The Corporation of the City of Grand Forks

Regular Meeting of Council

MINUTES

Meeting #: **R-2018-11**
Date: **Monday, June 11, 2018, 7:00 pm**
Location: **7217 - 4th Street, City Hall Council Chambers**

Present: Mayor Frank Konrad
Councillor Julia Butler
Councillor Chris Hammett
Councillor Colleen Ross
Councillor Christine Thompson (via phone until 7:34 pm)
Councillor Beverley Tripp

Absent: Councillor Neil Krog (with notice)

Staff: Diane Heinrich - Chief Administrative Officer / Corporate Officer
Daniel Drexler - Deputy Corporate Officer
Dolores Sheets - Manager of Development & Engineering Services
Cavan Gates - Deputy Manager of Operations & Sustainability
David Bruce - Manager of Inspection & Bylaw Services

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Konrad called the June 11, 2018, Regular Meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

a. Adopt agenda

June 11, 2018, Regular Meeting agenda

Resolution #: R178/18/6/11

Moved by: Ross

Seconded by: Hammett

THAT Council adopts the June 11, 2018, Regular Meeting agenda as presented.

Carried

3. MINUTES

a. Adopt minutes - Special to go In-Camera

May 22, 2018, Special to go In-Camera Meeting minutes

Resolution #: R179/18/6/11

Moved by: Ross

Seconded by: Hammett

THAT Council adopts the May 22, 2018, Special to go In-Camera Meeting minutes as presented.

Carried

b. Adopt minutes - Regular

May 22, 2018, Regular Meeting minutes

Resolution #: R180/18/6/11

Moved by: Ross

Seconded by: Hammett

THAT Council adopts the May 22, 2018, Regular Meeting minutes as presented.

Carried

c. Adopt minutes - Special to go In-Camera

May 28, 2018, Special to go In-Camera Meeting minutes

Resolution #: R181/18/6/11

Moved by: Ross

Seconded by: Hammett

THAT Council adopts the May 28, 2018, Special to go In-Camera Meeting minutes as presented.

Carried

4. REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

a. Development Permit Application No. DP 2018-002 Proposed free-standing restaurant with a drive-thru and patio at 441 Central Avenue

Development and Engineering Services

Ryan Siersma of Dillon Consulting gave a brief presentation regarding the development, ownership group (family operation), local community supporters, site and parking challenges, design elements, way-finding signage, and economic potential.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- economic growth and economic potential for community
- drive through traffic concerns
- possible congestion issues
- concerns about location
- parking concerns and arrangements with Christian Center behind Save on Foods
- form and character of proposed development
- general developer interest in Grand Forks is important
- using existing infrastructure, infill development and existing capacity are being used
- charitable work and community involvement
- way-finding signage part of City's overall signage project

- possibility to have a "no-drive through" policy

Resolution #: R182/18/6/11

Moved by: Hammett

Seconded by: Thompson

THAT Council approves Development Permit application No. DP 2018-002 for a 40 seat, free-standing restaurant, drive-thru and outdoor patio to be located at 441 Central Avenue, legally described as Lot A, District Lot 108, SDYD, Plan KAP34395, in accordance with the site layout and development drawings contained in Appendix I.

Carried

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. REPORTS, QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

a. Written Reports of Council

Corporate Officer's Report

Councillor Thompson excused herself from the meeting at 7:34 pm and did not return.

Discussion ensued regarding the reports:

- motion regarding the report from staff regarding Tax Revitalization options (Councillor Hammett's report)
- BC Housing update regarding housing - the CAO advised that there is no new information available at this time
- other questions (Councillor Tripp's report) will most likely be answered through FAQ released by EOC and at Community meeting on Wednesday
- improved communication between EOC-Staff-RDKB-Council
- survey within business community compare insurance coverages and claims results
- upcoming meetings with Insurance Bureau of Canada representatives to support citizens and businesses with insurance related questions
- learning curve for everyone involved - biggest flooding disaster in BC

Resolution #: R183/18/6/11

Moved by: Ross

Seconded by: Hammett

THAT all written reports of Council submitted to the June 11, 2018, Regular Meeting be received.

Carried

Resolution #: R184/18/6/11

Moved by: Hammett

Seconded by: Ross

THAT Council instruct staff to research and prepare a report to the COTW, including a draft bylaw, for a revitalization tax exemption for downtown landlords who were impacted by flooding and wish to further improve their structures (interior and/or exterior) that comply with the city's form and character policy. This tax exemption bylaw will only be available for 5 years and will expire in 2023.

