

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**MONDAY JUNE 11, 2007**

**PRESENT:** ACTING MAYOR PATRICK O'DOHERTY  
COUNCILLOR ANN GORDON  
COUNCILLOR TOM HINTER  
COUNCILLOR CHRIS MOSLIN  
COUNCILLOR GENE ROBERT  
COUNCILLOR TOM SHKRABUIK

CITY MANAGER V. Kumar  
CITY CLERK L. Burch  
DEPUTY CLERK/TREASURER D. Zabinsky

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

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**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- The Mayor brought forward a late item, being a report from the City Manager on the award of the tender for the renovations to the Circuit Court building. He stated that this item will be brought forward under Late Items as Item No. 10(a).

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / ROBERT

**RESOLVED THAT THE JUNE 11, 2007 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED. CARRIED.**

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**MINUTES:**

MOTION: HINTER / MOSLIN

**RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 28, 2007, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.**

MOTION: GORDON / SHKRABUIK

**RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL, HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 28, 2007, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.**

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MOTION: HINTER / MOSLIN

**RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES, AND RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN, OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 28, 2007, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.**

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**REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:**

**a) City Clerk's Report – Merit Mining Corporation**

Welcomed to the meeting at this time was Mr. Paul Cowley, of the Merit Mining Corporation. Mr. Cowley advised that the purpose of his presentation was to introduce the company principals and provide information on the proposed Gold/Copper Mine and Mill west of Grand Forks. Mr. Cowley's presentation focused on the following points. Mr. Cowley circulated copies of his presentation to all members of Council.

- Advised that the company has spent \$3-4 million on their projects over the last 4 years.
- Looking to advance from an exploration group to a mining company
- Project is now at an economic viability stage
- Referred to a map included in the hand out material, advising that the project is located approximately 8 km west of Grand Forks.
- Advised that the company has attracted a major overseas investor who has invested approximately \$15 million for the project
- Prepared to employ 60 people, some of which have already been hired.
- Small project in relative terms, planned to mine underground, so the project has a small footprint, about 2-3 hectares
- The company intends to operate their mine and mill in a responsible manner.

MOTION: ROBERT / MOSLIN

**RESOLVED THAT THE PRESENTATION, MADE BY MR. PAUL COWLEY, ON BEHALF OF THE MERIT MINING CORPORATION, ON THE PROPOSED GOLD/COPPER MINE AND MILL 8KM WEST OF GRAND FORKS, BE RECEIVED. CARRIED.**

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**b) City Clerk's Report – Boundary Air Quality Committee**

Welcomed to the meeting at this time was Ms. Joy Davies, Coordinator for the Boundary Air Quality Committee. Ms. Davies advised that the purpose of her presentation this evening is two-

fold, firstly to request that Council, in cooperation with the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary, request a meeting with the Honourable Barry Penner, Minister of Environment to discuss the ministry's funding of real time TEOM data, and secondly with the assistance of Michelle Caskey to discuss the adoption of an anti-idling bylaw. Information was circulated to members of Council at this time. Bob Grieve referred to the Dillon report, and reviewed the report conclusions of the proposed Roxul (West) Inc. emissions permit. Michelle Caskey chairperson of Community Engagement Team of the BAQC requested that Council consider the adoption of an anti-idling bylaw, intended to reduce the emission of greenhouse gases. She went on to provide background as to why such a bylaw would be beneficial to those living in the Grand Forks valley. Further information was circulated to Council at this time.

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MOTION: MOSLIN / HINTER

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ENDORSE THE 9 POINTS RAISED BY THE CONSULTANT, DILLON CONSULTING, IN THE REPORT SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE AND WHICH AS NOW BEEN CIRCULATED TO COUNCIL, IN REGARDS TO THE ROXUL PERMIT.**

TABLING MOTION:

MOTION: MOSLIN / HINTER

**RESOLVED THAT THE MOTION, DULY MOVED AND SECONDED, PROPOSING TO ENDORSE THE 9 POINTS RAISED BY THE DILLON CONSULTING REPORT AS TO THE PROPOSED ROXUL PERMIT, BE TABLED.**

CARRIED.

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MOTION: ROBERT / HINTER

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS SEND A LETTER TO THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT REQUESTING THAT REAL TIME MONITORING OF THE GRAND FORKS AIRSHED BE PROVIDED FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE GRAND FORKS VALLEY.**

CARRIED.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a) City Manager's Report – Communities in Bloom

MOTION:

**RESOLVED THAT THE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT, DATED JUNE 6, 2007, REGARDING A NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 28, 2007, TO FUND A JUDGE'S CRITIQUE OF THE COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM PROJECTS IN GRAND FORKS, BE RECEIVED.**

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THE COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM JUDGES TO VISIT GRAND FORKS THIS JULY AND PREPARE A PEER REVIEW OF THE COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM ACTIVITIES.**

CARRIED.

