETITION COUNCIL ON RETAINING THE MUNICIPAL JURISDICTION ON INDUSTRIAL TAXATION OR ALTERNATIVELY THE PROVINCE PROVIDES MUNICIPALITIES COMPENSATION IN LOSS OF TAX REVENUES ARISING FROM CLASS 4. CARRIED.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

None

BYLAWS

a) Bylaw 1801 – Year 2005 – 2009 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SHKARBUK

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1801, CITED AS "YEAR 2005 – 2009 FINANCIAL PLAN AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1801", BE GIVEN FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS. CARRIED.

b) Bylaw 1809 – Electrical Utility Regulatory Amendment Bylaw

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1809, CITED AS "ELECTRICAL UTILITY REGULATORY AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1809, 2006", BE GIVEN FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS. CARRIED.

LATE ITEMS:

a) City Clerk's Report – Boundary Ladys Fastball Tourney

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, ON THE APPLICATION RECEIVED FROM THE BOUNDARY LADYS FASTBALL TOURNEY, REQUESTING USE OF ANGUS MCDONALD PARK AND SPECIAL OCCASION LIQUOR LICENCES FOR THE UPCOMING TOURNAMENT SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 23 – 25, 2006, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE USE OF ANGUS MCDONALD PARK ON JUNE 23 – 25, 2006 FOR THE ANNUAL LADYS FASTBALL TOURNEY, SUBJECT TO THE GROUP ENTERING INTO A PARK USE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS, OBTAINING PARTY ALCOHOL LIABILITY INSURANCE AND PROVIDING THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS WITH A COPY OF THE GROUP'S LIABILITY INSURANCE CERTIFICATE NAMING THE CITY AS AN ADDITIONAL INSURED FOR THE THREE DAY EVENT. **AND BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT** THE APPROVAL BE GRANTED FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL OCCASION LIQUOR LICENCES FOR THE THREE DAYS, JUNE 23, 24, AND 25, 2006, SUBJECT TO THE CITY RECEIVING COPIES OF SERVE IT RIGHT CERTIFICATES FOR ALL PERSONS INTENDING TO SERVE ALCOHOL DURING THE TOURNAMENT.

CARRIED.

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

Councillor Hinter

- Reported that he and CFO Dan Zabinsky attended the UBCM consultative meeting in Richmond regarding industrial taxation concepts. He reported on the conversations shared by local governments at the meeting, stating the group endorsed the concept that industrial taxation should remain under the jurisdiction of individual local governments. He concluded that UBCM came to the conclusion that each municipality should write a letter directly to the Premier and the Minister of Community Services.

Councillor O'Doherty

- No Report

Councillor Gordon:

- Reported on her attendance at the Hardy Mountain Heritage Village open house. Renovations are progressing.

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- Brought forward a proposed motion proposed by Senator Mac Harb, intended to make Canada smoke-free in all workplaces and public spaces under federal jurisdiction.

MOTION: GORDON / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL FOR CITY OF GRAND FORKS SUPPORT SENATOR MAC HARB IN HIS PROPOSAL TO MAKE CANADA SMOKE-FREE IN ALL WORKPLACES AND PUBLIC SPACES UNDER FEDERAL JURISDICTION. CARRIED.

Councillor Shkrabuik:

- ❖ Advised that he had attended meeting with Mayor Neil Krog and School District representatives on May 24. He advised that this was a consultative meeting, exploring ways on how the school facilities can be utilized by the entire community.
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Councillor Robert:

Councillor Robert's report is attached to these minutes. The following are the highlighted points of his report.

- On June 1st attended open house at Hardy Mt Doukhobor Museum. His attendance included a tour of the facility and outlined the plans for the renovation of the site.
 - On June 3rd attended the Vintage Car show in downtown Grand Forks. He congratulated Bill Salewich the organizer of the event.
 - Advised that Paul Crawford, curator, has resigned his position at the Grand Forks Art Gallery. He wished Paul the very best in the future.
 - BDAC Performance Series, outlined the events booked for the upcoming concert season.
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Councillor Moslin:

- Reported that the Boundary Air Quality Committee meets tomorrow at 11:30 a.m.
 - Advised of a public meeting on Wednesday, June 7th, Clean Air Day, and outlined the events planned for the public meeting.
 - Flood Control – advised that he attended flood assistance meeting two weeks ago. Discussed the damage and that most of it was outside the jurisdiction of the city. Gave Council notice that he would like to pursue this matter in the future.
 - Brought forward the matter of a slag spill on the highway on May 31. The City Manager clarified that although the slag spill was cleaned up, it was not city crews that attended the clean up.
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Mayor Krog

- Advised that he had attended the Vintage Car Show on June 3rd, and was surprised by the number of local vehicles.

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE VERBAL REPORTS, PRESENTED BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL
AT THIS MEETING, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL STAND ADJOURNED AT
7:50 P.M.

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT

MAYOR NEIL KROG

CITY CLERK – LYNNE BURCH