

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY FEBRUARY 5, 2007

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	V. Kumar
CITY CLERK	L. Burch
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	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: SHKRABUIK / O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT THE FEBRUARY 5, 2007 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE
ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.**

MINUTES:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / ROBERT

**RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2007, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.**

MOTION: GORDON / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2007, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

MOTION: ROBERT / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES, AND RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN, OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2007, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:

a) City Clerk's Report – AKBLG Resolutions

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / ROBERT

WHEREAS THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASE IN GREENHOUSE GASES IN RECENT YEARS FROM HUMAN AND COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES, AND AS THERE ARE A NUMBER OF PRACTICAL WAYS TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE UBCM URGE THE FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL INCENTIVES TO ENCOURAGE ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND TO ENCOURAGE NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND TECHNIQUES AND MACHINERY, HEATING, LIGHT, VENTILATION, AND VEHICLE EMISSIONS TO SIGNIFICANTLY CUT ENERGY USE, PRODUCTION COSTS, GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS AAIR POLLUTION. CARRIED.

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / O'DOHERTY

WHEREAS THE MINISTRY OF STATE FOR CHILD CARE HAS DETERMINED TO ELIMINATE OR REDUCE OPERATING GRANTS AND OTHER FUNDING PROVIDED TO LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS TO DELIVER CHILD CARE PROGRAMMING THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCE; AND

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WHEREAS THIS LOSS OF FUNDING WILL JEOPARDIZE THE EXISTENCE OF CHILD CARE FACILITIES IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND WILL HAVE SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS ON THE DELIVERY OF CHILD CARE SERVICES TO PARENTS IN NEED;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE UBCM URGE THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT TO RESTORE FUNDING FOR LOCAL CHILD CARE RESOURCE AND REFERRAL AGENCIES ACROSS THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

CARRIED.

MOTION: ROBERT / GORDON

WHEREAS THERE ARE INSTANCES WHERE THE PUBLIC IS AT RISK OF EXPERIENCING AN UNINTENTIONAL NEEDLE STICK IN PATRONIZING PUBLIC AREAS AND USING PUBLIC WASHROOMS; AND

WHEREAS HEALTH AUTHORITIES HAVE INDICATED THAT COMPULSORY AVAILABILITY OF SAFE AND APPROPRIATE NEEDLE DISPOSITION IS PART OF A COMPREHENSIVE HARM REDUCTION STRATEGY WHICH WOULD LOWER THE PUBLIC RISK OF INJURY FROM NEEDLE STICKS;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ASSOCIATION OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, THROUGH THE UBCM, REQUEST THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA TO ENACT LEGISLATION REQUIRING ALL BUILDINGS WITH PUBLIC WASHROOMS TO INSTALL SYRINGE DISPOSAL BOXES IN ACCESSIBLE PLACES.

CARRIED.

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / GORDON

WHEREAS THE ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE HAS A CENTRALIZED DISPATCH SYSTEM FOR REQUESTS FOR SERVICE ARISING FROM COMPLAINTS FROM RESIDENTS IN COMMUNITIES OF THE SOUTH EAST REGION OF THE PROVINCE;

AND WHEREAS COMPLAINTS RECEIVED BY THE CENTRAL DISPATCH ARE FURTHER RELAYED TO ANOTHER DISPATCHER WHO, BASED ON PRIORITY, RELAYS THE MESSAGE TO THE COMMUNITY WHERE THE FIELD OFFICER IS STATIONED, AND AS SUCH, VALUABLE TIME IS LOST, AND IN ONE RECORDED INSTANCE AS MUCH AS 20 MINUTES ELAPSED BEFORE THE CALL WAS DISPATCHED TO THE COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, THROUGH THE UBCM, REQUEST THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SOLICITOR GENERAL, WHO HAS THE

OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADMINISTERING THE RCMP CONTRACT FOR ELECTORAL AREAS OF REGIONAL DISTRICTS AND MUNICIPALITIES WITH A POPULATION OF LESS THAN 5,000 TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING AND INSTRUCT THE RCMP TO IMPROVE DISPATCHING PROCEDURES TO MINIMIZE DELAYS IN CITIZEN CALLS FOR SERVICE.

CARRIED.

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / ROBERT

WHEREAS FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS, THE ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY ARE EXPERIENCING SHORTAGES OF STAFF ARISING FROM RETIREMENTS AND TERMINATIONS WITH A CORRESPONDING DECREASE IN ENROLLMENT NUMBERS IN THE POLICING PROGRAM; AND

AND WHEREAS THE INTERNAL OPERATING STRUCTURE OF THE RCMP HAS NOT SIGNIFICANTLY CHANGED OVER THE YEARS AND COMMUNITIES ARE LEFT TO SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE DELAY IN RESPONSE TO SERVICE REQUESTS AS A RESULT OF UNFILLED VACANCIES;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, THROUGH THE UBCM, REQUEST THAT THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SOLICITOR GENERAL, ALONG WITH THE RCMP, TO TRAIN AND UTILIZE CIVILIAN PERSONNEL TO CARRY OUT ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES, CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO UNIFORM MEMBERS WHO OTHERWISE WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR FIELD POLICING DUTIES.