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b) City Clerk's Report – Anti-Idling Bylaw

MOTION: MOSLIN / ROBERT

**WHEREAS** EXHAUST FROM VEHICLES CONTAIN PARTICULATES, SULFUR DIOXIDE, CARBON MONOXIDE, HYDROCARBONS AND OTHER TOXINS;  
**AND WHEREAS** VEHICLE EMISSIONS ARE THE MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR OF GREEN HOUSE GASES AND A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTOR TO OTHER AIR CONTAMINANTS;  
**AND WHEREAS** REDUCING IDLING TIME ON VEHICLES IS BOTH COST EFFECTIVE AND ENVIRONMENTALLY WISE;  
**AND WHEREAS** THE BOUNDARY AIR QUALITY COMMITTEE HAS RECOMMENDED TO THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS THAT AN ANTI-IDLING BYLAW BE IMPLEMENTED;  
**AND WHEREAS** MANY COMMUNITIES IN THE PROVINCE OF BC HAVE IMPLEMENTED SUCH A BYLAW, INCLUDING VANCOUVER, KELOWNA, PRINCE GEORGE, GIBSONS, NELSON, AND RECENTLY CASTLEGAR;  
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** THAT STAFF BE INSTRUCTED TO COMPOSE AN ANTI-IDLING BYLAW BASED ON THE ABOVE MODELS AND PRESENT IT FOR COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

CARRIED.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:**

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

MOTION: HINTER / ROBERT

**RESOLVED THAT** THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED JUNE 5, 2007, REGARDING AN APPLICATION RECEIVED FOR A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT AN ADDITIONAL BUILDING ON THE PROPERTY OF THE BOUNDARY PARK MALL, INTENDED TO ADD TO THE MALL'S EXISTING RETAIL SPACE, BE RECEIVED.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** THE APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT A 3,500 SQUARE FOOT COMMERCIAL BUILDING ON THE PROPERTY OF THE BOUNDARY PARK MALL, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT A, D.L. 108, S.D.Y.D., PLAN 20156, LOCATED AT 365 MARKET AVENUE, INTENDED TO ADD TO THE MALL'S EXISTING RETAIL SPACE, AS SUBMITTED BY THE PROPERTY OWNER, BOUNDARY PARK SHOPPING CENTRE LTD., BE APPROVED IN SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE WITH THE PLANS ATTACHED TO THE APPLICATION. CARRIED.

- b) City Clerk's Report – Application to hold a Canada Day Beer Garden

MOTION: ROBERT / GORDON

**RESOLVED THAT** THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED JUNE 5, 2007, REGARDING AN APPLICATION BY THE GRAND FORKS ART GALLERY TO HOLD A BEER GARDEN ON THE COURTHOUSE "COURTYARD", BE RECEIVED.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** COUNCIL APPROVES THE USE OF THE COURTHOUSE "COURTYARD" ON JULY 1, 2007 CANADA DAY, FOR THE USE BY THE GRAND FORKS ART GALLERY FOR THE PURPOSE OF HOLDING A BEER GARDEN, AND FURTHER APPROVES, BY RESOLUTION, THE ISSUING OF A SPECIAL OCCASION LIQUOR LICENCE TO THE GRAND FORKS ART GALLERY, FOR JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>, ENABLING THE GROUP TO HOLD A BEER GARDEN DURING THE CANADA DAY EVENT, SUBJECT TO THE GRAND FORKS ART GALLERY ENTERING INTO A LAND USE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS, OBTAINING PARTY ALCOHOL LIABILITY INSURANCE AND PROVIDING THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS WITH A COPY OF THE GROUP'S LIABILITY INSURANCE CERTIFICATE NAMING THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS AS AN ADDITIONAL INSURED FOR THE ONE DAY EVENT.

CARRIED.

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**REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

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**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

MOTION: HINTER / ROBERT

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

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**BYLAWS:**

- a) City Clerk's Report – Bylaw No. 1827, Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Official Community Plan Designation Bylaw (17<sup>TH</sup> Street, Lot 1, Plan KAP77077 north of the A&W Restaurant)

MOTION: GORDON / HINTER

**RESOLVED THAT** BYLAW NO. 1827, CITED AS "AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN DESIGNATION BYLAW NO. 1827, 2007", BE FINALLY ADOPTED. CARRIED.

*Councillors Robert and Moslin voted against the motion.*

**b) City Clerk's Report – Bylaw No. 1828, Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Zoning Bylaw (17<sup>th</sup> Street, Lot 1, Plan KAP77077 north of the A&W Restaurant)**

MOTION: GORDON / HINTER

**RESOLVED THAT** BYLAW NO. 1828, CITED AS “AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS ZONING BYLAW NO. 1828, 2007”, BE FINALLY ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

*Councillors Robert and Moslin voted against the motion.*

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**c) Deputy Clerk/Treasurer's Report – Bylaw No. 1832, Water Amendment Bylaw**

MOTION: GORDON / MOSLIN

**RESOLVED THAT** BYLAW NO. 1832, CITED AS “CITY OF GRAND FORKS WATER REGULATIONS AND RATES AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1832, 2007”, BE FINALLY ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

*Councillor Shkrabuik voted against the motion.*

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**LATE ITEMS:**

**a) City Manager's Report – Circuit Court Renovations**

MOTION: ROBERT / GORDON

**RESOLVED THAT** COUNCIL AWARDS THE TENDER FOR THE CIRCUIT COURT RENOVATIONS TO GRAND FORKS CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR A PRICE NOT TO EXCEED \$768,000, SUBJECT TO FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS ON THE PROJECT.

