

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2008

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
CITY CLERK

V. Kumar
L. Burch

GALLERY

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

➤ none

MOTION: ROBERT / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 2008, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

a) City Clerk's Report – Delegation of the Friends of the Boundary Museum

Mr. David Janzen of the Friends of the Boundary Museum made a presentation to the Committee at this time. Mr. Janzen presented a petition with 300 signatures, requesting that the City of Grand Forks open the doors to the Boundary Museum for public access, without restrictions and unlimited access to its offices and that the City negotiate with the Boundary Museum Society to reach a mutually beneficial agreement that allows the Boundary Museum Society to fulfill its mandate to collect, research, preserve, exhibit and use for education, artifacts, archives and specimens relating to the human and natural history of the Grand Forks and Boundary area.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL THAT THE PRESENTATION MADE BY DAVID JANZEN, ON BEHALF OF THE FRIENDS OF THE BOUNDARY MUSEUM, REGARDING THE PETITION PRESENTED, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED TO THESE MINUTES, CALLING FOR THE REINSTATEMENT OF THE BOUNDARY MUSEUM SOCIETY AS THE PROVIDER OF THE MUSEUM SERVICES, 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 that prior to speaking about their issue that persons in the gallery 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.

Chris Thompson :

Commented on the recent application to the BC Supreme Court, filed by the Boundary Museum Society, for a injunction preventing the City from relocating the Museum artifacts from the current museum location to temporary storage. She stated that in her opinion that in these situations no one wins.

Art Stavenjord:

Mr. Stavenjord stated that he has lived in the community since 1951, and participated in most volunteer organizations. He advised that he spent time as a member of Council and was the Councillor assigned as the liaison to the museum at that time. He advised that there are people in the community that are upset with the way that the museum board was dealt with by the City and requested that Council rectify the situation in which the museum board was dealt with.

Hugh Sutherland:

Stated that he was a charter member of the Grand Forks Gyro Club, and further advised that the Gyro Club raised potatoes to construct a museum, a project of the Centennial Committee. He went on to state that there are a number of artifacts in the museum that he personally donated to the museum, not to the City of Grand Forks. He provided some background to the history of the City. He inquired as to the City's plans to rename Gyro Park.

For clarification, Mayor Krog stated that there is no proposal on the part of Council to rename Gyro Park.

Chris Thompson:

Brought forward an item on the Regular Meeting agenda intended to outline Section 11, Reports, Questions, and Inquiries from Members of Council, stating that in her opinion this may effectively limit Council's discussion.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT ALL VERBAL PRESENTATIONS, MADE AT THIS MEETING OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED.

OPERATIONAL DISCUSSION & PRESENTATIONS BY STAFF:

None

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

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

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED FEBRUARY 13, 2008, OUTLINING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN AND THE GRAND FORKS ZONING BYLAW, BE RECEIVED. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL THAT THE APPLICATION TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN AND THE GRAND FORKS ZONING BYLAWS TO RE-DESIGNATE PROPERTY AT 1629 75TH AVENUE FROM LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL AND TO INCLUDE THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IN THE MULTI-FAMILY DEVELOPMENT PERMIT AREA, AND TO REZONE THE PROPERTY FROM R-1B RESIDENTIAL CARE TO R-3 MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL BE PERMITTED TO PROCEED TO PUBLIC HEARING AND THAT CITY STAFF BE DIRECTED TO DRAFT THE APPROPRIATE BYLAWS. CARRIED.

REQUESTS FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

None

LATE ITEMS:

None

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

ADJOURNMENT:

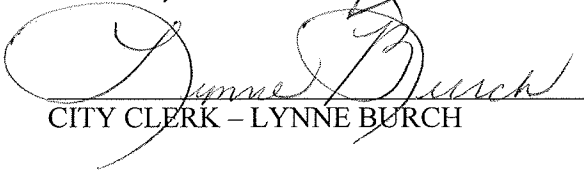
MOTION: SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THIS PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING BE ADJOURNED 7:23 P.M.
CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



MAYOR NEIL KROG



CITY CLERK - LYNNE BURCH