

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

TUESDAY MAY 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

CALL TO ORDER:

The Mayor called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- City Manager's Memorandum – State of Emergency for Flooding 2006
- City Clerk's Memorandum – Canceling of State of Emergency and Rescinding of the Evacuation Alert

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE MAY 23, 2006 AGENDA BE AMENDED BY ADDING THE TWO FOREGOING ITEMS TO THE AGENDA.

- City Manager's Memorandum – State of Emergency for Flooding 2006
- City Clerk's Memorandum – Canceling of State of Emergency and Rescinding of the Evacuation Alert

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

CARRIED.

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MOTION: GORDON / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE MAY 23, 2006 AGENDA BE AMENDED BY CHANGING THE ORDER OF ITEMS ALLOWING FOR THE ADDED ITEMS, RELATING TO THE 2006 FLOOD EMERGENCY, TO BE DEALT WITH PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES. **CARRIED.**

LATE ITEMS:

a) **City Manager's report – Emergency Situation**

MOTION: HINTER / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS HEREBY COMMENDS MEMBERS OF THE STAFF OF CITY HALL, PUBLIC WORKS, ELECTRICAL AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENTS AND THE CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS FOR THEIR WORK PERFORMANCE IN THE 24-HOUR OPERATION OF THE EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTRE AND IN RESPONDING TO FLOODING AND WATER SEEPAGE INTO PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTIES AND COUNCIL HEREBY BESTOWS UPON ALL CITY EMPLOYEES THE COUNCIL'S RECOGNITION OF THEIR DEVOTION TO PUBLIC SERVICE DURING THE TIME OF 2006 EMERGENCY RESPONSE. THIS RESOLUTION IS TO BE POSTED ON ALL CITY BULLETIN BOARDS.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS HEREBY COMMENDS THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL FOR THEIR PERFORMANCE AND COVERAGE DURING THE OPERATION OF THE EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTRE AND IN RESPONDING AND DISPATCHING THE ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE 2006 EMERGENCY RESPONSE:

- Lynne Burch
- Blair Macgregor
- Wayne Kopan
- Dan Zabinsky
- John Maclean

AND COUNCIL HEREBY BESTOWS UPON THESE INDIVIDUALS THANKS AND GRATITUDE IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR SERVICES AND ACCORDINGLY MAKES A NOTATION OF THIS IN THEIR PERSONNEL FILES.

AND BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS HEREBY COMMENDS THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY AND CAO JOHN MACLEAN AND HIS STAFF IN THE MANAGEMENT AND THE OPERATION OF THE EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTRE AND BESTOWS A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE CAO AND ACCORDINGLY ASKS THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY BOARD TO PLACE A LETTER OF COMMENDATION ON MR. JOHN MACLEAN'S PERSONNEL FILE FOR HIS DEDICATION AND ASSISTANCE DURING THE 2006 EOC OPERATIONS./ resolution continued on next page

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AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS HEREBY COMMENDS AND RECOGNIZES ALL VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED IN

RESPONSE TO THE FLOODING INCIDENT IN GRAND FORKS, ELECTORAL AREAS C & D OF THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY AND COUNCIL ACCORDINGLY BESTOWS THEIR DEEP APPRECIATION AND SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL DURING THE TIME OF THE FLOODING CRISIS. THIS RESOLUTION IS TO BE ADVERTISED IN THE PRINTED MEDIA.

CARRIED.

b) City Clerk's Report –Canceling of the State of Local Emergency

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY DECLARED AT 6:00 P.M. ON SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2006, BY ACTING MAYOR CHRIS MOSLIN, DECLARED DUE TO THE RISK OF FLOODING IN THE JOHNSON FLATS AREA, BE CANCELLED AT THIS TIME. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** THE EVACUATION ALERT DELIVERED TO APPROXIMATELY 40 RESIDENCES IN THE JOHNSON FLATS AREA BE RESCINDED AT THIS TIME.

CARRIED.

RECESS TO PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING:

MOTION: GORDON / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE RECESSED AT 7:06 P.M. TO ALLOW FOR THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING, AND THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE RECONVENED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING.

CARRIED.

The Meeting was recessed at 7:06 p.m. and reconvened at 7:17 p.m.

