

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY JUNE 25, 2007

PRESENT: MAYOR NEIL KROG
COUNCILLOR ANN GORDON
COUNCILLOR CHRIS MOSLIN
COUNCILLOR GENE ROBERT
COUNCILLOR TOM SHKRABUIK

CITY MANAGER V. Kumar
CITY CLERK L. Burch
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER D. Zabinsky

GALLERY

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

➤ none

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2007, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. **CARRIED.**

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

a) City Clerk's Report – Festival at the Forks

Welcomed to the meeting was Mona Mattei of the Event Producers Society for the Festival at the Forks. Ms. Mattei explained the reason for the presentation, stating that the Society would like to use James Donaldson Park for on August 24th and 25th for the Festival at the Forks. She further requested the closure of Market Avenue on August 23 for a street dance. Ms. Mattei outlined the Society's plans for a Bavarian garden at the festival. She stated that the event would require a waiver of the noise bylaw, to operate beyond 10:00 p.m. She advised that the Society is aware that they will be required to add the City as an additional insured on their liability policy. As in past years, Ms. Mattei advised that the Society would be counting on the assistance of the public works crews for the event. She stated that the festival is the only summer event for culture and the only

event being marketed outside our region and advised that the Society intends to market the event as an arts event not a big band concert. She stated the Society's intention to work with local area residents in accommodating them with the noise issue.

Activities of the festival were discussed that would potentially disturb the baseball park grounds. Ms Mattei advised that the Society intends to stay off the infield, and food vendors will be located on the parameters, and only non disturbing vendors will be located within the park on the outfield. She stated that the Society has no cash from the previous event and that sharing of facilities with the GFI has been discussed.

MOTION:

RESOLVED THAT THE PRESENTATION, MADE BY MONA MATTEI OF FESTIVAL AT THE FORKS, SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE ON AUGUST 24 AND 25 IN JAMES DONALDSON PARK, BE RECEIVED AND REFERRED TO STAFF FOR A REPORT ON THE ISSUES DISCUSSED AT THIS MEETING **CARRIED.**

b) City Clerk's Report – Concerned Citizens Against Air Pollution

Welcomed to the meeting, was David Simm of the Concerned Citizens Against Air Pollution. Mr. Simm's went on to discuss health effects from particulate matter in the Grand Forks airshed. He requested the City hire an independent medical consultant to determine health impacts of the Grand Forks Airshed. A lengthy discussion ensued.

MOTION: GORDON / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE PRESENTATION MADE BY DAVID SIMM, OF THE CONCERNED CITIZENS AGAINST AIR POLLUTION, BE RECEIVED. **CARRIED.**

QUESTION PERIOD FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mayor Krog stated that City Council is interested in hearing from the public on the issues it is dealing with or on any other issue that is of interest to the general public. To ensure that this process is open and does not feel uncomfortable to anyone, he advised that Council has set up some parameters to follow. He requested the gallery that prior to speaking about their issue that they would advise Council of the following:

1. Identify yourself, stating your name and place of residence and the issue you are bringing forward.
2. The subject of your participation should be limited to items of broad public interest, not personal to your property. This is not a forum for complaints. Any complaints will be dealt with by Staff and can be made by calling or attending City Hall or other City department during business hours.

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4. Presentations: You must limit your questions and or comments to a maximum of five (5) minutes including questions from Council. This will permit time for all that are present to participate.
5. Council may not make any decisions at this meeting and if Council wishes, the item would be referred to Staff for follow-up and recommendation for Council to consider at a regular meeting of Council.

There were no comments or questions from the gallery

OPERATIONAL DISCUSSION & PRESENTATIONS BY STAFF:

a) City Works – Parks Department Presentation

Wayne Kopan and Mike Noseworthy made a presentation to Council on the activities of the City's Parks Department. By way of a powerpoint presentation, Mr. Kopan and Mr. Noseworthy outlined the recent activities of the Parks department, including the tree replacement policy, in that any hazardous trees removed are replaced. In attempt to conserve water, the Committee was advised that computerized irrigation is controlled from the works yard. Mr. Kopan and Mr. Noseworthy discussed the cemetery, averaging 35 interments per year. They presented pictures of the new brackets on light standard poles and the self watering hanging baskets hanging in the downtown core and on Central Avenue. Mr. Noseworthy advised that the new "welcome to" sign, the former expo sign on the east entrance to the City, has now been planted in flowers, which should be in full bloom within the next few weeks.

