

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY JUNE 30, 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

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. in Gyro Park.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

➤ none

MOTION: GORDON / MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF MONDAY, JUNE 30, 2008, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

a) City Clerk's Report – Delegation of the Grand Forks & District Savings Credit Union

Angela Soukeroff made a presentation, outlining the Grand Forks and District Savings Credit Union involvement in providing the new electronic sign located at the corner of Central Avenue and 3rd Street in Grand Forks.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED JUNE 24, 2008 OUTLINING THE DELEGATION OF THE GRAND FORKS & DISTRICT SAVINGS CREDIT UNION, BE .../ resolution continued on next page

JUNE 30, 2008

PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING

PAGE 08-21

RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT THE PRESENTATION MADE BY ANGELA SOURKEROFF OF THE CREDIT UNION STATING THE CREDIT UNION'S COMMITMENT OF DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, BE RECEIVED. CARRIED.

b) City Clerk's Report – Delegation of the Idle-Free Ambassador Program

Christine Grossutti, the Idle-Free Ambassador, circulated information to all Members of Council at this time. She went on to present a proposal for additional signage that would discourage the idling of vehicle engines. Ms Grossutti indicated that Interior Health will contribute \$1,000 to this program.

MOTION: GORDON / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED JUNE 24, 2008, OUTLINING THE DELEGATION OF THE IDLE-FREE AMBASSADOR, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL THAT THE PRESENTATION MADE BY CHRISTINE GROSSUTTI, THE IDLE-FREE AMBASSADOR OF THE YOUTH CLIMATE LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE INTRODUCING HERSELF AND OUTLINING THE PROGRAM INTENDED TO ENCOURAGE AVOIDANCE OF IDLING VEHICLES, 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.

Christine Thompson: of 21st Street

On a question from Ms. Thompson, the Mayor advised that no personal invitations were forwarded to former Gyro Members for the re-dedication of Gyro Park. He went on to add that he understands that there are former Gyro members here this evening, which will be asked to help re-dedicate the park later on after the meeting.

Bill Campbell of Grand Forks:

Inquired as to the status of grants which the City has applied for. The Mayor advised that the Live Sites grant, originally proposed for the community centre was intended to be spent in Gyro Park, however the province did not approve the reallocation of funding. The Mayor further advised that Spirit Square funding, which the City has applied for as not come through to date. Mr. Campbell stated his concern that Council is spending funds to do projects when grant funds have yet to be awarded.

Mr. Campbell inquired as to why the City has two line trucks. The City Manager advised that the City has the equipment that is required for the City's electrical crew, and that there is no surplus equipment. The City Manager further advised that the City has more than 1 lineman, and due to safety issues, the City required the second line truck.

Larana Androsoff on behalf of Cowboy Cottages:

Ms. Androsoff stated that she is pleased to hear that the City supports local projects, and as new business, Cowboy Cottages is interested in assisting the City in refurbishing the "Welcome to Grand Forks" sign on the west end of town. She went on to add that Cowboy Cottages deals with custom log crafting. Mayor Krog requested that Ms. Androsoff leave the company's contact information with Staff.

Kathy Novokshonoff:

Ms. Novokshonoff presented an idea for the dedication of a dog park in the City. Mayor Krog advised that the proposal to dedicate a Dog Park within the City is an item on the agenda for the Regular Meeting due to begin shortly.

Manfred Flury:

Mr. Flury stated his concerns as to the sound system, stating that it was hard to hear Council proceedings.

OPERATIONAL DISCUSSION & PRESENTATIONS BY STAFF:

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

REQUESTS FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

None

LATE ITEMS:

None

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

ADJOURNMENT:


MOTION: HINTER

RESOLVED THAT THIS PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING BE ADJOURNED 5:35 P.M.
CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



MAYOR NEIL KROG



CITY CLERK - LYNNE BURCH