

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY MARCH 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: ROBERT / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA BE ADOPTED, AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: GORDON / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2006, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / HINTER

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES, AND RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN, OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2006, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

MOTION: GORDON / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2006, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

a) Kettle River Youth Forum – Seeking participation in the May 5th Youth Forum

On behalf of the Kettle River Youth Forum, Dennis Thome of Community Futures Development Corporation made a presentation on the planned Kettle River Youth Forum. He advised that he is here this evening to seek Council Members' support in bringing the youth of the Boundary together. He requested that the Mayor and Councillors participate in the forum, further requesting that they consider a project that could be done involving individual Members of Council and the youth. At this time he introduced, Jessie McGraw and Lisanne Eastwood coordinators of the Kettle River Youth Forum. It was suggested that Council Members meet with the youth at the forum, explain how government works, and participate in a project together.

Council Members commended Mr. Thome on his involvement with the Kettle River Youth Forum, stating that it is a great opportunity for youth.

MOTION: HINTER / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE PRESENTATION MADE BY DENNIS THOME OF COMMUNITY FUTURES DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ON THE MATTER OF THE UPCOMING KETTLE RIVER YOUTH FORUM, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED.

b) RDKB Waste Reduction Resource Coordinator – Raymond Gaudart

Raymond Gaudart of the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary made a presentation to Council on Regional Standards for Garbage Collection Programs for municipalities within the Regional District.

Mr. Gaudart referred to a study conducted approximately 3 years ago, stating some municipal policies run counter to RDKB policies for waste reduction. He advised that the Board of

Directors for the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary have endorsed the concept of regional waste collection standards. He stated that reduction of waste directed to landfills results in longer life landfills and reduced tipping fees for municipalities. He stated that he is looking for direct input, and support for a true user pay municipal system. He advised that it has been proven in our region that the true user pay system will reduce waste collection. Some discussion ensued as to the coordination of waste reduction educational efforts, designed to ensure that municipal operations meet the Regional District's zero waste goals. Some discussion ensued as to business recycling, mainly cardboard, and how difficult it appears to be for businesses to use the recycling depot system. It was pointed out that there is the option for businesses to come directly to landfill with cardboard where there is a compactor and a much easier process. In conclusion, Mr. Gaudart pointed out that Grand Forks has the best record for collected recyclables. He stated that at the present time only about 3% of collected blue bag recyclables are contaminated. He also stated that he would investigate a bag friendly "mailbox" type door for the recycling bins at the downtown depot site.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE PRESENTATION MADE BY RAYMOND GAUDART OF THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY ON THE MATTER OF REGIONAL STANDARDS FOR MUNICIPAL GARBAGE COLLECTION PROGRAMS, BE RECEIVED, AND REFERRED TO STAFF FOR A FOLLOW-UP REPORT.

CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a) **Grand Forks BMX Society – Request for funding for Infrastructure Upgrades to the BMX Track in City Park, deferred from the Regular Meeting of February 20, 2006.**

MOTION: HINTER / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED ONE-TIME \$4,000 CONTRIBUTION TO UPGRADE THE BMX TRACK IN CITY PARK, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZATION FOR CITY STAFF TO ASSIST DURING THE WEEKEND OF THE BORDERLINE NATIONALS, BE DEFERRED UNTIL THE FIRST REGULAR MEETING IN APRIL.

CARRIED.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:

- a) **City Clerk's Report – Change in Regular Meeting Dates**

MOTION: GORDON / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE, ADOPTED AT THE DECEMBER 5, 2005 INAUGURAL MEETING OF COUNCIL AND PUBLISHED IN

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ACCORDANCE WITH THE COMMUNITY CHARTER, BE AMENDED, RESCHEDULING MAY REGULAR MEETINGS TO BE MAY 8TH AND MAY 23RD, AND RESCHEDULING JUNE REGULAR MEETINGS TO BE JUNE 5TH AND JUNE 26TH.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE MAY PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING BE RESCHEDULED TO MAY 23, 2006.

CARRIED.

b) City Clerk's Report – Purchasing Policy

MOTION: HINTER / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE MATTER OF THE NEW PURCHASING POLICY, PRESENTED AT THE LAST PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING, FOR IMPLEMENTATION PRIOR TO MARCH 31, 2006, BE DEFERRED UNTIL THE FIRST REGULAR MEETING IN APRIL.

CARRIED.

c) City Manager's Report – RCMP 2006-07 Business Plan

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE GRAND FORKS DETACHMENT OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE BE ADVISED THAT COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS IN PROVIDING INPUT INTO THE PROPOSED 2006-07 RCMP DETACHMENT BUSINESS PLAN, PROPOSES THAT THE PLAN FOCUS ON THE FOLLOWING KEY AREAS:

- Prevention and education programs directed towards the awareness and effects of drugs and alcohol
- Zero tolerance on the use of drugs and alcohol
- Assigning sufficient resources in combating crystal meth
- Prevention of property crime
- Prevention of vandalism of public properties
- Assigning resources and manpower on community patrols during the evening and night hours
- Attending public meetings hosted by the City
- Quarterly reporting to City Council on policing issues and results of policing programs
- Attending to noise and the trading of drugs around certain properties in the City
- Support of Restorative Justice

CARRIED.

