

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

TUESDAY OCTOBER 9, 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
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

V. Kumar
D. Zabinsky

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: NONE

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE OCTOBER 9, 2007 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2007, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2007, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

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MOTION: SHKRABUIK / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2007, AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NONE

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:

a) Treasurer's Report – Authority to Proceed with Construction of new Visitor's Information Centre

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT CONSTRUCTION BEGIN IN OCTOBER 2007 TO PROVIDE A NEW VISITOR'S INFORMATION CENTRE IN TOWN SQUARE AT A COST OF \$350,000.00 CARRIED. COUNCILLOR SHKRABUIK OPPOSED

b) Treasurer's Report – Application for Grant for Visitor's Information Centre

MOTION: GORDON / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL SUPPORTS THE GRANT APPLICATION TO THE UBCM COMMUNITY TOURISM PROGRAM FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW VISITOR'S INFORMATION CENTRE AND ACCEPTS THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS OUTLINED IN SECTION 6.4 OF THE PROGRAM GUIDE CARRIED

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION: HINTER / ROBERT

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

CARRIED.

ITEM 5(W) THE BOUNDARY AIR QUALITY COMMITTEE WILL FORWARD COMMENTS ON THE OPEN BURNING REVIEW TO THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY

BYLAWS:

a) City Clerk's Report – Bylaw 1840, a bylaw to exempt from taxation certain parcels of land used for religious worship purposes, hospital purposes, recreation purposes and charitable or philanthropic purposes pursuant to the provisions of the Community Charter.

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1840, CITED AS “YEAR 2008 ANNUAL TAX EXEMPTION BYLAW NO. 1840”, BE FINALLY ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

LATE ITEMS:

None

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

Councillor Shkrabuik:

- Reported on his attendance at the Strong Start Program opening at Hutton School.
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Councillor Robert:

Councillor Robert reported on the following items:

- Tour of Merit Mine and urged all Councillors to take the tour
- Sears Grand opening.
- Communities in Bloom assessment and the special visual appeal information
- UBCM attendance, in particular TILMA resolutions, a special resolution on 90 day turnaround on grant applications
- Climate Charter and need to be carbon neutral by 1012

A copy of Councillor Robert's report is attached.

Councillor Moslin:

Councillor Moslin reported on the following items:

- Burn It Smart seminar October 18
- UBCM attendance, in particular, the meeting with Minister of Environment where continued funding for airshed management was requested.

Councillor HINTER:

- Reported on the Tourism BC report on the Visitor's Information Centre Quality Service Report

MOTION: HINTER / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL SUPPORT THE ISSUANCE OF THE ROXUL AIR PERMIT AND THAT STAFF BE INSTRUCTED TO SEND A LETTER TO THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT NOTING COUNCIL'S SUPPORT. CARRIED

Councillor O'Doherty :

- Reported on UBCM attendance and concerns expressed about Canpar and Pope & Talbot
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Councillor Gordon:

Councillor Gordon reported on the following items:

- Attendance at UBCM and meeting with the Highways Department, the Small Talk Forum where many other communities are concerned about the length of time it takes for grant application notification
 - Meeting with Minister Abbott on health capital projects
 - BC Ambulance Service meeting and the need to upgrade service in Grand Forks
 - New legislation on animal slaughtering and selling affecting local farmers
 - Child custody resolution meeting
 - RCMP problems with getting arrest due to Charter restrictions
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Mayor Krog

- Reported on his attendance at UBCM and that all Grand Forks resolutions were adopted at the floor of the convention
 - MIA meeting
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MOTION: SHKRABUIK / ROBERT

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

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: HINTER

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 7:45 P.M. CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



MAYOR NEIL KROG



DEPUTY CLERK - DAN ZABINSKY

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

Tuesday October 9, 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>	October 9, 2007 Agenda	Adopt Agenda
3.	<u>MINUTES</u>		
	- September 17, 2007	Special Meeting Minutes	Adopt Minutes
	- September 17, 2007	Regular Meeting Minutes	Adopt Minutes
	- September 17, 2007	Primary Committee Meeting Minutes	Adopt minutes & 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) Treasurer's Report	Authority to Proceed with Construction of new Visitor's Information Centre	Council resolves that construction begin in October 2007 to provide a new Visitor's Information Centre in Town Square at a cost of \$350,000.00
	b) Treasurer's Report	Application for grant for Visitor's Information Centre	Council resolves that it supports the grant application to the UBCM Community Tourism Program for the construction of a new Visitor's Information Centre and accepts the terms and conditions as outlined in section 6.4 of the program guide.
7.	<u>REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:</u>		
	None		
8.	<u>INFORMATION ITEMS</u>		
	- 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 1840 Annual Tax Exemption Bylaw Final Adoption
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**