

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

**PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 20, 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, MAY 20, 2008, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. **CARRIED.**

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**REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:**

None

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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:

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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.

**Bill Campbell of Grand Forks:**

Mr. Campbell inquired as to vandalism and graffiti, and the option to adopt a bylaw making parents responsible for the vandalism and graffiti attributed to their children. Councillor Robert advised that Council has created a Community Youth Table, and further adopted a resolution allowing for a graffiti art wall at the Skateboard Park. He explained the process for allowing the graffiti art, creating an outlet for this type of graffiti. The Mayor explained that the holding parents responsible for their children's vandalism crimes is part of the criminal code, which the City does not have jurisdiction over. The City Manager advised that neither the Province nor the Municipality has this power, only the federal government as the criminal code is federal legislation.

Mr. Campbell inquired as to the change in the number of City Staff, referring to the past practice of having one Superintendent of Public Works. The City Manager responded that the Manager of Works & Services and the Manager of Technical Services now hold the positions that Ken McKinnon and Brian Porter used to hold in the City, as the Superintendent of Public Works and the Assistant Works Superintendent. Councillor Moslin stated that the Manager of Technical Services has expertise in the water utility, stating that we need the technical expertise that Sasha Bird has, further advising that later on in the meeting Ms Bird will make a presentation on the water utility.

**Doug Zorn of Grand Forks:**

Advised of agricultural projects being conducted throughout the Grand Forks valley, including the abattoir which proposal is changing from the local abattoir to a mobile abattoir.

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**OPERATIONAL DISCUSSION & PRESENTATIONS BY STAFF:**

**a) Finance Department – Presentation by Linda Engels, Chief Financial Officer**

By way of power-point presentation, Linda Engels, Chief Financial Officer for the City of Grand Forks outlined the first quarter financial position of the City of Grand Forks. Linda discussed the cash requirements, cash position, revenue and expenditure summary and surplus and reserves position summary. A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes.

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MOTION: SHKRABUIK / GORDON

**RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL THAT THE PRESENTATION MADE BY LINDA ENGELS, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER FOR THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS, OUTLINING THE FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE CITY, BE RECEIVED. CARRIED.**

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**b) Water Department Consumption and Conservation – Presentation by Sasha Bird, Manager of Technical Services**

By way of power-point presentation, Sasha Bird, Manager of Technical Services for the City of Grand Forks presented an overview of the water utility system. She further outlined the consumption and conservation efforts of the Water department of the City.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / HINTER

**RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL THAT THE PRESENTATION MADE BY SASHA BIRD, MANAGER OF TECHNICAL SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS, OUTLINING THE CONSUMPTION AND CONSERVATION EFFORTS OF THE WATER DEPARTMENT IN 2008, BE RECEIVED. CARRIED.**

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**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

- a) City Clerk's Report – Proposed Amendment to the Zoning Bylaw

MOTION: GORDON / ROBERT

**RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT THE APPLICATION TO REZONE PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT A, D.L. 382, PLAN 34392, FROM R-1 (SINGLE AND TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (SMALL LOT RESIDENTIAL), AS OUTLINED IN THE CLERK'S REPORT DATED MAY 13, 2008, BE PERMITTED TO PROCEED TO PUBLIC HEARING. CARRIED.**

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**REQUESTS FROM CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

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**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

None

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**LATE ITEMS:**

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

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**ADJOURNMENT:**


MOTION: SHKRABUIK

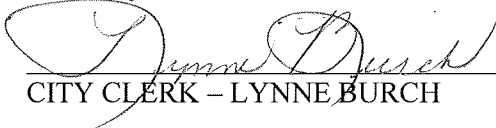
**RESOLVED THAT THIS PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING BE ADJOURNED 7:38P.M.  
CARRIED.**

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**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

  
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MAYOR NEIL KROG

  
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CITY CLERK - LYNNE BURCH