

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**MONDAY NOVEMBER 6, 2006**

**PRESENT:** MAYOR NEIL KROG  
COUNCILLOR ANN GORDON  
COUNCILLOR TOM HINTER  
COUNCILLOR CHRIS MOSLIN  
COUNCILLOR PATRICK O'DOHERTY  
COUNCILLOR GENE ROBERT

CITY MANAGER V. Kumar  
CITY CLERK L. Burch  
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER D. Zabinsky

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

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**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- None.

MOTION: ROBERT / GORDON

**RESOLVED THAT THE NOVEMBER 6, 2006 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE  
ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.**

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**MINUTES:**

MOTION: GORDON / MOSLIN

**RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2006, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.**

MOTION: HINTER / O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2006, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.**

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MOTION: ROBERT / MOSLIN

**RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES, AND RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN, OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2006, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.**

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MOTION: O'DOHERTY / GORDON

**RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2006, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.**

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**REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:**

**a) Ministry of Environment – Increasing Deer Population Within the Municipal Boundary**

Dave Webster Conservation Officer, and Brian Harris, Wildlife Biologist were welcomed to the meeting by Mayor Krog. Council expressed concerns, stating that in their opinion, the deer population is the highest in many years. They stated that this is resulting in fences being constructed, which are not aesthetically pleasing. Council members inquired if there is a threat of the population doubling, and what is the estimated population in the municipal boundary and outside the municipal boundary. They further requested the opinion of the Ministerial representatives as to the impact of the fencing located along highway 6 km to the east.

Dave Webster, the Conservation Officer stated that he estimates that the deer population within municipal boundaries is close to 200, and has the potential to continue to expand without natural predators. Brian Harris stated that up until recently, no cull hunts had been conducted in the province, however there is a special situation on a small island, off Vancouver Island where there is a cull hunt in a small area. Discussion ensued as to the Town of Princeton's "Do Not Feed Deer" Bylaw, adding that it is difficult to enforce. The Conservation Officer further stated that there are as many people who like the deer as those who don't. Council stated that some of the feedback from the public relates to safety concerns, and that the deer are getting more aggressive. It was stated that the natural predators, coyotes and cougars, their population is not large, and they are not in the urban area because they don't have to be to find food. It was stated that there is no cost effective way at the moment for controlling the birth rate of the deer. Mr. Harris provided printed information for Land Owners intended to assist them in protecting their property. Other options such as contraception through darting, and relocation of the deer were discussed. It was

suggested that public support will be required in order to conduct a limited hunt, and further suggested that a town hall meeting be held to gauge public support. Some discussion ensued as to the logistics of hunting within municipal boundaries on private properties. On a question from the Conservation Officer, the City Manager advised that a City bylaw prohibits the use of firearms in the City, however bows and arrows are not prohibited. The Conservation Officer stated that the Ministry's policy under Wildlife Act outlines that it is the landowner's responsibility to conduct the first line of defense against the deer population. Discussion ensued as to the effectiveness of bylaws adopted by Princeton, Kimberley and Hope. The Conservation Officer advised that his department does not have the resources to assist with a hunt conducted within municipal boundaries, however a private land hunt, may be conducted if there are suitable properties available and there is public support for such a hunt.

MOTION: MOSLIN / HINTER

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RECEIVE THE PRESENTATION MADE BY CONSERVATION OFFICIALS, DAVE WEBSTER AND BRIAN HARRIS AND INSTRUCT STAFF TO LOOK INTO OPTIONS AND REPORT BACK TO COUNCIL. CARRIED.**

The Mayor thanked the Conservation representatives for coming to meet with Council.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

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**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:**

**a) City Clerk's Report – November 20<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting**

MOTION: ROBERT / GORDON

**RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED NOVEMBER 1, 2006, RELATIVE TO A PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE COUNCIL MEETING LOCATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 5.1(3) OF BYLAW 1794, GRAND FORKS PROCEDURES BYLAW, BE RECEIVED.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE HOLDING OF THE NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2006 REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL AT THE HUTTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYMNASIUM. CARRIED.**

MOTION: HINTER / O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT** THE DEPUTY CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT, DATED OCTOBER 27, 2006, REGARDING THE BANKING SERVICES ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FIVE ENSUING YEARS, BE RECEIVED.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** COUNCIL CONTINUE THE CURRENT BANKING ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE GRAND FORKS & DISTRICT SAVINGS CREDIT UNION FOR AN ADDITIONAL FIVE YEARS, EXCEPT FOR THE MASTERCARD CREDIT CARD DISCOUNT FEES. CARRIED.

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**REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

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**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / GORDON

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

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**BYLAWS**

**a) Bylaw 1817 – Cross Connection Control Bylaw**

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / GORDON

**RESOLVED THAT** BYLAW NO. 1817, CITED AS "CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL BYLAW NO. 1817, 2006", BE FINALLY ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

**Councillor Gordon:**

Councillor Gordon Reported on the Following Items:

- Attended forum for seniors looking at abuse of seniors, at the UBCM
  - Attended a number of clinics at UBCM and a tour of UVIC medical arts building
  - Attended a number of clinics at UBCM dealing with health and safety for small communities
  - Advised that the Minister of Health has requested a copy of the report on the proposed Wellness Centre be forwarded directly to him.
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**Councillor Hinter:**

Councillor Hinter reported on the following activities.

- Attended 2006 UBCM Convention, which allowed Council members networking opportunities as well as ministry meetings to discuss Grand Forks issues.
  - Attended Policing sessions at UBCM
  - Attended Small Talk session at UBCM
  - Attended Plenary Sessions at UBCM
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**Councillor Moslin:**

Councillor Moslin reported on the following activities:

- Attended UBCM
- Reported on the matter of TEOM data collected via the monitor on City Hall. He stated that this past week has been a bad week for air quality in Grand Forks. He advised that an Air Quality advisory was issued by MOE and later rescinded. He outlined the Boundary Air Quality Committee's seven goals for dealing with Air Quality.

MOTION: MOSLIN / ROBERT

**RESOLVED THAT STAFF BE REQUESTED TO STUDY THE CAPABILITY OF HOSTING LIVE TEOM DATA ON THE CITY WEBSITE AND REPORT BACK TO COUNCIL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.** CARRIED.

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**Councillor Robert:**

Councillor Robert reported on the following items:

- Attended UBCM Conference in Victoria, and outlined some of the sessions he attended, such as homelessness, urban renewal, and flooding of the Kettle and Granby Rivers.

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- Announced that the Rivers' Edge Theatre company is having three short plays on December 1,2,8,9.

A copy of Councillor Robert's report is attached to these minutes.

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**Councillor O'Doherty:**

No Report

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**Mayor's Report:**

The Mayor reported on the following items:

- Attended UBCM Conference
  - Attended meetings with RDKB representatives at the UBCM with Ministers on the value of Selkirk College to the local area and the closing of landfills within the RDKB
  - He stated he met with BC Ambulance to discuss their service and how it is administered in Grand Forks.
  - He advised that the West Kootenay area now has representatives on the UBCM Board, Joe Snopek from Creston, and Brenda Binnie from Castlegar.
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MOTION: ROBERT / GORDON

**RESOLVED THAT ALL REPORTS PROVIDED BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL AT THIS MEETING BE RECEIVED.**

CARRIED.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: HINTER

**RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 8:25 P.M.**

CARRIED.

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**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

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MAYOR NEIL KROG

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CITY CLERK – LYNNE BURCH