

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY JULY 14, 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

CALL TO ORDER:

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

RECESS TO PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING:

MOTION: HINTER / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE RECESSED AT 7:01 P.M. TO ALLOW FOR THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING, AND THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE RECONVENED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING. CARRIED.

The Meeting was recessed at 7:01 p.m. and reconvened at 7:15 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

- None

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE JULY 14, 2008 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: HINTER / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 30, 2008, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 30, 2008, BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED. CARRIED.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / HINTER

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY JUNE 30, 2008, AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:

a) City Manager's Report – City Park Lift Station Tender

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT, DATED JULY 7, 2008, REGARDING THE TENDER RECEIVED FOR THE CITY PARK LIFT STATION, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT TENDER RECEIVED FOR THE CITY PARK LIFT STATION, BE RECEIVED. CARRIED.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION: HINTER / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT INFORMATION ITEMS NUMBERED 5A TO 5J,

- a) Letter from the Honourable Colin Hansen regarding an opportunity to participate in the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games Community Marks Program.
- b) Mayor's letter to the Honourable Blair Lekstrom with feedback as requested on the Local Motion and Towns for Tomorrow initiatives.
- c) Letter from Mike de Visser requesting a plan as to the control of noxious weeds.
- d) Letter from Ray Hansen expressing concerns as to the upgrades required for two intersections and the building of trails.
- e) Society for the Preservation of Arts and Culture Museum Services Partnering Agreement.
- f) Emergency Management BC Flood Protection Funding
- g) Referral Request from Integrated Land Management Bureau Ministry of Agriculture and Lands.
- h) 2008 Energy Action Awards
- i) UBCM News Release – Appointment of Minister of Community Development
- j) AKBLG – Minutes of the April 17, 2008 Regular Meeting

BE RECEIVED AND ACTED UPON AS RECOMMENDED.

CARRIED.

The following comments were made with regard to the information items brought forward at this meeting:

- Suggested that the public be informed that in an effort to control noxious weeds, the City maintains boulevards and parks, and paves parking areas.
- Councillor Moslin suggested that an application be made for the 2008 Energy Action Awards – for the work done through the Boundary Air Quality Committee
- Councillor Moslin also suggested that application be made through the Community Excellence Award program for the leadership shown by the City.
- Councillor Robert requested that Staff invite the Handicapped Societies to partner with the City in the Community Marks Program.
- Councillor Robert complimented the Mayor on his letter to the Minister of Community Development providing feedback from the City of Grand Forks as to grants
- Councillor Robert suggested that RDKB should inform rural area residents that Emcon Services is responsible for maintaining boulevards in Area D. It was further suggested that the Weed Coordinator be requested to make a presentation to Council.
- Staff was requested to provide Council with a report on the riverbank in Johnson Flats. The Mayor advised that the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary is currently doing an assessment on the Kettle River which includes the Johnson Flats area.

BYLAWS:

- a) **Chief Election Officer's Report – Bylaw 1865, Amendment to the Procedures for the Conduct of Local Government Elections, first, second and third readings**

MOTION: HINTER / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1865, CITED AS “AMENDMENT TO THE PROCEDURES FOR THE CONDUCT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS AND OTHER VOTING BYLAW NO. 1865, 2008”, BE GIVEN FIRST READING.

CARRIED.

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / HINTER

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1865, CITED AS “AMENDMENT TO THE PROCEDURES FOR THE CONDUCT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS AND OTHER VOTING BYLAW NO. 1865, 2008”, BE GIVEN SECOND READING.

CARRIED.

MOTION: GORDON / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1865, CITED AS “AMENDMENT TO THE PROCEDURES FOR THE CONDUCT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS AND OTHER VOTING BYLAW NO. 1865, 2008”, BE GIVEN THIRD READING.

CARRIED.

LATE ITEMS:

None

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

Councillor Gordon:

Councillor Gordon reported on the following:

- Reported on her tour of the now vacant Hardyview building which is currently being assessed for other uses.
 - Will be meeting tomorrow with Staff Sgt Harrison the new RCMP Detachment Commander.
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Councillor O'Doherty:

No report

Councillor Hinter:

No report

Councillor Moslin:

Councillor Moslin reported on the following items:

- He requested that Staff report on the extreme weather event which occurred last Thursday. The City Clerk, who acted as the Emergency Operation Centre Director, reported on her role during the Wind Storm, stating that the EOC was opened at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 10th, and fielded calls reporting downed trees on buildings and residences, trees across powerlines, power outages, and small fires until 8:00 p.m. She further advised that the EOC was opened and remained on standby, by cell phone, throughout the weekend, to manage public safety issues resulting from dangerous trees and power outages.
- He provided information on the existing plans for trail and bicycle route development, and proposed two painted lines on Central Avenue, Highway 3, to provide safety to cyclists.