CARRIED.

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

**Councillor Hinter:**

- Reported on his attendance, along with Treasurer Dan Zabinsky, at the Canadian Property Tax Association Industrial Seminar, on June 4 and 5.
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**Councillor Gordon:**

No report

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**Councillor Shkrabuik:**

No report

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**Councillor Robert:**

Councillor Robert reported on the following:

- Reported on his recent attendance at the FCM conference in Calgary, Alberta, highlighting the conference resolution that the Federal government contribute the equivalent of 1% of the GST to municipalities, and the resolution requested the federal government provide federal funding for private landowners to remove infested pine beetle trees.

A Copy of Councillor Robert's report is attached to these minutes.

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**Councillor Moslin:**

Reported on the following issues:

- Advised that the historically Grand Forks is connected to industry, and not necessarily agriculture as the perception exists. He stated that he is a Clean air supporter and he is proud of the accomplishments of the Boundary Air Quality Committee.
  - Advised that the Commuter Challenge, has been successful, so far the Grand Forks community has saved over 1,000 km.
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MOTION: SHKRABUIK / GORDON

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

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: ROBERT

**RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 8:26  
P.M. CARRIED.**

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**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

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ACTING MAYOR PATRICK O'DOHERTY

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CITY CLERK – LYNNE BURCH

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

**Monday June 11, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.**

	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SUBJECT MATTER</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
1.	<b><u>CALL TO ORDER</u></b>	7:00 p.m. Call to Order	Call Meeting to Order at 7:00 p.m.
2.	<b><u>REGULAR MEETING AGENDA</u></b>	June 11, 2007 Agenda	Adopt Agenda
3.	<b><u>MINUTES</u></b>		
	- May 28, 2007	Special Meeting Minutes	Adopt Minutes
	- May 28, 2007	Regular Meeting Minutes	Adopt Minutes and
	- May 28, 2007	Primary Committee Meeting Minutes	recommendations contained therein.
4.	<b><u>REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS</u></b>		
	a) City Clerk's Report – Merit Mining Corporation	Presentation by Merit Mining Corporation on the proposed gold/copper mine and mill 9km west of Grand Forks	Hear Presentation
	b) City Clerk's Report – Boundary Air Quality Committee	Presentation by the Boundary Air Quality Committee requesting that Council petition the Minister of Environment to come to Grand Forks	Hear Presentation and refer any issues for further discussion
5.	<b><u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS:</u></b>		
	a) City Manager's Report – Communities in Bloom	Notice of Motion, proposed by Councillor Robert at the May 28 <sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting to fund Communities In Bloom judging critique	Receive the report and resolve to advise the Committee, Communities in Bloom, that the City is not sufficiently ready for this step in 2007 and give consideration for this step in 2008.
	b) City Clerk's Report – Anti-Idling Bylaw	Notice of Motion, proposed by Councillor Moslin at the May 28 <sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting to direct Staff to draft an Anti-Idling Bylaw for Council's consideration.	Resolve that Staff be directed to compose an anti-idling bylaw based on the other models and present it for Council's consideration as soon as possible.
6.	<b><u>RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:</u></b>		
	a) City Clerk's Report – Development Permit Application	Application for a development permit to construct an additional building on the property of Boundary Park Mall, adding to their existing retail complex	Approve the application for a development permit as presented.



b) City Clerk's Report – Special Occasion Liquor Licence

Use of Courthouse "courtyard" for a beer garden on Canada Day.

Council approves the use of the Courthouse "courtyard" on July 1<sup>st</sup>, Canada Day for use by the Grand Forks Art Gallery for the purpose of holding a beer garden, and further approves, by resolution, the issuing of a Special Occasion Liquor Licence to the Grand Forks Art Gallery, enabling the group to hold a beer garden during the Canada Day event, subject to the Grand Forks Art Gallery entering into a Land Use Agreement with the City of Grand Forks, obtaining Party Alcohol Liability Insurance and providing the City of Grand Forks with a copy of the Group's liability insurance certificate naming the City as an additional insured for the one day event.

7. **REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:**  
None

8. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

- Summary of Informational Items Various subject matter

Receive the items and direct staff to act upon as recommended

9. **BYLAWS**

a) City Clerk's Report – Bylaw 1827

Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Official Community Plan Bylaw

Final Reading

b) City Clerk's Report – Bylaw 1828

Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Zoning Bylaw

Final Reading

c) Deputy Clerk / Treasurer's Report – Bylaw 1832

Water Amendment Bylaw

Final Reading

10. **LATE ITEMS**

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

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.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**