

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

**Monday January 21, 2008**

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SUBJECT MATTER</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
1. <u>CALL TO ORDER</u>		Call Meeting to order after the adjournment of the Regular Meeting
2. <u>PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA</u> -	Agenda for January 21, 2008	Adoption of Agenda
3. <u>REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:</u>		
a) BC Government Employees Union	Request for Council Support of Resolution to request Ministry of Highways ensure that maintenance contracts are fulfilled and that enhanced monitoring is conducted by the Ministry.	Receive 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 &amp; PRESENTATIONS BY STAFF</u> None		
6. <u>RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:</u>		
a) City Manager's Report – 2008-2012 Five Year Financial Plan	Consideration of the Adoption of the Financial Plan	Recommend to Council that the 2008 – 2012 Financial Plan be adopted by bylaw.
b) City Manager's Report – Tax, Fees and Charges	Approval of taxation, fees and charge rates for 2008	Recommend that Council adjust services partially, utilize small amount from prior years' surplus and adjust property tax, water, sewer and garbage rates for 2008 as outlined in the Staff Report dated January 2, 2008.
7. <u>REQUEST FROM CORRESPONDENCE</u>		
8. <u>INFORMATION ITEMS:</u>		
9. <u>LATE ITEMS</u>		
10. <u>REPORTS, QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL (VERBAL)</u>		

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

**PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**MONDAY JANUARY 21, 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	V. Kumar
CITY CLERK	L. Burch
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	L. Engels

GALLERY

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

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**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

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MOTION: SHKRABUIK / GORDON

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

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**REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:**

- a) **City Clerk's Report – Delegation of the BC Government Employees Union, requesting Council's supporting resolution requesting the Ministry of Transportation to enhance monitoring of maintenance contracts for provincial highways.**

Mr. Mike Prystae of the BC Government Employees Union was called forward to make his presentation to Council at this time. Mr. Prystae, a Trade Journeyman Bridgeman for the BCGEU, began his presentation with a video outlining information on highways maintenance. He concluded by requesting Council's support in adopting the Union's proposed resolution, petitioning the Provincial Government to enhance monitoring and audit of work performance to assess compliance with Ministry of Transportation standards.

MOTION: ROBERT / O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT** THE PRESENTATION MADE BY MIKE PRYSTAE, ON BEHALF OF THE BC GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES UNION, REGARDING MAINTENANCE OF PROVINCIAL HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED.

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MOTION: O'DOHERTY / MOSLIN

**RESOLVED THAT** COUNCIL REQUEST THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT HAVE THE HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE CONTRACTOR PROVIDE REGULAR ACCIDENT REPORTS AND REPORT SEMI-ANNUALLY TO KEY COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS.

CARRIED.

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**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.

**Michelle Caskey of 7242 8<sup>th</sup> Street:**

Stated her support for the wood stove exchange program, proposed by the Boundary Air Quality Committee. On behalf of the BAQC requested the City's support, for the replacement of 20 stoves, in the way of rebates.

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**OPERATIONAL DISCUSSION & PRESENTATIONS BY STAFF:**

None

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**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

**a) City Manager's Report – Five Year Financial Plan 2008 – 2012**

MOTION: GORDON / ROBERT

**RESOLVED THAT** THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL THAT THE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT, DATED DECEMBER 28, 2007, REGARDING THE FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN 2008 – 2012, BE RECEIVED. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL THAT THE 2008 – 2012 FINANCIAL PLAN BE ADOPTED BY BYLAW.

CARRIED.

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**b) City Manager's Report – Tax Fees and Charges Report**

MOTION: HINTER / O'DOHERTY

**RESOLVED THAT** THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL THAT THE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT, DATED JANUARY 16, 2008, REGARDING TAX, FEES AND CHARGES, BE RECEIVED. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THAT COUNCIL ADJUST SERVICES PARTIALLY, UTILIZE A SMALL AMOUNT FROM PRIOR YEARS' SURPLUS AND ADJUST PROPERTY TAX, WATER, SEWER AND GARBAGE RATES FOR 2008 AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT DATED JANUARY 2, 2008.

CARRIED.

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**REQUESTS FROM CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

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**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

None

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**LATE ITEMS:**

None

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

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: GORDON

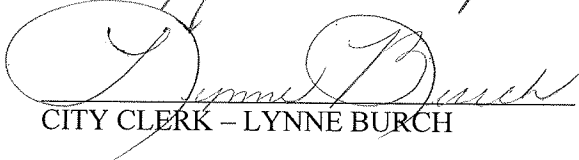
**RESOLVED THAT THIS PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING BE ADJOURNED 7:28 P.M.  
CARRIED.**

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**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

  
MAYOR NEIL KROG

  
CITY CLERK - LYNNE BURCH