Carried

7. REPORT FROM COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY

a. Verbal Report - RDKB Representative

Corporate Officer's Report

Verbal report from Council's representative to the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary

Read the RDKB agendas here:
https://rdkb.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/314

Mayor Konrad gave an update regarding:

RDKB Board Meeting:

- flooding update
- role of EOC
- assistance from agencies
- rapid damage assistance training
- recovery stage transition
- resiliency center opening
- funding and assistance from Province
- tipping fees and landfill hours waived
- Area E's request to withdraw from the Boundary Economic Development Service (BEDS) – Boundary Community Development Commissions (BCDC) to review service
- cannabis legislation review
- Recovery Manager and process for EOC transition to recovery stage
- Kettle River Watershed service – possible referendum at election

BCDC meeting:

- Area E's request to withdraw from the Boundary Economic Development Service (BEDS)
- Animal control program with commissionaires extension
- Recreation Manager - request for condition assessment of curling rink

Director Russell was absent at the COTW this morning but Mayor Konrad gave a brief update on his behalf:

- agricultural plan can be received but can be discussed at a later time with Director Russell in attendance
- Trails master plan moved to phase 2 - consultation phase

Resolution #: R185/18/6/11

Moved by: Ross

Seconded by: Hammett

THAT Mayor Konrad's report on the activities of the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary, given verbally at this meeting be received.

Carried

8. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS

9. REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

a. Grand Forks Slow-Pitch Tournament

Letter of request for permission of a Special Occasion Liquor Licence from 5:00-10:00 pm on July 14 and from 11:00 am-10:00 pm on July 15 and 16, 2018, at Dick Bartlett Park for the annual slow-pitch tournament.

Resolution #: R186/18/6/11

Moved by: Hammett

Seconded by: Butler

THAT Council approves the issuing of a Special Occasion Liquor Licence to the Grand Forks Slow-Pitch Tournament from 5:00-10:00 pm on July 14 and from 11:00 am-10:00 pm on July 15 and 16, 2018, at Dick Bartlett Park, subject to obtaining third party (party alcohol) liability insurance naming the City of Grand Forks as an additional insured on that policy; all event liquor providers to hold a Serving It Right Licence Certificate and ICBC "Drinking and Driving" warning posters to be displayed.

Carried

b. CannaFest

Letter of request for a Special Occasion Liquor Licence and extension of the Noise Control Bylaw for August 9, 10, and 11, 2018.

Resolution #: R187/18/6/11

Moved by: Ross

Seconded by: Hammett

THAT Council approves the issuing of a Special Occasion Liquor Licence to CannaFest Music Festival Ltd. for the CannaFest 2018 event from August 9-11, 2018, between the hours of 2:00 pm-midnight each day at James Donaldson Park, subject to obtaining

third party (party alcohol) liability insurance naming the City of Grand Forks as an additional insured on that policy; all event liquor providers to hold a Serving It Right Licence Certificate and ICBC "Drinking and Driving" warning posters to be displayed.

Carried

Resolution #: R188/18/6/11

Moved by: Ross

Seconded by: Hammett

THAT Council approves to extend the Noise Control Bylaw No. 1963 to 1:00 am, from August 9-11, 2018, each day for the CannaFest event.

Carried

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Senator for BC

Correspondence regarding border implications of Bill C-45

Discussion ensued regarding:

- possible communication regarding potential legal issues for the public
- federal US law issue at border crossing
- possible upcoming legalization

b. Grand Forks Downtown Business Association

Flood Disaster Mitigation

Discussion ensued regarding:

- back flow prevention on storm drains - gates are on most outlets
- during flooding event - too much positive pressure caused the gates to stay partially open
- letter was sent by DBA to all local governments and to the Province

11. BYLAWS

12. LATE ITEMS

13. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA

Kate Saylors, Grand Forks Gazette, inquired from Dillon Consulting (Tim Horton's developer) regarding local traffic compared to visitors; and opening hours - she was advised by Ryan Siersma that they can directly contact the owners and developers together at a later time

Les Johnson, GFTV - believes Tim Horton's coming to town is positive; explained local knowledge regarding difficulties about crossing the border

Evelin Skofield - concerned about possible impacts on 2nd street businesses due to Tim Horton's coming to town - She was advised that

- Council can't choose location as it is private property
- land owner is doing development
- most likely will benefit the downtown core
- create employment
- add tax base
- development permit is the only item Council can use to ensure developers fulfill the development requirements

14. ADJOURNMENT

The June 11, 2018, Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Resolution #: R189/18/6/11

Moved by: Ross

Seconded by: Hammett

THAT the June 11, 2018, Regular Meeting be adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Carried

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Mayor Frank Konrad Deputy Corporate Officer - Daniel Drexler