Members of Council expressed their individual appreciation to the Parks department employees for their accomplishments so far this year.

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE PRESENTATION MADE BY MIKE NOSEWORTHY AND WAYNE KOPAN ON BEHALF OF THE CITY'S PARKS DEPARTMENT ON THE ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE PARKS DEPARTMENT THIS YEAR, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

a) City Clerk's Report – Proposed Amendments to the Official Community Plan and the Zoning Bylaw

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT THE APPLICATION TO RE-DESIGNATE PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS THE SOUTHERLY 15 FEET OF LOT 3, AND LOT 4, BLOCK 9, D.L. 108, PLAN 23, FROM COMMERCIAL CORE TO LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL IN THE OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN AND REMOVE THIS PROPERTY FROM THE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT AREA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE APPLICATION TO REZONE THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM R3 (MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R2 (SMALL LOT RESIDENTIAL) BE PERMITTED TO PROCEED TO PUBLIC HEARING.

CARRIED.

b) City Clerk's Report – Proposed Amendment to the Grand Forks Zoning Bylaw

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT THE APPLICATION FOR REZONING FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 8484 GRANBY ROAD, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT STAFF BE DIRECTED TO DRAFT A ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW, INTENDED TO AMEND THE I3 ZONE TO INCLUDE "REPAIRS, MAINTENANCE AND STORAGE OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT" AS A PERMITTED USE IN THE I3 ZONE, AND THAT THIS BYLAW BE PERMITTED TO PROCEED TO PUBLIC HEARING.

CARRIED.

REQUESTS FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

None

LATE ITEMS:

None

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

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THIS PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 7:59 P.M.

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

MAYOR NEIL KROG

CITY CLERK LYNNE BURCH

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS
AGENDA – PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Monday June 25, 2007

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SUBJECT MATTER</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
1. <u>CALL TO ORDER</u>		Call Meeting to order after the Regular Meeting
2. <u>PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA</u> -	Agenda for June 25, 2007	Adoption of Agenda
3. <u>REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:</u>		
a) City Clerk’s Report – Festival at the Forks	Presentation by the organizers of the Festival at the Forks, requesting financial support for the festival and various other approvals.	Hear the presentation
b) City Clerk’s Report – Concerned Citizens Against Air Pollution	Presentation by David Simm of the Concerned Citizens Against Air Pollution.	Hear the presentation
4. <u>QUESTION PERIOD FROM THE PUBLIC</u>		
	Attendees in the gallery may ask Council questions at this time.	Hear Presentation and refer any issues for further discussion., Hear from the Public
5. <u>OPERATIONAL DISCUSSION & PRESENTATIONS BY STAFF</u>		
a) City Parks Department		
6. <u>RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:</u>		
a) City Clerk’s Report – Proposed Amendments to the Official Community Plan and the Zoning Bylaw	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outlines a proposal to amend the Official Community Plan by re-designating property at 7143 3rd Street, from Commercial Core to Low Density Residential, and to remove this property from the Commercial Development Permit Area. • Outlines a proposal to amend the Zoning Bylaw by rezoning property at 7143 3rd Street, from R3 (Multi-Family Residential) to R2 (Residential – Small Lot). 	Committee recommends to Council that the application to re-designate property legally described as the southerly 15 feet of Lot 3, and Lot 4, Block 9, D.L. 108, Plan 23, from Commercial Core to Low Density Residential in the Official Community Plan and remove this property from the development permit area, and the application to rezone the same subject property from R3 (Multi-family Residential) to R2 (Small Lot Residential) be permitted to proceed to public hearing.

b) City Clerk's Report – proposed amendment to the Zoning Bylaw

- Outlines a proposal to amend the Zoning Bylaw to allow property on Granby Road currently zoned I-3 to be used for repairs, maintenance, and storage of logging equipment.

Committee recommends to Council that the application for rezoning for property on Granby Road, be received, and that the Staff be directed to draft a zoning amendment bylaw, amending the I-3 zone to include "repairs, maintenance and storage of heavy equipment" as a permitted use in the I-3 zone, and that this bylaw be permitted to proceed to public hearing.

7. **REQUEST FROM CORRESPONDENCE**

8. **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

a)

9. **LATE ITEMS**

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

a)

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment