

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 25, 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.

RECESS TO PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING:

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE RECESSED AT 7:01 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 7:01 p.m. and reconvened at 7:10 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- None

MOTION: ROBERT / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE SEPTEMBER 25, 2006 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2006, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

MOTION: GORDON / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2006, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:

a) City Clerk's Report – Joint Operation and Management of the Fire/Rescue Service

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED SEPTEMBER 19, 2006, RELATIVE TO THE PROPOSED JOINT OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE FIRE/RESCUE SERVICE, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE AGREEMENT, AS ATTACHED, AND AUTHORIZES THE MAYOR AND THE CORPORATE OFFICER TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY/ ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE FOREGOING MOTION BE AMENDED TO READ IN THE SECOND PARAGRAPH AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT "COUNCIL PROCEEDS

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WITH THE AGREEMENT, AS ATTACHED, AND AUTHORIZES STAFF TO BRING FORWARD TO COUNCIL A COMPLETE DOCUMENT FOR AUTHORIZATION.

The amendment to the Motion was Carried.
The original motion, as amended, was Carried.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / GORDON

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

BYLAWS:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RE-VISIT THE OVERWEIGHT TRAFFIC BYLAW AND REQUEST STAFF TO BRING FORWARD A REPORT ON THE BYLAW AND SOME PROPOSED AMENDMENTS. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT IN THE INTERIM BYLAW NO. 1810, OVERWEIGHT TRAFFIC BYLAW NOT BE ACTED UPON. CARRIED.

LATE ITEMS:

None

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

Councillor Shkrabuik:

Councillor Shkrabuik reported on the following activities:

- Attended a meeting with Councillor Robert and the Phoenix Foundation on options for the administering of City Grants-in-aid. He stated that he would like Council to reconsider the grants-in-aid policy.

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MOTION: SHKRABUIK / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL RE-VISIT THE GRANTS-IN-AID POLICY, BASED ON THE PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENT PROVIDED BY THE PHOENIX FOUNDATION, WITH MATCHING FUNDS FROM THE VANCOUVER FOUNDATION, WHEREBY GRANTS-IN-AID WOULD BE FUNDED FROM THE INTEREST GENERATED FROM THE CONTRIBUTED FUNDS IN THAT PARTICULAR ACCOUNT IN THE PHOENIX FOUNDATION. CARRIED.

Councillor Robert:

Councillor Robert reported on the following activities.

- Reported that Paul Crawford is leaving the employ of the Grand Forks Art Gallery and requested that the City acknowledge the accomplishments of Mr. Crawford.

MOTION: ROBERT / HINTER

RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS SEND A LETTER TO MR. PAUL CRAWFORD, THANKING HIM FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GRAND FORKS ART GALLERY AND THE GRAND FORKS COMMUNITY. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE LETTER BE PRESENTED TO MR. CRAWFORD DURING HIS GOING AWAY PARTY. CARRIED.

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- Reported on his attendance at a seminar on sustainable (Smart Growth) development.
- Reported that he attended an Open House on Sept 20th at Hardy Mountain Doukhobor Museum and met with The Land Conservancy senior advisors.

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

Councillor Moslin –

Councillor Moslin reported on the following activities

- On Friday September 22, he assisted volunteers in installing Perley School's new playground. He extended thanks to City Works and Services Manager, Wayne Kopan and all city crew for their part.
- He attended the School District #51 Round Table, which examined the District's progress. He advised that the City and the School District are applying for planning funding to allow these two local governments to work closer together.
- He advised on the status of the Boundary Air Quality Committee, stating that the Buckley Valley Airshed Management Plan Coordinator has agreed to attend the next meeting on October 11, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. and to advise on the Buckley Valley experience.
- Stated that on September 24th he participated in the Annual Rotary Club fun ride from Paulson to Christina Lake on the Trans Canada Trail.

Councillor Gordon:

Councillor Gordon reported on the following activities:

- Attended boundary lodge official opening, assisted living.
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Mayor Krog:

Mayor Krog reported on the following:

- He has received an email invitation to meet with BC Ambulance Service to meet with them at UBCM to discuss community concerns. Staff was directed to set up meeting at UBCM and invite Boundary communities and regional directors, to discuss concerns relating to Ambulance service, such as coverage for the Boundary area, Employee retention and training, as well as scheduling.
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MOTION: SHKARBUK / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT ALL REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, GIVEN VERBALLY AT THIS MEETING BE RECEIVED. CARRIED.

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL CONVENE AN IN-CAMERA MEETING AS OUTLINED UNDER SECTION 90 OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER TO DISCUSS MATTERS IN A CLOSED MEETING WHICH ARE THE SUBJECT OF SECTIONS 90(1) AND 90(2) OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT PERSONS, OTHER THAN MEMBERS, OFFICERS, OR OTHER PERSONS TO WHOM COUNCIL MAY DEEM NECESSARY TO CONDUCT CITY BUSINESS, WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM THE IN-CAMERA MEETING.

CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: HINTER

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 8:20 P.M. CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

MAYOR NEIL KROG

CITY CLERK - LYNNE BURCH