

**THE TOWN OF GRANDE CACHE**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**Wednesday, May 9, 2007 at 12:00 noon**  
**Council Chambers**

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**Present:** Mayor Louise Krewusik  
Councillor Paul Bailey  
Councillor Vic Beland  
Councillor Jackie Dube  
Councillor Gordon Frenz  
Councillor Tony McCormick  
Darren Ottaway, Chief Administrative Officer  
Carolyn Ferraby, Chief Financial Officer  
Bob Krewusik, Land Development Officer  
Lisa Brown, Executive Assistant

**Regrets:** Councillor Terry Coray

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Krewusik called the meeting to order at 12:08 pm.

**2.0 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Councillor McCormick asked to add an item under 3.4 - Discuss 'grass clipping pick-up'.

**Moved by Councillor Beland and seconded by Councillor Dube  
131/07 RESOLVED THAT the agenda is adopted as amended.**

**CARRIED**

**3.0 BUSINESS OF THE SPECIAL MEETING**

**3.1 Issue Sheet - K-Rock Radio Station Promotion**

D. Ottaway told Council that last year the Town of Grande Cache partnered with a couple of local businesses to purchase air time on the radio. This station, K-Rock has approached the Town to set up a special weekend promotion. He explained that the radio station sponsors a 'secret location' to camp and participate in various events for two–three hundred listeners during the weekend.

D. Ottaway said that the station will utilize the Marv Moore Campground, and recommended that the current campground users be allowed to camp at the Ball Diamonds for free during this weekend promotion. He explained the advertising package through this promotion as outlined in the Issue Sheet.

Councillor Beland asked how much this promotion will cost the Town. D. Ottaway said there are seventy seven campsites over three days, so there will be revenue lost on any potential filled sites. He explained that the Town will be receiving airtime on the radio in exchange for the campground use.

Councillor Dube asked what night is scheduled for the pig roast at the Fireman's Pit. D. Ottaway said the group will be arriving on Friday and the pig roast and other activities are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday. Councillor Dube agreed this is a good tourism promotion for the Town and area.

Councillor Bailey said the downside of this promotion is displacing the current campground users and possible lost revenue. He asked that if all sites were not utilized by this group, would the empty sites be offered to other campers. Mayor Krewusik said this can be discussed with the group.

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Councillor Frentz asked for clarification on the \$36,000 for the three-day live broadcast. D. Ottaway said the amounts listed on the Issue Sheet are the prices it would cost to set up this type of event and have the radio station come in to cover it. The Town is not paying for any of these costs.

**ACTION: Council directed Administration to go ahead with the radio station promotion as presented.**

### **3.2 Peace Country Health Region, re: Ambulance Site, Land Purchase**

Mayor Krewusik explained the situation to Council as recommended by the Community Development Committee. B. Krewusik told Council that the Town owns a small parcel of land along Highway 40, which would be considered prime highway commercial property. He explained the situation with the Town services in this area, and that this property has not been sold because of the cost to make the services available. He said that Peace Country Health will have to put in services to the new ambulance building site, and may be open to negotiations to sell or trade their unused portion of property, which is next to the Town's land. In turn, the Town would extend the current services to reach both parcels of property.

B. Krewusik said he has contacted D. Russell from Peace Country Health, and he is no longer the CAO, but he is in charge of Special Projects. B. Krewusik also spoke with E. Reilly who agreed it is a good idea and recommended that the Town submit a proposal to Peace Country Health. He told Council it might cost up to \$300,000 to complete the work to install the services.

Councillor Beland asked that the proposal is that the Town cover the costs of installing the services and Peace Country Health will give the Town the unused parcel of property. B. Krewusik said that was correct.

Councillor Dube asked if it is a good idea if it costs \$300,000 to get \$200,000 worth of land. B. Krewusik said the exact costs have not been calculated.

Councillor Frentz agreed it is a good trade.

