

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 2008

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

CITY CLERK L. Burch
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER L. Engels

GALLERY

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Delete Item No. 3(b) City Clerk's Report – Delegation of the Society for the Preservation of Arts and Culture

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / HINTER

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2008, BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

a) City Clerk's Report – Peter Westlake Presentation

Mr. Westlake began his presentation by stating he is a resident of Christina Lake. He outlined problems that he feels people are having in parking at the library building resulting from the re-development of Gyro Park. In reading the Mayor's letter to the Library Board he stated that although it is commendable that the City wants to reduce vehicles, he advised that Christina Lake residents must drive to visit the library, and they pay more in taxes to operate the library than the residents of Grand Forks. He suggested that handicap parking be put on the north side of the building to avoid the stairs going into the library.

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / HINTER

RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT THE PRESENTATION MADE BY PETER WESTLAKE RELATIVE TO PARKING ISSUES AT THE GRAND FORKS LIBRARY, BE RECEIVED. CARRIED.

Council members assured Mr. Westlake that the matter is being reviewed at this time.

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

Beverly Westlake of Christina Lake:

In response to Ms Westlake's inquiry, the Mayor advised that there is no crosswalk intended to be installed from the library building to the new parking lot south of the Historic Courthouse.

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: GORDON / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THIS PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING BE ADJOURNED 7:17 P.M.
CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



MAYOR NEIL KROG



CITY CLERK - LYNNE BURCH