

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
TUESDAY DECEMBER 4, 2007

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

CITY MANAGER
CITY CLERK

V. Kumar
L. Burch

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Licence Inspector's Report - Show Cause Hearing for Unpaid Business Licences
- City Manager's Report – Award of Tender for Town Square Revitalization and City Park Upgrade

To be brought forward under Late Items

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE DECEMBER 4, 2007 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED. CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: GORDON / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 19, 2007, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 19, 2007, AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

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REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NONE

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:

a) Chief Financial Officer's Report – Wellness Centre

MOTION: GORDON / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZES AND DIRECTS THE CFO TO SUBMIT THE ATTACHED APPLICATION TO UBCM AND AGREES THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORK WILL WORK COLLABORATIVELY WITH THE INTERIOR HEALTH AUTHORITY – BOUNDARY COMMUNITY ADMINISTRATION FOR A COMMUNITY WELLNESS CENTRE AND TO BE THE LEAD PROPONENT FOR THE PROJECT. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZES AND DIRECTS THE CFO TO ISSUE THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO CONSULTANTS UPON APPROVAL OF THE GRANT.

CARRIED.

b) City Clerk's Report – Application for a Development Variance Permit

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT, INTENDED TO VARY THE MOBILE HOME PARK BYLAW TO REDUCE THE REQUIRED SIDEYARD SETBACK TO ALLOW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CARPORT IN THE TRIANGLE GARDENS MOBILE HOME PARK, AS SUBMITTED BY THE PROPERTY OWNERS, DOUG AND KATHY ANDERSON, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE APPLICATION, THEREBY VARYING SECTION 5.01 OF THE GRAND FORKS MOBILE HOME PARK BYLAW, REDUCING THE REQUIRED SIDEYARD SETBACK FROM 20 FEET TO 17 FEET, ALLOWING FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A 11 FOOT 6 INCH CARPORT ATTACHED TO A MOBILE HOME LOCATED ON PAD #16 7225 BOUNDARY DRIVE, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 1, DL 380, PLAN 36905 IN SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE WITH THE APPLICATION SUBMITTED.

CARRIED.

c) City Clerk's Report – Application for a Development Variance Permit

MOTION: ROBERT / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT, INTENDED TO VARY THE ZONING BYLAW TO REDUCE THE REQUIRED SIDEYARD SETBACK FROM 15 FEET TO 5 FEET TO ALLOW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7439 7TH STREET, AS SUBMITTED BY THE PROPERTY OWNERS, JASON TURNER AND LINDA CARON, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE APPLICATION, THEREBY VARYING SECTION 33(2) (F) (III) OF THE GRAND FORKS ZONING BYLAW, REDUCING THE REQUIRED SIDEYARD SETBACK FROM 15 FEET TO 5 FEET, ALLOWING FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING ON A SMALL LOT, LOCATED AT 7439 7TH STREET AND LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS PARCEL B, BLOCK 31, D.L. 108, PLAN 121, IN SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE WITH THE APPLICATION SUBMITTED. CARRIED.

d) City Clerk's Report – Application for Rezoning in Valley Heights

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE APPLICATION TO REZONE PROPERTY OFF VALLEY HEIGHTS DRIVE, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS THAT PART OF DL 493 SHOWN ON PLAN B3629, EXCEPT RIGHT OF WAY OF THE CASCADE WATER POWER & LIGHT COMPANY LIMITED AS SHOWN ON THE SAID PLAN AND EXCEPT PLANS 10210, 24897, 28728, 32321 AND KAP46130, FROM THE CURRENT R-4 (RURAL) TO R-1A (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL), AS SUBMITTED BY THE PROPERTY OWNER BARREN LAND BARONS INC., BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DIRECTS STAFF TO DRAFT THE APPROPRIATE ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW, WAIVING THE PUBLIC HEARING AS PER SECTION 890(4) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, AND PROCEED WITH PUBLISHING NOTICE OF THIS BYLAW IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ACT.

MOTION WAS DEFEATED.