Councillor McCormick agreed it is a good trade, but is there money available in the budget to complete the required work. D. Ottaway told Council there is no money in the Budget for this work.

Councillor Beland asked if this project is worth pursuing if the money is not available. D. Ottaway said the project is a good idea, but the timing is not good.

Mayor Krewusik asked if Peace Country Health will continue with their project regardless of the Town's decision. B. Krewusik said there are other options for them, but it will cost more for completion. He said that currently the parcel of land the Town owns would be cost prohibitive to try to sell without the services. He explained the work required by the Town, and said it is still worth exploring further. Mayor Krewusik said all options should be explored, but without any commitment from the Town at this time.

Councillor Bailey asked if this parcel been previously put up for sale. B. Krewusik said it has not because of the services. Councillor Bailey agreed it is in a prime location for highway development.

Mayor Krewusik asked if there have been any inquiries for this parcel. B. Krewusik said his department gets several inquiries for commercial property, but not specifically for this parcel.

Councillor Bailey asked if the RCMP have decided on the location for a new detachment. B. Krewusik said he not received anything.

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**ACTION:** Council directed the Land Development Officer to proceed with cost comparisons, and continue discussions with Peace Country Health on the feasibility of a land/service trade on the unused portion of the ambulance site between the Town of Grande Cache and Peace Country Health.

### 3.3 Issue Sheet - Skateboard Park

Mayor Krewusik explained the reason for this meeting was for Council to decide on the possible use of grant funds for the skateboard park project.

D. Ottaway explained the Issue Sheet for the skateboard park project.

Mayor Krewusik, referring to recommendation number 3 to scale back the project dependent on available funds, asked Council to consider using a portion of the CFEP funds this year, and add more funds in the 2008 budget.

Councillor McCormick told Council that he did a site visit to the location next to the Rec Centre and agreed that the outdoor skating rink is a good location. It is a good location, and cameras can be installed to monitor the area. He said the roadway is of concern, and asked if the Town can limit use to Town and emergency vehicles only.

Councillor Frentz said the issue of barricading this roadway came before Council previously, but was met with negative responses. The Council of the day decided against closing it to public traffic. He said he agrees with recommendation number 1 and 2, but does not agree with number 3 at this time. He suggested using the full amount of \$180,000 from the multiplex budget.

Councillor Beland said the road is not a factor, as a fence can be installed to separate the park from the road. He agreed this is a good location and Council should find a way to fund the project.

Councillor Dube agreed with Councillor Frentz.

Councillor Bailey said the youth in the community need a place to skateboard, but is a Cadillac model necessary. He asked how Council ended up getting involved with this project, as each Councillor has specific interests but they are not brought to Council. He asked how many youth actually participate in this activity. He explained the pyramid philosophy of recreation activities, with the base being the most utilized and the top the least. He said he feels this amount of money can be invested in better areas, as this particular activity is a limited outdoor activity of about six months of the year, less any days where it is raining or otherwise incimate. He agreed the proposed site is a good location, but the costs involved are an issue. He said the Skateboard Park Committee should have approached Council and asked for matching funds. He agreed that this is a good activity for youth and should scale back the equipment to match the amount of funds available.

Mayor Krewusik said Council has incorporated the 20/20 Vision and committed to seeking public input. Council also conveyed to the public that the multiplex is a high priority, and taking funds from this project may be viewed as irresponsible. She agreed that the skateboard park is a good project, but perhaps it should start on a smaller scale. She also agreed that some funding from the CFEP grant should be used, but there are other groups in the community that may need funding as well. She asked who is on the Skateboard Park Committee, and how many are involved.

Councillor McCormick said that he and Councillor Dube represent this Committee, as well as Recreation Department staff and several youth from the community. He explained that the Town Administration wanted to get involved in conjunction with the recreational facilities. He said this park is part of the multiplex plan, and shouldn't be separated. The youth have been involved with this project for more

than three years, and they want to take ownership but are unsure how to do it. He said he spoke with Brand X and can redesign the equipment to fit the new location. He told Council the Committee is receiving \$10,000 from the RCMP, and with money from the CFEP grant, they may not need a lot from the Town.

