THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 2, 2008

PRESENT:

MAYOR NEIL KROG

COUNCILLOR ANN GORDON COUNCILLOR CHRIS MOSLIN COUNCILLOR GENE ROBERT COUNCILLOR TOM SHKRABUIK

CITY CLERK

CIAL OFFICER

L. Burch L. Engels

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

None.

MOTION:

SHKRABUIK / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE SEPTEMBER 2, 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 AUGUST 11, 2008, BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

MOTION:

SHKRABUIK / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY AUGUST 11, 2008, AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

a) City Clerk's Report – Presentation by Staff Sgt Jim Harrison of the Grand Forks Detachment of the RCMP, Superintendent Don Harrison of Kelowna and Staff Sgt Scott Kryski.

Staff Sgt Harrison began by suggesting he wanted to make the RCMP available to Council for any questions that Council may have on the proposed integration of the West Kootenay Boundary detachments, including the existing detachments of Central Kootenay, the Trail detachment, the Castlegar detachment and the Boundary detachment. He advised that no changes are anticipated in service delivery in any of the detachment areas, but that changes include administration changes.

Superintendent Harrison advised that the southeast district reports through to him in Kelowna, and no change is anticipated to any of the detachments involved. He stated that the area will be centralized out of Nelson as the RCMP owns the building. He advised that the Boundary Detachment will still remain with a Staff Sgt in command, however over time through attrition, this may change.

Brought forward for discussion was the matter of drug houses, and Staff Sgt Jim Harrison advised that he has a plan to deal with these issues.

Discussion on policing issues surrounding speeding on roads. Staff Sgt Harrison advised that this is an issue for most small communities and he further stated that members of the Grand Forks Detachment have been advised that this is an issue for the local community and they are prepared to deal with it.

Staff Sgt Harrison stated that Corporal Hall out of Midway is involved in the Citizens on Patrol program and they plan to follow up with planned training sessions this fall.

On a question from Council Staff Sgt Harrison advised that the Court Watch program is not an RCMP program, however some information is available to help set up the program, but that sponsorships will be needed to fund training for the program.

MOTION: MOSLIN / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE PRESENTATION MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHEAST REGION OF THE RCMP, REGARDING THE INTREGATION OF DETACHMENTS OF THE CENTRAL KOOTENAY, WEST KOOTENAY AND BOUNDARY AREAS, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED.

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RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS:

a) City Clerk's Report – MIA Voting delegates

MOTION: SHKRABUIK / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED AUGUST 27, 2008, REGARDING A REQUEST TO APPOINT VOTING DELEGATES FOR THE MIA ANNUAL MEETING, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPOINTS COUNCILLOR ANN GORDON TO BE THE VOTING DELEGATE, WITH THE CITY MANAGER AND COUNCILLOR GENE ROBERT AS ALTERNATES.

CARRIED.

b) City Clerk's Report – Appointment of Chief Financial Officer

MOTION: ROBERT / GORDON

RESOLVED THAT THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT, DATED AUGUST 27, 2008, REGARDING THE OFFICIAL APPOINTMENT OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, BE RECEIVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPOINTS CECILE ARNOTT, CGA, AS CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER FOR THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2008, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 149 OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER.

CARRIED.

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION: GORDON / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT INFORMATION ITEMS NUMBERED 5A TO 5G

- a) Royal Canadian Legion invitation to Mayor
- b) Letter from Royal Canadian Legion requesting permission to hold zone parade
- c) Interior Health invitation to elected officials to attend discussion on health care
- d) Terasen Gas congratulations on the City's participation in the BC Climate Action Charter
- e) Copy of Mayor's Letter inviting volunteer organizations to Volunteer Appreciation Night.
- f) RDKB Emergency Planning Service request for support for Rossland to exit service
- g) Grand Forks Visitor Centre, Quality Service Report.

BE RECEIVED AND ACTED UPON AS RECOMMENDED.

CARRIED.

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BYLAWS:

a) City Clerk's Report – Bylaw 1866 City of Grand Forks Municipal Campground Regulation Amendment Bylaw

MOTION:

GORDON / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1866, CITED AS "CITY OF GRAND FORKS MUNICIPAL CAMPGROUND REGULATION AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1866, 2008", BE GIVEN FIRST READING.

CARRIED.

MOTION:

GORDON / ROBERT

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1866, CITED AS "CITY OF GRAND FORKS MUNICIPAL CAMPGROUND REGULATION AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1866, 2008", BE GIVEN SECOND READING.

CARRIED.

MOTION:

ROBERT / SHKRABUIK

RESOLVED THAT BYLAW NO. 1866, CITED AS "CITY OF GRAND FORKS MUNICIPAL CAMPGROUND REGULATION AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1866, 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 the ongoing discussion on the future of the former Hardy View Lodge building.
- Provided her perspective on the Grand Forks International.
- Stated that four members of Council will be participating in the Grand Forks Fall Fair Parade.
- Advised that she will be attending the discussion on health care during the Interior Health Board Meeting to be held in Grand Forks on September 15.

Councillor Moslin:

- Reported on the Dog Park previously designated to be within the double fenced area at Donaldson Park, and advised that it has been determined not to be the ideal location and that the dog park will now be located in City Park.
- Reported on the decking of the Black Train Bridge, stating that it has become apparent that additional repairs are required prior to decking the bridge.
- Advised that the Air Quality Management Plan draft #2 will be presented to the public at the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan meeting on September 10. He advised that this plan includes an action plan that involves all stakeholders.
- Reported on some of the planned Fall Fair activities.
- Thanked GFI volunteers.

Councillor Robert:

- Thanked GFI Volunteers.
- Discussed Grape Growing in the Boundary.
- Requested residents fill in and submit the survey for the Integrated Sustainable Community Plan.
- GF Fall Fair.

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

Councillor Shkrabuik:

No report

Mayor Krog:

No Report

MOTION:

ROBERT / SHKRABUIK

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

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION:

GORDON

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

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

MAYOR NĚIL KRÓG

CITY CLERK - LYNNE BURCH