

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY MAY 5, 2008

PRESENT: MAYOR NEIL KROG
COUNCILLOR ANN GORDON
COUNCILLOR TOM HINTER
COUNCILLOR CHRIS MOSLIN
COUNCILLOR GENE ROBERT
COUNCILLOR PATRICK O'DOHERTY
COUNCILLOR TOM SHKRABUIK

CITY MANAGER
CITY CLERK
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

V. Kumar
L. Burch
L. Engels

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

➤ None.

MOTION: HINTER / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE MAY 5, 2008 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: GORDON / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2008, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

MOTION: HINTER / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY APRIL 21, 2008, AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

a) **City Clerk's Report –Delegation, External Auditor's Presentation to Council**

An Naqvi of Berg, Naqvi, Lehman, made a presentation to Council, on the outcome of his firm's external audit of the financial position for the City of Grand Forks as at December 31, 2007. Mr. Naqvi began by referring to the financial statement package, reading the Auditor's Report as required by the Act, which forms part of the financial statement package.

MOTION: HINTER / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED MAY 5, 2008, REGARDING A PRESENTATION FROM THE CITY'S EXTERNAL AUDITOR ON THE 2007 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, BE RECEIVED. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PRESENTED AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2007, BE ACCEPTED.

CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:

a) **City Clerk's Report – Change of Council Meeting Location**

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED APRIL 22, 2008, REGARDING THE CHANGE OF THE MAY 20TH COUNCIL MEETING LOCATION, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE MAY 20TH, 2008 REGULAR AND PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETINGS OF COUNCIL BE HELD IN THE SENIORS CENTRE IN CITY PARK, BEGINNING AT 7:00 P.M., AND THAT NOTICE BE POSTED IN REGARDS TO THIS CHANGE OF LOCATION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 5.1(3) OF BYLAW 1794, GRAND FORKS PROCEDURES BYLAW.

CARRIED.

b) **City Manager's Report – Funding for Arts and Culture**

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT, DATED APRIL 30, 2008, REGARDING FUNDING FOR ARTS AND CULTURE, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE ALLOCATION OF \$50,000 EACH IN THE NEW FACILITY WITH THE APPROPRIATE PRORATION FOR 2008 FISCAL
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YEAR, SUBJECT TO BOTH SOCIETIES AND THAT CONTRACTOR FOR THE VIC SIGNING OPERATING FUNDING AGREEMENTS AND LEASE AGREEMENTS WITH FURTHER CONFIRMATION REGARDING THE RECORDING OF VISITORS' INFORMATION ON A CONSOLIDATED BASIS THAT INCREASES THE VIC FUNDING FROM TOURISM BC.

AND BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT FUNDING PROVIDED IS SUBJECT TO ANNUAL REVIEW AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE USE OF FUNDS AND MUST BE PROVIDED TO THE CITY.

CARRIED.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION: ROBERT / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT INFORMATION ITEMS NUMBERED 5A TO 5K,

- a) Grand Forks & District Recreation Commission
- b) inSite Housing, Hospitality, Health
- c) Emergency Management BC
- d) Minister of Citizenship & Immigration
- e) Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General
- f) Ministry of Small Business and Revenue
- g) Office of the Premier News Release – 2008 Community Grant
- h) Office of the Premier News Release – Canada/BC Infrastructure Funding
- i) Office of the Premier News Release – Interface Fire Risk funding
- j) UBCM Notice of response from Province on the Carbon Tax
- k) RDKB – Minutes of March 26th Board Meeting

BE RECEIVED AND ACTED UPON AS RECOMMENDED.

CARRIED.

BYLAWS:

- a) **City Clerk's Report – Bylaw 1852 Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Official Community Plan Designation Bylaw**

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1852, CITED AS "AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN DESIGNATION BYLAW NO. 1852, 2008", BE FINALLY ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

b) City Clerk's Report – Bylaw 1853 – Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Zoning Bylaw

MOTION: HINTER / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1853, CITED AS “AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS ZONING BYLAW NO. 1853, 2008”, BE FINALLY ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

c) Chief Financial Officer's Report – Bylaw 1859 – Annual Tax Rates Bylaw

MOTION: GORDON / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1859, CITED AS “2008 ANNUAL TAX RATES BYLAW”, BE FINALLY ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

d) Chief Financial Officer's Report – Bylaw 1860 – Year 2008 – 2012 Financial Plan Bylaw Amendment No. 1

MOTION: GORDON / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1860, CITED AS “YEAR 2008 – 2012 FINANCIAL PLAN BYLAW AMENDMENT NO. 1”, BE FINALLY ADOPTED.

CARRIED.

e) Chief Financial Officer's Report – Bylaw 1862 – City of Grand Forks Water Regulations and Rates Amendment Bylaw

MOTION: ROBERT / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1862, CITED AS “CITY OF GRAND FORKS WATER REGULATIONS AND RATES AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1862, 2008”, BE GIVEN FIRST READING.

CARRIED.

MOTION: HINTER / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1862, CITED AS “CITY OF GRAND FORKS WATER REGULATIONS AND RATES AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1862, 2008”, BE GIVEN SECOND READING.

CARRIED.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1862, CITED AS “CITY OF GRAND FORKS WATER REGULATIONS AND RATES AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1862, 2008”, BE GIVEN THIRD READING.

CARRIED.

- On a question from Councillor Moslin, the City Manager advised that the City did not apply for the transportation environment grant, but did apply for a much larger sum cycling grant.
 - Advised that auditions for the Rivers' Edge Theatre series of plays depicting Grand Forks Historic characters will be held this week.
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Councillor Hinter:

No report

Councillor O'Doherty:

No report

Councillor Gordon:

Councillor Gordon reported on the following item:

- Reported that she took part in the Grand Forks Housing Society's meeting scheduled to discuss future uses of Hardyview Lodge. She stated that several groups have come forward with proposals.
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Mayor Krog:

Mayor Krog reported on the following items:

- Welcomed International Forest Products (Interfor) to our community. He advised that Council will meet with the President and CEO of the Company on May 14th.
 - Advised that the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary intends to partner with the Regional District of Central Kootenay and the Regional District of East Kootenay in developing a regional climate change action plan, stating that this is an innovative collaborative approach to dealing with climate change.
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MOTION: O'DOHERTY / ROBERT

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

ADJOURNMENT:

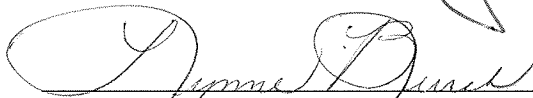
MOTION: HINTER

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 8:15 P.M. CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



MAYOR NEIL KROG



CITY CLERK - LYNNE BURCH