

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY MARCH 17, 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 7:01 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

➤ none

MOTION: ROBERT / HINTER

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2008, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

- a) **City Clerk's Report – Delegation of the Grand Forks Chamber of Commerce, Presentation of the 2007 Municipal Campground Report.**

Ms. Cher Wyers of the Grand Forks Chamber of Commerce made a presentation to the Committee on the 2007 Municipal Campground activities. By way of a powerpoint presentation, Ms. Wyers began by stating that the Grand Forks Chamber of Commerce operates the campground on behalf of the City of Grand Forks. She went on to add that the planned change in the park this coming year with the installation of full services for recreation vehicles, is a welcome addition as the park itself is one of Grand Forks' largest attractions. Ms Wyers presented a revenue and expense

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statement for the park for 2007, showing a loss of \$539.31 for revenue in the park for the year 2007, but she stated that this was due to a large increase in advertising, as well as increase in waste disposal. She addressed the matter of the Chamber's partnership with Sunshine Valley Community Services employing mentally disabled adults, advising of the groups cleaning up of the park during the summer operation months. Ms Wyers provided occupancy stats comparatively from year to year. In conclusion she made reference to handouts, circulated at this meeting, a City Park Revenue Comparison sheet, Say Hello BC brochure, and the 2008 Accommodation Guide.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / HINTER

RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL THAT THE PRESENTATION MADE BY CHER WYERS, ON BEHALF OF THE GRAND FORKS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, REGARDING THE 2007 MUNICIPAL CAMPGROUND REPORT AND FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2007, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED.

b) City Clerk's Report – Delegation of the Grand Forks Community Trails Society, presentation of action plans for the Black Train Bridge and Spirit 2010 Trails.

George Longden, on behalf of the Grand Forks Community Trails Society, made a presentation to Council of the Society's action plans for the Black Train Bridge and Spirit 2010 Trails. Mr. Longden began by presenting a power point presentation outlining the Society's support for the City acquiring the CPR lands and the Black Train Bridge. He advised of the plans to make improvements to the Black Train Bridge including decking and handrails. In conclusion he went on to outline the grant proposals that the Community Trails Society have drafted and submitted.

MOTION: ROBERT / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL THAT THE PRESENTATION MADE BY GEORGE LONGDEN ON BEHALF OF THE GRAND FORKS COMMUNITY TRAILS SOCIETY, REGARDING THE ACTION PLANS FOR THE BLACK TRAIN BRIDGE AND SPIRIT 2010 TRAILS, 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:

Ms Thompson stated that today she contacted the City Manager to obtain access to the Boundary Museum artifacts, and was advised that the City requires written permission from the Boundary Museum Board of Directors. She advised that the Boundary Museum Board of Directors had previously provided written authorization appointing herself to act on behalf of the Board. She requested clarification from Council as to why authorization was required at this time. She stated that she was here this evening with the Vice-president of the Boundary Museum Society, stating that the Board wishes to have access to the storage facility containing the artifacts.

Laura Savinkoff:

Ms Savinkoff advised that the Boundary Museum Society members have voted to appoint Chris Thompson to speak on behalf of the museum board which was communicated by letter in December, 2007.

Chris Thompson:

Ms. Thompson, reiterating that she, along with Brian Taylor, had been given written authorization in December and in February to have access to the former Boundary Museum building, prior to it being demolished, and inquired as to what had changed that would prevent her from being provided access to tour the storage facility and the storage of artifacts of the Museum Society. On a question from Council, she stated that the board members would like to satisfy themselves that the artifacts have been packaged and stored and not contaminated by artifacts that were formally stored in the Gyro Health Unit and the Log Cabin. A member of Council assured Ms. Thompson that these particular artifacts have been stored at the public works yard and not stored at the new storage facility with the other museum artifacts. She requested that the board representatives be provided access to the artifacts by a resolution of Council this evening. It was communicated to Ms. Thompson that a letter from the Board of Directors authorizing her to act on behalf of the board will be required at this time.

MOTION: ROBERT / GORDON

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:

None

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 8:04 P.M.
CARRIED.**

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



MAYOR NEIL KROG



CITY CLERK - LYNNE BURCH