

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR 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
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

L. Burch
L. Engels

CALL TO ORDER:

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

RECESS TO PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING:

MOTION: HINTER / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE RECESSED AT 7:01 P.M. TO ALLOW FOR THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING, AND THAT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL BE RECONVENED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING. CARRIED.

The Meeting was recessed at 7:01 p.m. and reconvened at 7:17 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

- Chief Financial Officer's Report – Building Canada Funding Application, to be brought forward under Late Items:

MOTION: ROBERT / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE SEPTEMBER 15, 2008 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2008, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:

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

MOTION: ROBERT / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED SEPTEMBER 5, 2008, REGARDING DRAFTING OF THE 2009 ANNUAL TAX EXEMPTION BYLAW, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE INCLUSION OF ALL 9 TAX EXEMPTION APPLICANTS, UNDER SECTION 224 OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER, IN THE 2009 ANNUAL TAX EXEMPTION BYLAW.

AND BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK BE INSTRUCTED TO DRAFT THE BYLAW ACCORDINGLY FOR COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING.

CARRIED.

b) City Clerk's Report – Application for a Development Variance Permit

MOTION: HINTER / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED SEPTEMBER 5, 2008, REGARDING AN APPLICATION RECEIVED FOR A DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A COVERED DECK, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE AFTER HEARING FROM THE PUBLIC, COUNCIL APPROVES THE ISSUANCE OF A DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT TO VARY SECTION 33(2)(F)(IV) OF THE GRAND FORKS ZONING BYLAW, REDUCING THE

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MINIMUM REAR SETBACK FROM 20 FEET TO 5 FEET 6 INCHES, TO ALLOW FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A COVERED DECK, ON PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT A, DL 380, PLAN KAP87097, LOCATED AT 7316 DONALDSON DRIVE, IN SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE WITH THE APPLICATION RECEIVED SUBMITTED BY THE PROPERTY OWNERS, ANDREW AND TAMMIE BUCHINSKI.

CARRIED.

c) City Clerk's Report – Regional District of Kootenay Boundary request for a consenting resolution

MOTION: GORDON / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED SEPTEMBER 5, 2008, REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY BYLAW NO. 1388, INTENDED TO ESTABLISH A BOUNDARY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICE, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS CONSENTS TO THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS ADOPTING BYLAW NO. 1388, BEING A BYLAW TO ESTABLISH A SERVICE FOR THE PROMOTION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE BOUNDARY COMMUNITIES TO BE KNOWN AS THE "BOUNDARY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICE".

CARRIED.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION: GORDON / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT INFORMATION ITEMS NUMBERED 5A TO 5C,

- a) Letter from GFSS Regarding the German Student Exchange.
- b) Letter from BC Safety Authority.
- c) Letter from BC Games.

BE RECEIVED AND ACTED UPON AS RECOMMENDED.

CARRIED.

BYLAWS:

- a) **City Clerk's Report – Bylaw 1866, Amendment to the City of Grand Forks Municipal Campground Regulation Bylaw, final reading**

MOTION: HINTER / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1866, CITED AS “CITY OF GRAND FORKS MUNICIPAL CAMPGROUND REGULATION AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1866, 2008”, BE FINALLY ADOPTED. CARRIED.

LATE ITEMS:

- a) **Chief Financial Officer's Report – Building Canada Fund Application**

MOTION: ROBERT / HINTER

RESOLVED THAT THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT, DATED SEPTEMBER 12, 2008, REGARDING THE “BUILDING CANADA FUND”, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS AUTHORIZES THE APPLICATION TO THE CANADA BRITISH COLUMBIA BUILDING CANADA FUND FOR THE UPGRADES TO SANITARY SEWER TRUNK LINES IN ORDER TO CORRECT CAPACITY DEFICIENCIES, AND WILL CONTRIBUTE ITS SHARE OF THE PROJECT COSTS FROM SEWER FUND ACCUMULATED SURPLUS, DEVELOPMENT COST CHARGE RESERVE FUNDS AND CURRENT YEARS OPERATING FUNDS.

CARRIED.