MOTION: MOSLIN / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL INSTRUCT STAFF TO REQUEST THAT THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION COMMENT ON THE POSSIBILITY OF PAINTING CYCLING LANES ON HIGHWAY 3 THROUGH THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS DURING THE PLANNED HIGHWAY REPAVING PROJECT, DUE TO TAKE PLACE THIS FALL.

CARRIED.

The City Manager advised that a bicycle path will be constructed from Spraggett Road to 19th Street this year. He further stated that the Ministry of Transportation has already awarded the tender for the highway project, and including additions such as cycling lanes would remain at the discretion of the Ministry.

- He commented on a letter received from Fortis BC forecasting that a 2% increase in electricity consumption will occur in 2008 vs 2007.
 - He advised that Christine Grassutti the Idle-Free Ambassador has designed and will have constructed anti-idling signage, which Interior Health Authority will pay for.
 - He stated that the Boundary Air Quality Committee is working on the Airshed Management Plan.
 - He further inquired as to the previously designated Dog Park and inquired as to when it could possibly be opened. The City Manager advised that the group requesting the facility has been advised to liaise with the Manager of Works and Services.
 - He stated that the Rivers' Edge Theater group is producing historical centennial vignettes as a tribute to BC 150th at Spencer Hill Orchard and Gallery, on July 26th, 2008, and on July 27th at Gyro Park in Trail as part of the regional celebration.
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Councillor Robert:

- He commended City Crews and Volunteer Firefighters in their response to the Wind Event last week and requested that a letter be sent to these groups thanking them for their service on behalf of the City.
- He commended Overwaitea on the giving out of free watermelon on Canada Day and requested a letter be sent to the Manager and Staff thanking them.

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MOTION: ROBERT / MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT STAFF BE REQUESTED TO INVESTIGATE THE PROVISION OF POWER OUTLETS IN CITY PARK WHICH WOULD ELIMINATE THE USE OF LONG EXTENSION CORDS, AND THAT THESE FINDINGS BE REPORTED BACK TO COUNCIL.
CARRIED.

MOTION: ROBERT / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE GRAND FORKS & DISTRICT FALL FAIR SOCIETY BE REQUESTED TO INCORPORATE A FARMERS' MARKET IN THE FALL FAIR PROGRAM IN SEPTEMBER 2008.
CARRIED.

MOTION: ROBERT / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT STAFF BE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE A REPORT ON THE FEASIBILITY OF INSTALLING HANDICAPPED ACCESS TO WASHROOMS IN BARBARA ANN PARK.
CARRIED.

- He thanked Council and Staff for the attempt made to install lights on the pathway on the Riverside Drive dike.

MOTION: ROBERT / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT A PROBATIONARY PERIOD BE IMPLEMENTED FOR THE LIGHTING OF THE PATHWAY ON RIVERSIDE DRIVE ADJACENT TO GRANBY ESTATES, INTENDED TO REVIEW THE IMPACT OF THE LIGHTS AND THE NEED FOR TIMERS.
CARRIED.

Councillor Shkrabuik:

No Report

Mayor Krog:

- Advised that he will be attending a Regional Innovation Chair Meeting tomorrow in Castlegar.
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MOTION: SHKRABUIK / GORDON

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

RESOLUTION TO CONVENE AN IN-CAMERA MEETING:

MOTION: GORDON / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL CONVENE AN IN-CAMERA MEETING AS OUTLINED UNDER SECTION 90 OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER TO DISCUSS MATTERS IN A CLOSED MEETING WHICH ARE THE SUBJECT OF SECTION 90 OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT PERSONS, OTHER THAN MEMBERS, OFFICERS, OR OTHER PERSONS TO WHOM COUNCIL MAY DEEM NECESSARY TO CONDUCT CITY BUSINESS, WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM THE IN-CAMERA MEETING.

CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT:

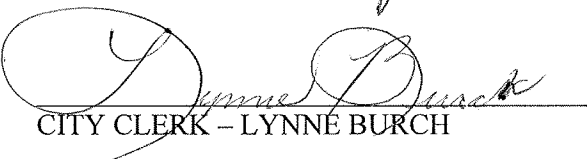
MOTION: O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 8:18 P.M.

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR NEIL KROG


CITY CLERK - LYNNE BURCH