MOTION: ROBERT / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT A LETTER BE WRITTEN TO THE SOLICITOR GENERAL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA REQUESTING THAT THE PROVINCE OF BC ALLOCATE

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FUNDING IN THE CURRENT YEAR TO ENSURE THAT RCMP IS ABLE TO PROVIDE RESOURCES TO CARRY OUT LOCAL POLICING INITIATIVES OUTLINED IN THE ABOVE RESOLUTION.

CARRIED.

d) Deputy Clerk/Treasurer's Report – Flat Tax Bylaw

MOTION: HINTER / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE DEPUTY CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT OUTLINING THE OPTION TO IMPOSE A FLAT TAX ON ALL PROPERTIES WITHIN THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS, BE RECEIVED AND INITIATE DISCUSSION ACCORDING TO THE SCHEDULE IN THE REPORT.

CARRIED.

City Manager read the schedule of discussion dates for the benefit of the viewing public. The Flat tax proposal will be published in a newsletter to all residents and advertised in the newspaper. A discussed ensued as to a Court of Revision and Introduction and Adoption of the establishing Bylaw, prior to May 15th of this year.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION: HINTER / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT INFORMATION ITEMS NUMBERED 5A TO 5L BE RECEIVED AND ACTED UPON AS RECOMMENDED, EXCEPT FOR ITEM NUMBER 5L, THE PURCHASE OF THE LINE TRUCK.

CARRIED.

BYLAWS

a) Bylaw 1800 - Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Zoning Bylaw No. 1800, 2006

MOTION: HINTER / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1800, CITED AS "AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS ZONING BYLAW NO. 1800, 2006, BE GIVEN THIRD READING.

CARRIED.

LATE ITEMS:

None

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

Councillor Moslin brought forward the matter of the work of the Air Quality Committee. He stated that the Ministry of Environment has advised of their intention to install a Tapered Element Oscillating Microbalance device that will continuously monitor PM 2.5 levels in Grand Forks and information from this device would be available over the Internet. He stated that a site for this device is being looked at. He stated that Ministry will fund cost of instrument and installation, if a suitable site can be found. Councillor Moslin stated that City Staff have suggested a few possible sites that the Ministry could choose from. It was suggested that it be located east of the city.

Councillor Moslin BC brought forward the matter of the upcoming BC Lung Association's Forum on air quality. The forum is designed for rural communities undertaking airshed management, and that it would be critical to send someone from the Air Quality Committee to this forum in Vancouver.

MOTION: MOSLIN/ O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS COMMIT \$1,000 OF \$5,000 SET ASIDE IN THE 2006-2010 FINANCIAL PLAN FOR AIR QUALITY ACTIVITIES TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AIR QUALITY COMMITTEE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BC LUNG ASSOCIATION FORUM IN VANCOUVER. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE CITY REQUEST THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY TO COMMIT A FURTHER \$1,000 TO SEND A SECOND PARTICIPANT TO THE FORUM.

CARRIED.

Councillor Robert brought forward the matter of recognizing the Community Centre Focus Group participants and thanked them for their input.

Councillor Hinter advised Council that meetings with businesses and industry are continuing.

Mayor Krog reported on his attendance at meetings of the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary. He stated that he chaired the meeting of the Waste Management Committee, advising that the Committee is interested in working with the City in solving the problem of the downtown recycling depots. He stated that there will be an increase in recycling requisitions this year.

Mayor Krog reported on his attendance at the Area D Director's Town Hall Meeting. He stated that Director Lodder answered questions on zoning issues, waste management and animal control put forward to him by Area D residents.

Mayor Krog reported on the proposal for the Selkirk College Innovation Chair. He advised that the original proposal was for the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary and the Regional District of Central Kootenay to each provide \$200,000 in funding and the rest of the required 1.25 million would be raised locally. It was intended that the interest from this trust would fund a research position known as the innovation chair. The Mayor advised that the RDKB Finance Committee is putting forward a budget request for \$200,000 over 5 years to match the RDCK commitment.

WD Sheet Metal, in a meeting with the Mayor, Councillor Hinter and the City Manager have requested the City's assistance in hosting a youth trade forum. It is intended to focus on the fabricating and millwright trades.

The Mayor advised that there is an upcoming Preparedness Response and Recovery Workshop in Castlegar on April 4th. He advised that costs to attend this workshop will be picked up by the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary.

The Mayor advised that in response to the RDKB's inquiry of Canada Post, the RDKB has been advised that residents can block unaddressed advertising, including information sent out by the RDKB. The RDKB will be advising Canada Post that critical information from the RDKB such as health and safety materials, needs to have the same consideration as greetings from Parliament or Community Newspapers.

Mayor Krog advised that the AKBLG Executive recently met in Grand Forks, and were presented with the agenda of the upcoming Conference.

In closing Mayor Krog handed out copies of Newspapers printed for release in Torino, Italy during the Olympics. He advised that there is local information on the Rock Candy Mine as well as information on the Trail area in this particular newspaper. Copies were distributed at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 8:04P.M.

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

MAYOR NEIL KROG

CITY CLERK – LYNNE BURCH

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