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MOTION: SHKRABUIK / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE APPLICATION TO REZONE PROPERTY OFF VALLEY HEIGHTS DRIVE, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS THAT PART OF DL 493 SHOWN ON PLAN B3629, EXCEPT RIGHT OF WAY OF THE CASCADE WATER POWER & LIGHT COMPANY LIMITED AS SHOWN ON THE SAID PLAN AND EXCEPT PLANS 10210, 24897, 28728, 32321 AND KAP46130, FROM THE CURRENT R-4 (RURAL) TO R-1A (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL), AS SUBMITTED BY THE PROPERTY OWNER BARREN LAND BARONS INC., BE RECEIVED./ resolution continued on next page

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT STAFF BE DIRECTED TO DRAFT A ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW, INTENDED TO REZONE PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS THAT PART OF DL 493 SHOWN ON PLAN B3629, EXCEPT RIGHT OF WAY OF THE CASCADE WATER POWER & LIGHT COMPANY LIMITED AS SHOWN ON THE SAID PLAN AND EXCEPT PLANS 10210, 24897, 28728, 32321 AND KAP46130, FROM THE CURRENT R-4 (RURAL) TO R-1A (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) AND THAT THIS BYLAW BE PERMITTED TO PROCEED TO PUBLIC HEARING. CARRIED.

e) City Clerk's Report – Application for Rezoning at 7349 7th Street

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE APPLICATION TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7439 7TH STREET, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS PARCEL B, BLOCK 31, DL 108, PLAN 121 FROM THE CURRENT R-1 (SINGLE AND TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (SMALL LOT RESIDENTIAL), AS SUBMITTED BY THE PROPERTY OWNERS JASON TURNER AND LINDA CARON, BE RECEIVED. Option 3

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT STAFF BE DIRECTED TO DRAFT A ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW, INTENDED TO REZONE PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS PARCEL B, BLOCK 31, DL 108, PLAN 121 FROM THE CURRENT R-1 (SINGLE AND TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (SMALL LOT RESIDENTIAL), AND THAT THIS BYLAW BE PERMITTED TO PROCEED TO PUBLIC HEARING. CARRIED.

f) City Clerk's Report – Community Integrated Sustainability Plan

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPOINTS MEMBERS TO THE COMMUNITY INTEGRATED SUSTAINABILITY PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE AS FOLLOWS:
COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE – COUNCILLOR GENE ROBERT
SCHOOL DISTRICT 51 REPRESENTATIVE – VACANT
SELKIRK COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVE – CARA LEE MALANGE
BOUNDARY AIR QUALITY COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE – CHER WYERS
INTERIOR HEALTH AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE – VACANT
INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVE – ROXUL WEST INC.
BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE – EVERETT BAKER
CITY OF GRAND FORKS STAFF MEMBER – DAN ZABINSKY
GENERAL PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES:
- LUCINDA DUPEE
- AYO ADEDIRAN
- RAY LAFLEUR
- PETER MATHESON

CARRIED.

g) City Clerk's Report – Appointments of Acting Mayor for 2008

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING COUNCILLORS BE APPOINTED AS ACTING MAYOR FOR THE CORRESPONDING TWO-MONTH PERIOD FOR THE ENSUING COUNCIL YEAR:

COUNCILLOR GORDON – DECEMBER 2007 AND JANUARY 2008
COUNCILLOR HINTER – FEBRUARY 2008 AND MARCH 2008
COUNCILLOR MOSLIN – APRIL 2008 AND MAY 2008
COUNCILLOR O'DOHERTY – JUNE 2008 AND JULY 2008
COUNCILLOR ROBERT – AUGUST 2008 AND SEPTEMBER 2008
COUNCILLOR SHKRABUIK – OCTOBER 2008 AND NOVEMBER 2008

CARRIED.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / GORDON

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

BYLAWS:

a) City Clerk's Report – Bylaw 1838, 85th Avenue Road Closure Bylaw

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1838, CITED AS "85TH AVENUE ROAD CLOSURE BYLAW NO. 1838", BE GIVEN FIRST READING. CARRIED.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1838, CITED AS "85TH AVENUE ROAD CLOSURE BYLAW NO. 1838", BE GIVEN SECOND READING. CARRIED.

MOTION: GORDON / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1838, CITED AS "85TH AVENUE ROAD CLOSURE BYLAW NO. 1838", BE GIVEN THIRD READING. CARRIED.

