The Corporation of the City of Grand Forks

Regular Meeting of Council

MINUTES

Meeting #: **R-2018-02**
Date: **Monday, January 29, 2018, 7:00 pm**
Location: **7217 - 4th Street, City Hall Council Chambers**

Present: Mayor Frank Konrad
Councillor Julia Butler
Councillor Chris Hammett
Councillor Neil Krog
Councillor Christine Thompson
Councillor Beverley Tripp

Councillor Colleen Ross (with notice)

Staff: Diane Heinrich - Chief Administrative Officer / Corporate Officer
Daniel Drexler - Deputy Corporate Officer
Juliette Rhodes - Chief Financial Officer
Dolores Sheets - Manager of Development & Engineering Services
David Bruce - Manager of Inspection & Bylaw Services

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Konrad called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

a. Adopt agenda

January 29, 2018, Regular Meeting agenda

Late Item:

To amend the agenda to include a late item 12.a. "Release of In-Camera Information - 7212 Riverside Drive".

Resolution #: R029/18/01/29

Moved by: Butler

Seconded by: Thompson

THAT Council amend the agenda to include a late item 12.a. "Release of In-Camera Information - 7212 Riverside Drive".

Carried

Resolution #: R030/18/01/29

Moved by: Butler

Seconded by: Krog

THAT Council adopts the January 29, 2018, Regular Meeting agenda as amended.

Carried

3. MINUTES

a. Adopt minutes - Special to go In-Camera

January 15, 2018, Special to go In-Camera Meeting minutes

Resolution #: R031/18/01/29

Moved by: Thompson

Seconded by: Hammett

THAT Council adopts the January 15, 2018, Special to go In-Camera Meeting minutes as presented.

Carried

b. Adopt minutes - Regular

January 15, 2018, Regular Meeting minutes

Resolution #: R032/18/01/29

Moved by: Tripp

Seconded by: Thompson

THAT Council adopts the January 15, 2018, Regular Meeting minutes as presented.

Carried

4. REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

a. Whispers of Hope / BETHS Report Presentation

At the January 15, 2018, Regular Meeting, Council adopted a resolution to extend the time in which BETHS and Whispers of Hope remain in their location until March 31, 2018, contingent on that electrical repairs on the building are in compliance and cooking appliance exhaust hood and ventilation system are cleaned by January 29, 2018, reports on the building, and proof of insurance need to be available for the Regular Meeting of January 29, 2018.

Brief discussion ensued regarding the documents submitted by the organizations to all members of Council and Staff late last week.

Resolution #: R033/18/01/29

Moved by: Tripp

Seconded by: Butler

THAT Council receives the information from Whispers of Hope and BETHS and determines that the organizations have met the requirements as resolved by Council at the January 15, 2018, Regular Meeting.

Carried

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. REPORTS, QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

a. Written Reports of Council

Corporate Officer's Report

Brief discussion ensued regarding:

- BCRCC appointment of new board member and meetings
- Phoenix foundation meetings

Resolution #: R034/18/01/29

Moved by: Tripp

Seconded by: Thompson

THAT all written reports of Council submitted to the January 29, 2018, Regular Meeting be received.

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 advised that he had nothing to report for this meeting.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS

a. Introduction of Development Permit for Contractor’s Shop at 8168 Donaldson Drive

Development and Engineering Services

Resolution #: R035/18/01/29

Moved by: Butler

Seconded by: Tripp

THAT Council receives the report on the Development Permit application for a contractor's shop to be located at 8168 Donaldson Drive, legally described as Lot 8, Block 14, DL 520, SDYD, Plan 1339, and refers the decision on the Development Permit to the February 13, 2018 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried

b. British Columbia Conservation Foundation (BCCF) - WildSafeBC Program for 2018

Department of Engineering & Development

Discussion ensued regarding:

- education of public, important and valuable service for community
- good programs, workshops with kids
- funding for other requests for this year might be more important
- in the past program was split funding through grant from BCCF
- funding is used to top up wages to attract the right person for the position
- application for grant funding only at this time
- if changes in grant funding staff would bring the item back to Council
- very busy booth at farmers market and other community events

A motion to amend the funding dollar amount was proposed and was defeated.

