THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL MONDAY OCTOBER 20, 2008

PRESENT:

MAYOR NEIL KROG

COUNCILLOR ANN GORDON COUNCILLOR TOM HINTER COUNCILLOR CHRIS MOSLIN

COUNCILLOR PATRICK O'DOHERTY

COUNCILLOR GENE ROBERT

CITY MANAGER

V. Kumar L. Burch

CITY CLERK

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 OCTOBER 20, 2008 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION:

O'DOHERTY / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY OCTOBER 6, 2008, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

MOTION:

GORDON / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY OCTOBER 6, 2008, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:

a) City Clerk's Report – Society for the Preservation of Arts and Culture

MOTION: HINTER / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED OCTOBER 14, 2008, REGARDING THE NEGOTIATED LEASE AND OPERATING FUNDING AGREEMENTS FOR THE OCCUPATION OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY BY THE SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF COMMUNITY ARTS AND CULTURE, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE TWO SEPARATE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS AND THE SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF COMMUNITY ARTS AND CULTURE FOR THE LEASE OF SPACE IN THE HISTORIC COURTHOUSE, AND THE AGREEMENT FOR THE OPERATING FUNDING OF THE SERVICE, AS NEGOTIATED AND ATTACHED TO THIS REPORT.

CARRIED.

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

MOTION: ROBERT / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED OCTOBER 14, 2008, REGARDING THE OPERATING FUNDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS AND THE GRAND FORKS ART GALLERY, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE OPERATING FUNDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS AND THE GRAND FORKS ART GALLERY AS NEGOTIATED AND ATTACHED TO THIS REPORT. CARRIED.

Councillor Robert read into the record a letter of thanks from the Chair of the Grand Forks Art Gallery.

c) City Manager's Report – CPR Land Structures under donation Agreement (Black Train Bridge)

MOTION: O'DOH

O'DOHERTY / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT, DATED OCTOBER 12, 2008, REGARDING THE OPTIONS AVAILABLE FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF LAND AND STRUCTURES UNDER A DONATION AGREEMENT, FOR THE BLACK TRAIN BRIDGE, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED.

Councillor Moslin discussed the matter at great length, reading into the record, several letters of support received from Community members looking to the City to acquire the bridge and specified trail lands from CPR.

MOTION:

MOSLIN / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS COMPLETE THE CHARITABLE DONATION PROCESS WITH CPR TO ACQUIRE THE BLACK TRAIN BRIDGE AND LANDS FROM KETTLE RIVER DRIVE TO HIGHWAY 3, UNDER DONATION AND TRANSFER TO A NON-PROFIT SOCIETY.

d) City Clerk's Report – School District 51 Boundary

MOTION: HINTER / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED OCTOBER 8, 2008, REGARDING THE LEASE/OPTION TO PURCHASE OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 525 CENTRAL AVENUE, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE FOUR SEPARATE AGREEMENTS, BETWEEN THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS AND SCHOOL DISTRICT 51 BOUNDARY FOR THE LEASE TO PURCHASE OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS STRATA LOT 2, DL 108, SDYD, STRATA PLAN KAS3271, AS ATTACHED.

CARRIED.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION:

O'DOHERTY / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT INFORMATION ITEMS NUMBERED 5A TO 5D

Copy of letter from Lime Creek Logging to the Minister of Forests & Range

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- Sawchyn / Boulet Consultants Report
- Ministry of Energy Mines and Petroleum Resources referral notice for Merit Mines application for amended permit
- UBCM Memorandum New Executive listing.

BE RECEIVED AND ACTED UPON AS RECOMMENDED.

CARRIED.

MOTION:

ROBERT / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE SAWCHYN / BOULET CONSULTANTS REPORT ON THE BOUNDARY MUSEUM BE POSTED ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE, AND COPIES MADE AVAILABLE AT THE FRONT COUNTER OF CITY HALL, THE GRAND FORKS LIBRARY AND TO ALL MEDIA.

CARRIED.

BYLAWS:

a) City Clerk's Report – Bylaw 1867 Year 2009 Annual Tax Exemption Bylaw

MOTION:

O'DOHERTY / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1867, CITED AS "YEAR 2009 ANNUAL TAX EXEMPTION BYLAW NO. 1867, BE FINALLY ADOPTED. CARRIED.

LATE ITEMS:

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

Councillor Robert:

Councillor Robert reported on the following items:

- Thanked all those attending tonight's meeting and seated in the gallery.
- Spoke to the Sawchyn/Boulet Report on the Museum opening in the Heritage Courthouse.

Councillor Moslin:

- Announced the upcoming performance of the River Edge's Theatre this weekend.
- Congratulated MP Alex Atamanenko on being re-elected as a federal MP for British Columbia Southern Interior.

Councillor Hinter:

No report

Councillor O'Doherty:

No report

Councillor Gordon:

Councillor Gordon reported on the following items:

- Her attendance at the Copper Fields Seniors luncheon on October 9th.
- Her attendance at the dinner with the Sister City of Spremburg Germany exchange students.
- Her meeting with the Hospital Administrator and announced that the hospital intends to continue 24 hour emergency services.

Mayor Krog:

• Reported on his attendance at the RDKB Zoning and Planning Committee Meeting providing information on the matter of the Aquilina proposal for Christina Lake, and on the Copper Fields development proposal north of the City's boundary.

MOTION:

GORDON / O'DOHERTY

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 7:55 P.M. CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

MAYOR WEILKROG

CITY CLERK - LYNNE BURCH

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