CARRIED.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SHKRABUIK

WHEREAS THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SOLICITOR GENERAL HAS TAKEN A NEUTRAL APPROACH ON COMPLAINTS RECEIVED FROM SMALL MUNICIPALITIES AND REGIONAL DISTRICT ELECTORAL AREAS ON THE MATTER OF SERVICE LEVELS AND POLICING PRIORITIES, AND, THERE ARE NO INDIVIDUAL POLICING CONTRACTS BETWEEN THE RCMP AND SMALL MUNICIPALITIES AND REGIONAL DISTRICT ELECTORAL AREAS, SIMILAR TO EXISTING CONTRACTS BETWEEN THE RCMP AND MUNICIPALITIES WITH POPULATIONS OF 5,000;

AND WHEREAS THE RCMP CONTRACT IS DUE FOR RENEWAL IN 2010 AND THE COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE OF THE UBCM IS ADVANCING THE DISCUSSION ON THE RENEWAL OF THE CONTRACT;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, REQUEST THAT THE UBCM UNDERTAKE EXTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS WITH SMALLER COMMUNITIES AND REGIONAL DISTRICT ELECTORAL AREAS TO ESTABLISH ACCOUNTABILITY OF

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DETACHMENT STAFF SERGEANTS TO THESE COMMUNITIES THEY SERVE AND THAT THE CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION RESPONSIBILITIES BE CLEARLY OUTLINED IN THE FUTURE RCMP CONTRACT GIVEN THAT EFFECTIVE APRIL, 2007, ELECTORAL AREAS AND MUNICIPALITIES WITH A POPULATION UNDER 5,000 ARE TAXED FOR POLICING.

CARRIED

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION: HINTER / O'DOHERTY

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

CARRIED.

BYLAWS:

a) Bylaw 1812 – City Park Municipal Campground Regulation Bylaw

MOTION: HINTER / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1812, CITED AS “CITY PARK MUNICIPAL CAMPGROUND REGULATION BYLAW NO. 1812, 2007” BE FINALLY ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

b) Bylaw 1824– Electrical Utility Regulatory Amendment Bylaw

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1824, CITED AS “ELECTRICAL UTILITY REGULATORY AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1824, 2007”, BE GIVEN FIRST READING.

CARRIED.

MOTION: GORDON / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1824, CITED AS “ELECTRICAL UTILITY REGULATORY AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1824, 2007”, BE GIVEN SECOND READING.

CARRIED.

MOTION: GORDON / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1824, CITED AS “ELECTRICAL UTILITY REGULATORY AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1824, 2007”, BE GIVEN THIRD READING.

CARRIED.

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

Councillor Hinter:

No Report

Councillor O’Doherty:

No Report

Councillor Gordon:

No Report

Councillor Shkrabuik:

No Report

Councillor Robert:

MOTION: ROBERT / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT DOG SCOOPING PLASTIC BAG STATIONS BE INSTALLED IN CITY PARKS AND IN WELL USED WALKING AREAS, ENCOURAGING PET OWNERS TO CLEAN UP AFTER THEIR PETS. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT GARBAGE RECEPTACLES BE EMPTIED ON A REGULAR YEAR-ROUND BASIS, ALLOWING PET OWNERS TO DISPOSE OF PET WASTE.

CARRIED.

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

Councillor Moslin:

Councillor Moslin reported on the following activities:

- Reported on the pine beetle infestation in Ponderosa Pine trees in the Grand Forks valley.
- Reported on his attendance at a housing discussion sponsored by the Women’s Coalition.
- Advised that the Boundary Air Quality Committee has a new Coordinator, Joy Davies. He advised that the former Coordinator, Christy Luke, has accepted another position. Councillor Moslin publicly thanked Ms. Luke for her service to the Committee.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SHKRABUIK

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

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 7:35
P.M. CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

MAYOR NEIL KROG

CITY CLERK – LYNNE BURCH

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS
AGENDA – REGULAR MEETING**

Monday February 5, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.

	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SUBJECT MATTER</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
1.	<u>CALL TO ORDER</u>	7:00 p.m. Call to Order	Call Meeting to Order at 7:00 p.m.
2.	<u>REGULAR MEETING AGENDA</u>	February 5, 2007 Agenda	Adopt Agenda
3.	<u>MINUTES</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- January 22, 2007- January 22, 2007- January 22, 2007	Regular Meeting Minutes Special Meeting Minutes Primary Committee Meeting Minutes	Adopt Minutes Adopt Minutes Adopt Minutes and recommendations contained therein.
4.	<u>REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS</u> None		
5.	<u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS:</u> None		
6.	<u>RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:</u> a) City Clerk's Report – AKBLG Proposed Resolutions	6 proposed resolutions to be forwarded to the AKBLG Conference prior to the deadline of February 27 th as described below: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Senior Governments Requested to provide financial incentives to reduce greenhouse gases and to reduce energy use▪ Province of BC requested to Restore Funding for Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies▪ Province of BC requested to enact legislation requiring syringe disposal boxes in public washrooms▪ RCMP Dispatching Procedures, Request that province provide additional funding for improved dispatch system▪ RCMP Staffing Shortages –	Council consider and adopt each resolution individually and direct Staff to forward it on to the AKBLG prior to the February 27 th deadline.

- Request the Province have the RCMP utilize civilian personnel for administration
- Request that the UBCM undertake consultation with small communities and rural areas to establish accountability in future RCMP contract.

7. **REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

8. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

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| - Summary of Informational Items | Various subject matter | Receive the items and direct staff to act upon as recommended |
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9. **BYLAWS**

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| a) Bylaw 1812 – City Park Municipal Campground Regulation Bylaw | A bylaw to establish regulations for Camping in the City Park Municipal Campground | Final Reading |
| b) Bylaw 1824 – Electrical Utility Regulatory Amendment Bylaw | A bylaw to amend the Electrical Utility Regulatory Bylaw, replacing Schedules “C” and “D” with new Schedules “C” and “D” | First Reading, Second Reading, Third Reading |

10. **LATE ITEMS**

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

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| a) City Clerk Report | Members of Council may ask questions, seek clarification and report on issues | Issues seeking information on city operations be referred to the City Manager prior to the meeting. |
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12. **ADJOURNMENT**