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

Councillor Robert:

Councillor Robert reported on the following:

- Welcomed David Smith, new owner of the former forestry building, looking to create an Arts Centre.
- Reported on the last public meeting of the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan. He requested that the public complete the surveys and return them to City Hall.
- He inquired as to a composting program that would see materials collected from residents and taken to the landfill to be redistributed to those residents who require compostable materials. The Mayor advised that at the moment there is no such program, except for yard waste. He advised that there have been discussions surrounding a centralized composting program.
- Congratulated Cora Evans in running a fitness program in the arena meeting room during the renovations to the Aquatic Centre.

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- Made comments relating to a report in the Ottawa Citizen on Federal Government cutbacks to funding for Arts and Culture

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

Councillor Moslin:

Councillor Moslin reported on the following:

- Reminded Grand Forks area residents that the Boundary Air Quality Management Plan Draft #2 is available on the website, and in hard copy at the front counter at City Hall.
- He advised of an upcoming public meeting on October 9th at the Seniors Centre in City Park to discuss the 2nd draft of the Air Quality Management Plan.
- Made mention of Rev Shenstone's 20th year as an Anglican Minister.

MOTION: MOSLIN / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS SEND A LETTER OF CONGRATULATIONS TO REV SHENSTONE OFFERING HIM THE CITY'S BEST WISHES ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 20TH ANNIVERSARY AS THE MINISTER OF THE HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH. CARRIED.

Councillor Hinter:

- Expressed concerns about the traffic control during the re-paving of highway 3, and the fact that the highway was closed right when school went in this morning.
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Councillor O'Doherty:

- Announced that he will be running for office of Councillor in the upcoming municipal election.
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Councillor Gordon:

- Reported on the grand opening of the new facility at the Boundary Hospital. She advised that the Minister of Health, the Honourable George Abbott attended the ceremony.
- Reported on the "Discussion on Health Care" following the ceremony, with the Honourable Minister, including requests for additional funding.
- Reported on the discussion surrounding the matter of a shortage of nurses and doctors, stating that the Minister advised that more university spaces for training these professionals have been created.
- She advised that Video Conferencing is now available for discussions between patients, their families, their family doctor and specialists at the Boundary Hospital.
- She spoke on the proposed Wellness Centre, which she confirmed received support from Interior Health and the Minister.
- Discussed the concept of Bed Manager, advising that the ministry intends to study where beds are required and where they are available.
- Announced an increase in funding for the Trail Regional Hospital.

Mayor Krog:

- Reported on his attendance at the opening ceremonies for the Grand Forks Fall Fair, and advised that he rode in the parade with Councillors Moslin, Robert and Gordon. He thanked our public works Staff for putting the float together.
 - It was further stated that Mayor Lawrence Chernoff of the City of Castlegar has advised that there is an online survey about bus service available to Kootenay and Boundary residents. It was further stated that Grand Forks residents may make their position known by going to the Regional District of Central Kootenay website and filling in the online survey.
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MOTION: HINTER / O;DOHERTY

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

ADOPTION OF IN-CAMERA MEETING AGENDA:

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Deletion of the City Clerk's Report, identified as Item 3(a)

MOTION: MOSLIN / O'DOHERTY

RESOLVED THAT THE AGENDA FOR THE IN-CAMERA MEETING SCHEDULED TO IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW THIS REGULAR MEETING BE ADOPTED, AS AMENDED. CARRIED.

IN-CAMERA RESOLUTION:

MOTION: O'DOHERTY / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL CONVENE AN IN-CAMERA MEETING AS OUTLINED UNDER SECTION 90 OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER TO DISCUSS MATTERS IN A CLOSED MEETING WHICH ARE THE SUBJECT OF SECTION 90 OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT PERSONS, OTHER THAN MEMBERS, OFFICERS, OR OTHER PERSONS TO WHOM COUNCIL MAY DEEM NECESSARY TO CONDUCT CITY BUSINESS, WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM THE IN-CAMERA MEETING. CARRIED.

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ADJOURNMENT:

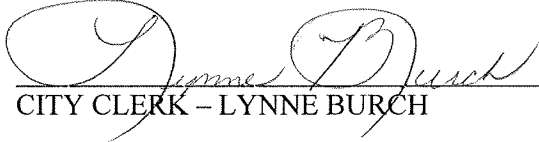
MOTION: GORDON

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

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



MAYOR NEIL KROEG



CITY CLERK - LYNNE BURCH