

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY OCTOBER 6, 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

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

➤ None.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / HINTER

RESOLVED THAT THE OCTOBER 6, 2008 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: GORDON / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 2008, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

MOTION: ROBERT / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 2008, AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

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

John Thomas on behalf of the Society for the Preservation of Community Arts and Culture made a presentation to Council outlining the activities of the Society during their first six months of operation. Mr. Thomas suggested that the SPCAC plan a soft start to opening of the museum displays, however they expect that the facility will be one of the best in the province. He advised that cataloguing will be complete by the end of October. He stated that there is more display space in new facility than in the former Boundary Museum building. For Council's information Mr. Thomas read a letter that the Society has written to the Boundary Museum Society in regards to sharing artifacts for the Fructova School displays. On a question from Council, Mr. Thomas confirmed that the entire museum area in the renovated historic courthouse will be accessible to the public, and further stated that professional consultants have been hired and will determine what the soft start opening will look like. He stated that the final report of the consultant is expected within a week's time. A discussion ensued as to "Past Perfect" software which is the standard software program used by museums across North America, and which has been purchased and is being used for cataloguing at this time. Mr. Thomas, along with Christy Luke, provided information on the cataloguing process currently underway.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE PRESENTATION MADE BY JOHN THOMAS AND CHRISTY LUKE, ON BEHALF OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF COMMUNITY ARTS AND CULTURE ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SOCIETY DURING THEIR FIRST SIX MONTHS OF OPERATION, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:

None

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION: HINTER / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT INFORMATION ITEMS NUMBERED 5A TO 5H

a) Selkirk College - 2008 Summer Institute Report on Community Development

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- b) BC Forestry Climate Change Working Group "Tackle Climate Change: Use Wood
 - c) Town of Creston – invite to the unveiling of the Coat of Arms
 - d) GFDRC invite to Seniors Luncheon
 - e) Minister of Community Development announcing City's winning of the LiveSmart BC Green Cities Award.
 - f) RDKB Minutes of the July 2008 Board Meeting.
 - g) RDKB Minutes of the August 2008 Board Meeting.
 - h) Boundary Air Quality Committee Agenda and minutes.
- BE RECEIVED AND ACTED UPON AS RECOMMENDED. CARRIED.
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BYLAWS:

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

MOTION: HINTER / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1867, CITED AS "YEAR 2009 ANNUAL TAX EXEMPTION BYLAW NO. 1867, 2008", BE GIVEN FIRST READING. CARRIED.

MOTION: GORDON / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1867, CITED AS "YEAR 2009 ANNUAL TAX EXEMPTION BYLAW NO. 1867, 2008", BE GIVEN SECOND READING. CARRIED.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1867, CITED AS "YEAR 2009 ANNUAL TAX EXEMPTION BYLAW NO. 1867, 2008", BE GIVEN THIRD READING. CARRIED.

LATE ITEMS:

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

Councillor Gordon:

Councillor Gordon reported on the following items:

- Reported on her attendance at UBCM, stating that all proposed Grand Forks resolutions
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were passed, most notably that all future grant applications to the province will be responded to within 60 days. Reported on a number of meetings with Ministers, being Minister Wally Opal on the Court Watch program, Minister Blair Lekstrom on the future use of Hardy View Lodge.

- Reported on her attendance at a meeting with "Citizens on Patrol", stating that there is a core group, but more volunteers required.
 - Reported on her attendance at meetings with the youth.
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Councillor O'Doherty:

No Report

Councillor Hinder:

No Report

Councillor Moslin

- Reported on his attendance at UBCM, stating that the delegation served the community well in proposing the 7 Grand Forks resolutions and speaking in favour of three AKBLG resolutions. He commented on the province's announcement of a new air quality plan
 - Made comments in regards to the annual review of air quality in BC published by BC Lung.
 - Thanked the public for responding to the air quality survey.
 - Announced that a public meeting on the draft air quality management plan will be held on Thursday October 9th. He commented on a new monitoring agreement that MOE is trying to renegotiate with industries and local governments for this airshed area.
 - Announced that since last Council meeting, the City has lost Freeman of the City, Jim Glanville.
 - ICSP, on his question, the City Manager advised that the plan will not be finalized this term as the public input surveys have yet to be analyzed.
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Councillor Robert:

- Spoke on the contributions to the City made by Freeman of the City Jim Glanville.
- Attended a church service in Donaldson Park yesterday.
- Reported on his attendance at UBCM, noting the acceptance of the Green City Award for Grand Forks.
- Spoke to the youth involvement in our community.
- Spoke on a UBCM policy paper on Homelessness and Affordable Housing

A copy of Councillor Robert's report is attached to these minutes.

Councillor Shkrabuik:

No report

Mayor Krog:

- Reported on his attendance at RDKB meeting on Thursday, noting the Boundary Air Quality Draft Report, has now been presented to the RDKB Board.
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MOTION: O'DOHERTY / SHKRABUIK

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

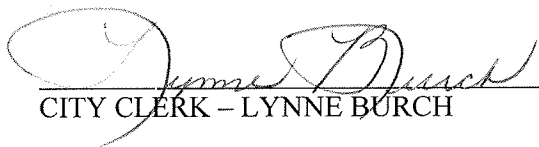
ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 7:58 P.M. CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR NEIL KROG


CITY CLERK - LYNNE BURCH