

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY APRIL 7, 2008

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

CITY MANAGER V. Kumar
CITY CLERK L. Burch
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER L. Engels

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

➤ None.

MOTION: HINTER / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE APRIL 7, 2008 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2008, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

MOTION: HINTER / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY MARCH 17, 2008, AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

a) City Clerk's Report –Urban Systems Ltd., Delegation

Dan Huang of Urban Systems Ltd. made a presentation to Council on the status of the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan input process and referred to the discussion paper presented in the agenda package a copy of which is attached to these minutes. Mr. Huang presented a power-point presentation containing a brief update on the community sustainable plan, which included information on the program itself, the project team, community process to date including a report on the successes and next steps.

MOTION: ROBERT / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED MARCH 31, 2008, REGARDING A PRESENTATION FROM URBAN SYSTEMS LTD., ON THE STATUS OF THE INTEGRATED COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY PLANNING PROCESS, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED.

b) City Clerk's Report – Grand Forks & District Public Library Board, Delegation

Kathy Anderson, Library Director and Jane Grey, Chairperson of the Grand Forks & District Public Library Board of Directors made a presentation to Council at this time on the year-end report and financial status of the Library as at December 31, 2007. Ms. Anderson in making the presentation, pointed out that during 2007, the Library was forced to use reserve funds for operations stating this is not sustainable. Ms. Anderson stated that in 2007 they were able to increase membership circulation and program attendance, with over 90,000 people visiting the library last year. In conclusion, she thanked Council for their support of the Library.

MOTION: ROBERT / HINTER

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED MARCH 19, 2008, REGARDING A PRESENTATION FROM THE GRAND FORKS & DISTRICT PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD ON THE YEAR END AND FINANCIAL STATUS AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2007, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:

a) City Clerk's Report – Trans Canada Trail proposal to construct and install a Bantam Marker in City Park

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED MARCH 31, 2008, REGARDING A PROPOSAL FROM THE TRANS CANADA TRAIL TO CONSTRUCT AND INSTALL A BANTAM MARKER IN CITY PARK, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT APPROVAL BE GRANTED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF THE BANTAM MARKER IN CITY PARK, UNDER A LICENCE OF OCCUPATION GRANTED TO THE TRANS CANADA TRAIL BY THE CITY AT NO COST TO THE TRANS CANADA TRAIL, SUBJECT TO THE BANTAM MARKER REMAINING THE PROPERTY OF THE TRANS CANADA TRAIL.

CARRIED.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION: ROBERT / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT INFORMATION ITEMS NUMBERED 5A TO 5P,

- a) Copy of Bid Package for the Renovations to the Museum/Art Gallery from Grand Forks Construction Services Ltd.
- b) Letter from Canada Post regarding the 2008 Canada Post Community Literacy Award.
- c) Letter from Grand Forks International Requesting Approval for the Special Occasion Liquor Licence for the GFI, Aug 27 thru Sept 1.
- d) RDKB Notice of Trash to Treasure Day.
- e) Western Canada Wilderness Committee regarding the proposal for a power-line installation through Pinecone Burke Prov Park.
- f) Public Works Association of BC notice of National Public Works Week
- g) Copy of a letter from the Boundary Air Quality Committee to the RDKB requesting support of the Wood Stove Exchange Program
- h) Email from Chamber of Commerce to City Manager on the Picture BC Program update
- i) Card from Jim and Gloria Hartley expressing appreciation of the work that the Public Works Department has done.
- j) Kids Help Phone correspondence requesting a donation
- k) Memorandum from the City Manager regarding the implications on the City Budget from the proposed carbon tax
- l) Memorandum from the Manager of Works and Services regarding the tree replanting plan for the Cemetery and the Airport
- m) Emergency Management BC notice of Emergency Preparedness Week

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- n) Memorandum to First Nations and Local Governments regarding available funding Community to Community Programs.
- o) Local Government Program Services memorandum, notice of extension of gas tax agreement
- p) Society for the Preservation of Community Arts and Culture, minutes of the March 25th, 2008 meeting.

BE RECEIVED AND ACTED UPON AS RECOMMENDED.

CARRIED.

BYLAWS:

a) City Clerk's Report – Bylaw 1858 Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Building and Plumbing Bylaw

MOTION: HINTER / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1858, CITED AS "CITY OF GRAND FORKS BUILDING AND PLUMBING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1858, 2008", BE GIVEN FIRST READING.

CARRIED.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1858, CITED AS "CITY OF GRAND FORKS BUILDING AND PLUMBING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1858, 2008", BE GIVEN SECOND READING.

CARRIED.

MOTION: ROBERT / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1858, CITED AS "CITY OF GRAND FORKS BUILDING AND PLUMBING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1858, 2008", BE GIVEN THIRD READING.

CARRIED.

LATE ITEMS:

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

Councillor Shkrabuik:

- NO REPORT

Councillor Robert:

- Reported on his attendance at a conference on sustainability by the Columbia Institute held at Harrison Hot Springs this past week
 - Reported on his attendance at a going away party for "Dr. Fun"
 - Made mention of the different exhibits at the Grand Forks Art Gallery
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Councillor Moslin:

Councillor Moslin reported on the following items:

- Reported that the Black Train Bridge has mysteriously been decked in the last two weeks.
 - Reported on the Wood Stove Exchange project.
 - Reported on the "Idle Free Ambassador" program, stating that a student project coordinator will be hired this summer.
 - Reported that the BAQC is looking to complete the Airshed Management Plan
 - Advised that Selkirk College will be cancelling the West Kootenay Teaching Program due to lack of funding. He advised that without this program it is going to be harder for the School District to recruit local teachers.
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Councillor Hinter:

- No Report
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Councillor O'Doherty:

- No Report
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Councillor Gordon:

- Reported that the front entrance to the hospital has been beautifully renovated, as well as the new entrance to the Extended Care.
 - Advised that she, along with other members of Council, will be attending the AKBLG Conference next week lobbying for various issues important to our community.
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Mayor Krog:

- Reported on his attendance, on behalf of Council, at the Royal Canadian Legion awards and recognition nights.
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MOTION: SHKRABUIK / HINTER

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


ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 8:12P.M. CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR NEIL KROG


CITY CLERK - LYNNE BURCH