MINUTES:

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 8, 2006, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

NONE

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:

a) City Clerk's Report – Proposal for Road Closure and Disposal

MOTION: GORDON / HINTER

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED MAY 15, 2006, RELATIVE TO A PROPOSAL TO DECLARE A 40 FOOT WIDE PORTION OF 81ST AVENUE BETWEEN 17TH STREET AND 18TH STREET SURPLUS AND TO FURTHER CLOSE THIS PORTION OF ROAD AND SELL THE CORRESPONDING PORTIONS TO THE ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS, BE RECEIVED.

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DECLARES THAT A 40 FOOT WIDE PORTION OF 81ST AVENUE BETWEEN 17TH STREET AND 18TH STREET WHICH HAS NEVER BEEN DEVELOPED IS SURPLUS TO THE NEEDS OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE PROPOSAL TO CLOSE A 40 FOOT WIDE PORTION OF THE 81ST AVENUE RIGHT-OF-WAY, AND SELL THE CORRESPONDING PORTIONS TO THE ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS AT A COST OF \$18,127.00 PLUS ALL REQUIRED TAXES AND OTHER TRANSFER COSTS.

CARRIED.

b) City Clerk's Report – Site Specific Exemption

MOTION: HINTER / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE APPLICATION FROM GRAND FORKS REALTY FOR A SITE SPECIFIC EXEMPTION FROM THE FLOODPLAIN BYLAW TO ALLOW CONSTRUCTION AT 514 METERS AS OPPOSED TO THE REQUIRED 514.5 METERS, BE APPROVED.

CARRIED.

c) City Manager's Report – Arts and Culture Policy

MOTION: HINTER / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT, DATED MARCH 30, 2006, REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEE AND POLICY FORMULATION, BE RECEIVED. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGIONAL ARTS & CULTURE COMMITTEE WITH APPOINTED MEMBERS FROM THE MUSEUM, LIBRARY, ART GALLERY, ARTS COUNCIL, GENERAL PUBLIC, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, RECREATION COMMISSION, BEDC, A COUNCIL MEMBER AND FURTHER REQUEST APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE FROM ELECTORAL AREAS C, D, AND E OF THE RDKB AND FROM THE VILLAGE OF MIDWAY AND THE CITY OF GREENWOOD.

CARRIED.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT INFORMATION ITEMS NUMBERED 5A TO 5G BE RECEIVED AND ACTED UPON AS RECOMMENDED. CARRIED.

BYLAWS

a) Bylaw 1807 - Amendment to the Official Community Plan Bylaw

MOTION: HINTER / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1807, CITED AS "AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN BYLAW NO. 1807, 2006, BE GIVEN FIRST AND SECOND READING

CARRIED.

b) Bylaw 1808 - Amendment to the Grand Forks Zoning Bylaw

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1808, CITED AS “AMENDMENT TO THE GRAND FORKS ZONING BYLAW”, BE GIVEN FIRST AND SECOND READING.

CARRIED.

LATE ITEMS:

None

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

Councillor Hinter–

Reported that, at the end of this week, he will be attending a major industry taxation consultation, sponsored by the Union of British Columbia Municipalities and a policing seminar with the Honourable John Les, Solicitor General, also sponsored by the Union of British Columbia Municipalities.

Councillor Gordon –

Reported on her attendance at a meeting with the Interior Health Authority. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes.

Reported that the night medivac training at the Grand Forks Airport has been conducted. She went on to highlight some of the facts involving the certification for night flying at the Grand Forks Airport. A copy of her report is attached to this agenda.

Councillor Shkrabuik:

No Report.

Councillor Robert:

Referred to an article in the Gazette, about volunteering and addressed the need for additional Fall Fair volunteers.

Councillor Moslin:

Referred to his report, attached to these minutes, on Air Quality. He advised that the Committee is named the Boundary Air Quality Committee.

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Mayor Krog:

The Mayor commended all volunteers who assisted others during the flooding situation over the weekend. He advised that we are moving out of the response phase, and into the assessment and the recovery phase. He stated it was impressive to see the Community pull together.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: HINTER

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 7:58 P.M.

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

MAYOR NEIL KROG

CITY CLERK - LYNNE BURCH