Councillor Dube said that this Committee has faithfully provided all information requested by Council. She asked for the actual number of responses that were received from the Strat Plan.

D. Ottaway said that over four hundred people attended the Open House and provided various comments and feedback on the Plan. He said the skateboard park is not considered part of the multiplex.

**MOVED BY** Councillor McCormick and seconded by Councillor Frentz  
**132/07 BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council hereby rescinds Resolution No. 58/07, to approve \$16,000.00 to retain a suitable skateboard park design firm to develop a park design that complies with the Town's Beautification Plan.

Mayor Krewusik asked Administration if this money is in the budget and can it be redesignated to the new project. D. Ottaway suggested that Council use caution in redesignating these funds, as he is not sure if they are available in the budget.

Councillor Bailey asked if the Resolution is to be rescinded by the person who made the original motion. Mayor Krewusik explained the Robert's Rule, and said that once the Resolution has been passed, any Councillor can make the motion to rescind it.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Dube said that the Council meeting times are not convenient for the youth, as they have school and most have after school jobs. She said she could get a petition from them if Council requires their input.

Councillor Bailey said that he is willing to compromise on getting this project going, and said Council should decide on what equipment to purchase and order it. Mayor Krewusik said this is a Recreation Department project, and Council shouldn't choose specific equipment. Councillor Dube suggested contacting the Recreation Manager, Duane Didow.

**ACTION: Council directs Administration to apply for CFEP grants to provide funding for the skateboard park project.**

Councillor Frentz said he is not certain if the Recreation Manager is in a better position to decide what equipment to purchase. He said it would be better to contact Brand X and ask them to redesign the park and make recommendations for equipment best suited for the new location.

**MOVED BY** Councillor Frentz and seconded by Councillor Bailey  
**133/07 BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council accepts the recommendation that a site location be revisited to include possible location beside the Recreation Centre where the outdoor skating rink is located.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mayor Krewusik said that the available funds from the CFEP grant should be advertised in the local paper for any groups needing funding. She said to allow two weeks to submit proposals and Council can assess and decide which projects to support.

**MOVED BY** Mayor Krewusik and seconded by Councillor Beland  
**134/07 BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council accepts the recommendation that Council call for proposals from community groups to access CFEP funding.

**CARRIED**

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**ACTION: Council directed Administration to advertise an opportunity for community groups to submit proposals for CFEP funding.**

**MOVED BY** Councillor Frentz and seconded by Councillor Dube  
**135/07 BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approves the redesign of the skateboard park project to fit into the proposed location in the outdoor skating rink next to the Recreation Centre.

**CARRIED**

Councillor McCormick told Council the Committee has received a donation of \$7,500 from Encana, which brings the fundraising total to \$20,000.

D. Ottaway said the dimensions of the skating rink location should be submitted to Brand X, and have the redesigning of the skateboard park as part of the proposal for CFEP funding.

### **3.4 Grass Clippings Pick-Up**

Councillor McCormick requested information regarding the Town's policy on picking up grass clippings for senior citizens. He said he is concerned, as many do not have vehicles to transport the clippings to the compost area. D. Ottaway explained that the Public Works Department will pick up the clippings for the elderly and handicapped residents. Anyone needing this service can contact the Public Works office. This information is advertised in this week's Mountaineer newspaper.

### **4.0 NEW BUSINESS**

None

### **5.0 OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **6.0 ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Councillor Dube and seconded by Councillor Bailey**  
**136/07 WHEREAS** the business of this meeting has now been completed;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council does now adjourn.

**CARRIED**

The meeting concluded at 1:30 pm.

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Louise Krewusik  
Mayor

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Darren Ottaway  
Chief Administrative Officer

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## **RECAPULATION**

### **Motions:**

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