

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY NOVEMBER 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
CITY CLERK

V. Kumar
L. Burch

GALLERY

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. in Council Chambers.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / MOSLIN

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

CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

a) City Clerk's Report – Grand Forks Art Gallery

Judith Lloyd on behalf of the Grand Forks Art Gallery made a presentation to Council. Ms. Lloyd officially thanked Council for including the Art Gallery in the plans to move to the newly renovated Historic Courthouse. She presented each member of Council with a special coffee mug designed to mark the occasion. She assured Council that the Art Gallery Society will continue to show case the Historic Courthouse.

MOTION: ROBERT / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT THE PRESENTATION MADE BY JUDITH LLOYD OF THE GRAND FORKS ART GALLERY SOCIETY, THANKING THE CITY FOR INCLUDING THE ART GALLERY IN THE MOVE TO THE HISTORIC COURTHOUSE, BE RECEIVED. CARRIED.

b) City Clerk's Report – Chamber of Commerce as Service Provider for the City Park Campground

Cher Wyers, of the Grand Forks Chamber of Commerce made a presentation to the Committee on the 2008 operation of the City Park Municipal Campground. By way of powerpoint presentation, Ms Wyers presented the report on the inspection conducted by Tourism BC, stating there are a few deficiencies, including weed control, washroom required replacements, and the removal of the former sani-dump infrastructure. She advised that Tourism BC inspectors were impressed with the cleanliness of the campground. On a question from Council she advised that the sani-dump in the campground will be removed as there exists direct water connections in 21 camp sites. In conclusion, Ms Wyers stated that in comparison, to last year, it appears that the summer tourist numbers are down this year.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / MOSLIN

RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT THE PRESENTATION MADE BY CHER WYERS OF THE GRAND FORKS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ON THE 2008 OPERATION OF THE CITY PARK MUNICIPAL CAMPGROUND, BE RECEIVED. CARRIED.

c) City Clerk's Report – Boundary Air Quality Committee

Ingrid Liepa, facilitator for the development of the Boundary Air Quality Management Plan, and Michele Caskey of the Boundary Air Quality Committee made a presentation to the Committee on the final Air Quality Management Plan. Ms Liepa advised that the plan identifies 71 actions that the stakeholders can take to improve air quality. She went on to add that 14 progress indicators are built into the plan to evaluate the success of the plan. Michele Caskey on behalf of the BAQC thanked the City for the support received by the Committee over the past couple of years.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / HINTER

RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL THAT THE PRESENTATION MADE BY MICHELE CASKEY OF THE BOUNDARY AIR QUALITY COMMITTEE AND INGRID LIEPA, CONSULTANT, BE RECEIVED.

MOTION: MOSLIN / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO THE NEW COUNCIL THAT THE MATTER OF THE AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN BE ADOPTED AT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING. 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

Christine Grossutti, the Climate Action Facilitator :

Ms Grossutti invited Council to use her position to take action on Climate Change, and to get in touch with her on any project that she may assist in regards to Climate Change. On an inquiry from Council, Ms Grossutti advised that she is working on determining how much carbon the municipality is emitting into the atmosphere. She advised that she has met with local groups such as the agricultural society, in order to facilitate action on climate change.

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: SHKRABUIK / HINTER

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

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



MAYOR NEIL KROG



CITY CLERK - LYNNE BURCH