

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 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 CLERK
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

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: O'DOHERTY / SHKRABUIK

**RESOLVED THAT THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2006 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE
ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.**

MINUTES:

MOTION: GORDON / SHKRABUIK

**RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES, AND RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN,
OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2006, BE
ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.**

MOTION: HINTER / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2006, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY AUGUST 14, 2006, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:

a) City Clerk's Report – Licence of Occupation

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED AUGUST 17, 2006, RELATIVE TO A PROPOSAL USE CITY PROPERTY AS AN EXTENDED BACKYARD FOR RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY OWNER, BE RECEIVED FOR DISCUSSION.

CARRIED.

MOTION: MOSLIN / O'DOHERTY

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL AGREES THAT THE PROPERTY IS SURPLUS TO THE NEEDS OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS AND AUTHORIZES STAFF TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATING WITH THE PROPERTY OWNERS FOR THE EVENTUAL SALE OF THE PROPERTY, SUBJECT TO THEIR AGREEMENT THAT IT BE CONSOLIDATED WITH THEIR EXISTING LAND.

CARRIED.

Councillors Robert and Shkrabuik opposed the motion.

b) City Clerk's Report – Bylaw Contravention Notice, Winnipeg Hotel

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / HINTER

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED SEPTEMBER 5, 2006, REGARDING THE RECEIPT OF A REPORT FROM THE CHIEF BUILDING INSPECTOR REGARDING A BYLAW CONTRAVENTION NOTICE ON THE TITLE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY CASAVANT VENTURES LTD., DBA WINNIPEG HOTEL, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE REMOVAL OF THE BYLAW CONTRAVENTION NOTICE REGISTERED ON TITLE OF PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 1, D.L. 108, SDYD, PLAN KAP46322, OWNED BY CASAVANT VENTURES LTD., IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR CONTAINED IN HIS REPORT DATED AUGUST 31, 2006.

CARRIED.

c) Deputy Clerk/Treasurer's Report – Application for a Community Wellness Centre in collaboration with the Interior Health Authority

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE DEPUTY CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT, DATED SEPTEMBER 5, 2006, REGARDING THE APPLICATION FOR A COMMUNITY WELLNESS CENTRE IN COLLABORATION WITH THE INTERIOR HEALTH AUTHORITY, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS SUPPORTS THE APPLICATION BY THE INTERIOR HEALTH AUTHORITY – BOUNDARY COMMUNITY ADMINISTRATION FOR A COMMUNITY WELLNESS CENTRE AND AGREES TO BE THE LEAD PROPONENT FOR THE PROJECT.

CARRIED.

d) City Clerk's Report – UBCM Community Tourism Program

MOTION: HINTER / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED SEPTEMBER 5, 2006, REGARDING A REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF APPLICATION BY BEDC / RDKB FOR FUNDING FROM THE COMMUNITY TOURISM PROGRAM, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE APPLICATION BY THE BEDC / RDKB FOR FUNDING FROM THE COMMUNITY TOURISM PROGRAM THROUGH UBCM AND THAT COUNCIL ACCEPTS THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE PROGRAM AS SET OUT IN SECTION 6.4 OF THE PROGRAM GUIDELINES.

CARRIED.

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION: ROBERT / GORDON

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

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL WISHING TO DO SO BE AUTHORIZED
TO ATTEND THE MOUNTAIN PINE BEETLE WORKSHOP, SPONSORED BY THE
ASSOCIATION OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY MUNICIPALITIES ON SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 30, 2006 IN CRESTON, B.C. CARRIED.

BYLAWS

a) **Bylaw 1810 - Overweight Traffic Regulation Bylaw**

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1810, CITED AS "OVERWEIGHT TRAFFIC REGULATION
BYLAW NO. 1810, 2006, BE FINALLY ADOPTED. CARRIED.

b) **Bylaw 1811 – Amendment to the Subdivision and Development Bylaw**

MOTION: GORDON / HINTER

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1811, CITED AS "AMENDMENT TO THE SUBDIVISION
AND DEVELOPMENT BYLAW NO. 1811, 2006", BE FINALLY ADOPTED. CARRIED.

c) **Bylaw 1813 – Year 2007 Annual tax exemption Bylaw**

MOTION: ROBERT / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1813, CITED AS “YEAR 2007 ANNUAL TAX EXEMPTION BYLAW NO. 1813”, BE GIVEN FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS.
CARRIED.

LATE ITEMS:

None

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

Councillor Gordon:

Councillor Gordon reported on the following activities:

- Extended her appreciation to Council for approving application for funding for the proposed wellness centre.
- GFI / Donaldson Park operational issues discussed
- Stated that she was impressed with the 50th Anniversary Fall Fair, including the exhibits and parade. She advised that she attended the Princess Tea in the absence of the Acting Mayor.
- Brought forward the matter of the deer population in Grand Forks, requesting that Staff follow-up with a letter to BC Conservation about possible solutions.

Councillor Moslin:

Councillor Moslin reported on the following activities.

- Advised that he attended the Grand Forks International and the 50th Annual Fall Fair. He acknowledged the efforts of the Volunteers.
- Advised of recent air quality developments. He stated that due to the forest fire smoke in the area, the first official air advisory warning, using the TEOM mounted on City Hall was issued. He stated that although the air quality was poor, the fact that the Ministry can obtain the information on-line and issue the alerts is positive. He stated that an Administrative Assistant Position to assist the committee at meetings, etc. will be advertised.

Councillor Robert:

Councillor Robert reported on the following activities

- Attended GFI, discussed activities at the tournament, thanked volunteers
- Attended Fall Fair, expressed congratulations on behalf of the City.
- Attended Paws for a Cause in support of the local SPCA

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

Councillor Shkrabuik:

Councillor Shkrabuik provided an update on the recent Parks meeting, explaining that some ideas and plans will appear in the 2007 financial plan.

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE OLD CEMENT SLAB IN CITY PARK, CURRENTLY BEING USED AS A STAGE, BE REMOVED, AND THAT STAFF BE DIRECTED TO BRING FORWARD PLANS AND OPTIONS FOR A NEW STAGE. CARRIED.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / HINTER

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

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: HINTER

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 7:42 P.M. CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

MAYOR NEIL KROG

CITY CLERK - LYNNE BURCH