

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**MONDAY DECEMBER 17, 2007**

PRESENT: ACTING MAYOR 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 L. Engels

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

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**RECESS TO PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING:**

MOTION: HINTER / ROBERT

**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 7:18 p.m.

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**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: NONE

MOTION: HINTER / O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT** THE DECEMBER 17, 2007 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

**MINUTES:**

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / ROBERT

**RESOLVED THAT** THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY DECEMBER 4, 2007, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

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**REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:**

None

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

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**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:**

**a) City Clerk's Report – Application to Subdivide in the ALR**

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SHKRABUIK

**RESOLVED THAT** THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, REGARDING THE APPLICATION RECEIVED PROPOSING TO SUBDIVIDE PROPERTY INCLUDED WITHIN THE AGRICULTURAL LAND RESERVE, BE RECEIVED.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** COUNCIL ADVISES THE AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS SUPPORTS THE APPLICATION TO SUBDIVIDE PROEPRTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 2, DL 382, PLAN KAP81527, AS SUBMITTED BY THE PROPERTY OWNERS, LAWRENCE AND CHRIS-ANNE GILMORE.

CARRIED.

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**b) City Manager's Report – Renovations to Former Court House**

MOTION: HINTER / O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT** THE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT, DATED DECEMBER 3, 2007, REGARDING THE FUNDING COMMITMENT AND PROJECT COMMENCEMENT OF THE RENOVATIONS TO THE FORMER COURT HOUSE, BE RECEIVED.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** COUNCIL APPROVES A COMMITMENT TO FUND \$850,000 TO RENOVATE THE FORMER CIRCUIT COURT BUILDING AND THE FOREGOING AMOUNTS INCLUDE FUNDING FROM CAPITAL RESERVES AND APPROVED GRANTS.

CARRIED.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE CITY MANAGER TO PROCEED TO COMMENCE THE RENOVATIONS OF THE FORMER CIRCUIT COURT BUILDING USING THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER / LOCAL CONTRACTOR: GRAND FORKS CONSTRUCTION WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR USING LOCAL QUALIFIED PERSONNEL, LOCAL SUB-TRADES AND LOCAL SUBCONTRACTORS, LOCAL PURCHASES, AND FAIRBANK ARCHITECT TO PROVIDE DESIGN DEVELOPMENT CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS, NEGOTIATIONS ON PRICES AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION /COMMISSIONING:

CARRIED.

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MOTION: HINTER / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DETERMINES TO LOCATE THE VISITORS' INFORMATION CENTRE IN THE NORTH END OF THE RENOVATED COURT HOUSE. CARRIED.

Councillor Shkrabuik voted against the motion.

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**c) City Clerk's Report – Arts and Culture Society**

MOTION: HINTER / O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT** COUNCIL APPOINTS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GRAND FORKS SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF ARTS AND CULTURE AS FOLLOWS:

- Christy Luke
- Evelyn Deverson
- John Thomas
- Judith Lloyd
- Judy Black

CARRIED.

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MOTION: ROBERT / MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ADD AN ADDITIONAL MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GRAND FORKS SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF ARTS AND CULTURE. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THIS DIRECTOR BE FROM THE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMUNITY AND THAT PREFERENCE BE GIVEN TO A CANDIDATE SUGGESTED BY THE BOUNDARY MUSEUM SOCIETY.

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AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION:

MOTION: HINTER / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION BE AMENDED BY ADDING THAT THE CANDIDATE SUGGESTED BE CONFIRMED BY RESOLUTION OF THE BOUNDARY MUSEUM SOCIETY. CARRIED.

ON THE VOTE: The amendment to the resolution was carried. The original motion as amended as carried.

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**d) City Manager's Report – Trees Cemetery and Vienna Woods**

MOTION: MOSLIN / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT, DATED DECEMBER 11, 2007, REGARDING THE REMOVAL OF THE STORM AND BEETLE INFECTED TREES IN VIENNA WOODS AND THE CEMETERY, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT STAFF BE DIRECTED TO DEVELOP A PLOT MAP, A REPLANTING SCHEDULE AND A BUDGET FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE EVERGREEN CEMETERY AND THAT THIS PLAN BE PRESENTED TO COUNCIL AND THE PUBLIC AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. CARRIED.

Councillor Hinter voted against the motion.

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MOTION: MOSLIN / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE ORIGINAL VIENNA WOODS TREE COMMITTEE BE INVITED TO RESPOND TO THE REPORT, IDENTIFIED ABOVE, AND TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS FOR THE LOGGING AND REPLANTING OF VIENNA WOODS, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. CARRIED.

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MOTION: ROBERT / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT STAFF BE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE A DETAILED REPORT TO COUNCIL ON THE PINE TREE SITUATION IN THE VAL MAR SUBDIVISION AREA. CARRIED.

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**REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

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**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

MOTION: HINTER / O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT INFORMATION ITEMS NUMBERED 5A TO 5D ,**

- a) Can Par Industries Ltd.
- b) Local Government Program Services
- c) Boundary Woodlot Association
- d) Peter de Haan

BE RECEIVED AND ACTED UPON AS RECOMMENDED.

CARRIED.

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**BYLAWS:**

- a) **City Clerk's Report – Bylaw 1842 Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Zoning Bylaw Rezoning property at 7439 7<sup>th</sup> Street from R-1 to R-2**

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1842, CITED AS "AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS ZONING BYLAW NO. 1842, 2007", BE GIVEN FIRST READING.

CARRIED.

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MOTION: HINTER / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1842, CITED AS "AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS ZONING BYLAW NO. 1842, 2007", BE GIVEN SECOND READING.

CARRIED

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- b) **City Clerk's Report – Bylaw 1843 Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Zoning Bylaw Rezoning property east of Valley Heights, known as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Phase of Valley Heights**

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1843, CITED AS "AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS ZONING BYLAW NO. 1843, 2007", BE GIVEN FIRST READING.

CARRIED.

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MOTION: ROBERT / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1843, CITED A "AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS ZONING BYLAW NO. 1843, 2007", BE GIVEN SECOND READING.

CARRIED

**LATE ITEMS:**

None

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

**Councillor Shkrabuik:**

No report

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**Councillor Robert:**

Councillor Robert reported on the following items:

- Reported on the opportunity to attend a 2 day sustainability workshop held in Grand Forks, the first meeting in the sustainability plan process, and commented on the work of the Pomegranate Society and their effectiveness.
- Reported on his attendance at the recent Library Board meeting, stating how impressed he was with the library board

A copy of Councillor Robert's report is attached

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**Councillor Moslin:**

Councillor Moslin reported on the following items:

- Commented on the Evergreen Cemetery, thanking Council for their support of the planning for the replanting of the Cemetery
  - Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
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**Councillor Hinder:**

No report

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**Councillor O'Doherty:**

Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

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**Acting Mayor Gordon**

Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

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MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SHKRABUIK

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

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

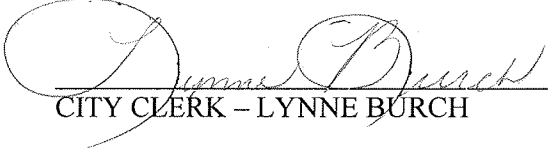
MOTION: HINTER

**RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 8:28 P.M. CARRIED.**

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**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

  
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ACTING MAYOR ANN GORDON

  
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CITY CLERK - LYNNE BURCH