LATE ITEMS:

a) Licence Inspector's Report – Show Cause Hearing, Unpaid Business Licences

MOTION: GORDON / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL, UPON PROVIDING THE OWNERS/OPERATORS OF BUSINESS WITH UNPAID LICENCE FEES AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD, CANCELS THE BUSINESS LICENCES OF:

- SUMMIT GRADALL SERVICES LTD.
- PRIME TIME IRRIGATION & EXCAVATION
- THE GYM
- YOUR IN-HOME CATERER

CARRIED.

b) City Manager's Report – Award of Tender

MOTION: ROBERT / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT DATED DECEMBER 3, 2007, REGARDING THE TENDERS RECEIVED FOR THE TOWN SQUARE REVITALIZATION AND CITY PARK UPGRADE PROJECTS, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE CITY MANAGER TO AWARD THE TENDER TO R355 ENTERPRISES LTD. SUBJECT TO FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS ON CERTAIN COMPONENTS OF THE OVERALL PROJECT.

CARRIED.

Councillor Shkrabuik voted against the motion.

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

Councillor Shkrabuik:

None

Councillor Robert:

Councillor Robert reported on the following items:

- Staff report on drug houses, crack houses, etc.

MOTION: ROBERT / MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL BEGIN THE PROCESS FOR DEALING WITH PROPERTIES, IE: DRUG HOUSES AND PARTY HOUSES IN DEVELOPING A POLICY TO DEAL WITH THESE PROPERTIES, SIMILAR TO THE CITY OF ABBOTSFORD MODEL FROM A PUBLIC SAFETY PERSPECTIVE.

CARRIED.

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- Attended the musical production of “Grease”, stating that Grand Forks is fortunate to have such talent
- Attended the opening of the First Baptist Church on December 2nd.
- Thanked those volunteering to serve on the Integrated Sustainability Plan Steering Committee
- Commented on the proposed development on the north end of Riverside Drive, stating that the traffic flow will not be impacted.

A copy of Councillor Robert’s report is attached.

Councillor Moslin:

Councillor Moslin reported on the following items:

MOTION: MOSLING / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL REFER THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT’S OFFER TO SUPPORT A WOOD STOVE BUY-BACK PROGRAM TO THE BOUNDARY AIR QUALITY COMMITTEE FOR A RECOMMENDATION NO LATER THAN THE JANUARY 21, 2008 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING. CARRIED.

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- Thanked the City Manager for his advice and skill on dealing with the recent Pope & Talbot court proceedings
- Advised that there will be a report coming on December 17th on the matter of “urban logging”, however in the meantime city crews are cleaning up in the Cemetery this week.

Councillor O’Doherty :

None

Councillor Gordon:

Councillor Gordon reported on the following items:

- Extended appreciation to City Manager and Mayor Chernoff of Castlegar in dealing with the Pope & Talbot Ltd. CCAA proceedings.
- Reported on the meeting with Council and the Interior Health Authority

A copy of Councillor Gordon’s report is attached.

Mayor Krog

Reported on last regional district meeting, advising that the board for the Columbia Basin Trust attended and advised as to why the inclusion of the Boundary area in the Columbia Basin Trust is not a viable option. Mayor Krog went on to advise that the RDKB board disagreed with this concept. He advised that there is willingness, on the part of the Columbia Basin Trust to look at

other ways to include the Boundary area in funding. The Mayor stated that the question remains whether Grand Forks and other communities in boundary continue to the Challenge the CBT on the issue, stating that this is a decision for the Boundary Committee for CBT Restitution, which could include a legal challenge. It was stated that any CBT funding that the Boundary participated in would also have to benefit the existing CBT area.

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / GORDON


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

ADJOURNMENT:

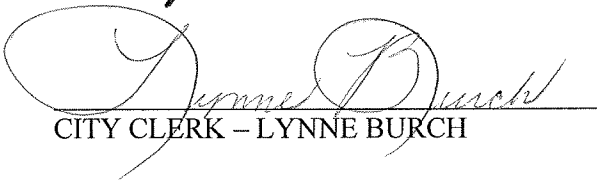
MOTION: ROBERT

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

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



MAYOR NEIL KROEG



CITY CLERK - LYNNE BURCH