A motion to amend the original motion to include "contingent until any grant funding is committed" was proposed and carried.

Resolution #: R036/18/01/29

Moved by: Thompson

Seconded by: Tripp

THAT Council supports staff submitting the grant application for a WildSafeBC Community Coordinator for the 2018 season and commits $8,500 from the Wildlife Management budget to match and supplement grant funding.

Amendment:

Resolution #: R037/18/01/29

Moved by: Tripp

Seconded by: Butler

THAT the motion be amended by replacing the amount of "$8,500" with "up to $3,000".

Opposed (4): Konrad, Hammett, Krog, and Thompson

Defeated

Amendment:

Resolution #: R038/18/01/29

Moved by: Krog

Seconded by: Thompson

THAT the motion be amended by replacing "to match and supplement grant funding" with "contingent on receiving grant funding".

Opposed (1): Tripp

Carried

Resolution #: R039/18/01/29

Moved by: Krog

Seconded by: Thompson

THAT Council supports staff submitting the grant application for a WildSafeBC Community Coordinator for the 2018 season and commits $8,500 from the Wildlife Management budget contingent on receiving grant funding.

Opposed (2): Butler, and Tripp

Carried

9. REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Customer Service Enhancements - Phone System

Corporate Services / IT

Brief discussion ensued regarding the implemented changes and how it will affect the public.

Resolution #: R040/18/01/29

Moved by: Thompson

Seconded by: Butler

THAT Council receives for information the memorandum from Corporate Services/IT regarding the phone system customer service enhancement.

Carried

b. Q4 Financial Summary Report

Boundary Country Regional Chamber of Commerce

Discussion ensued:

- potential budget discrepancies
- discussions at budget workshop in the afternoon
- report available is from accounting software
- financial statements are prepared following rules and regulations from BC Chamber of Commerce and Canadian Chamber of Commerce
- potential concern regarding estimated budget shortfall

- change in presentation format in accordance with BC Chamber of Commerce and Canadian Chamber of Commerce
- increase in membership
- possibility for BCRCC to represent themselves in front of Council
- BCRCC had come before Council in the past to explain changes
- change in funding request to $15,000
- past history with funding and quorum regulations and potential changes in agreement with BC and Canadian Chambers
- concerns regarding achieving quorum and solutions

A second motion was proposed to have the BCRCC present to Council on February 13, 2018. The motion was defeated.

Resolution #: R041/18/01/29

Moved by: Thompson

Seconded by: Krog

THAT Council receives for information the Boundary Country Regional Chamber of Commerce Q4 Financial Summary Report.

Opposed (1): Butler

Carried

Resolution #: R042/18/01/29

Moved by: Krog

Seconded by: Tripp

THAT the Boundary Country Regional Chamber of Commerce present at the February 13, 2018, Committee of the Whole or the Regular Meeting.

Opposed (4): Konrad, Hammett, Krog, and Thompson

Defeated

11. BYLAWS

a. Bylaw 1606-A6 to rezone 7357 - 10th St. from R-1 to R-3A

Development and Engineering Services

Councillor Tripp recused herself for Item 11.a. at 7:48 pm. She advised that she lives in the area of the proposed zoning amendment.

Resolution #: R043/18/01/29

Moved by: Krog

Seconded by: Thompson

THAT Council gives final reading of the Zoning Bylaw Amendment No. 1606-A6.

Carried

b. Bylaw 1958 to amend the Fees and Charges

Chief Financial Officer

Councillor Tripp returned to the meeting at 7:49 pm.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Sewer rates increases
- rates did not change in 2017, due to water rates analysis being delayed
- revenues for 2017 are lower as there was no increase in 2017
- possible other surpluses could supplement sewer increases instead
- utilities should pay for themselves, there is a cost to maintaining the utilities
- asset management deficit is greatest in water sewer utilities
- should not be relying on general taxation to support asset management of utilities

Resolution #: R044/18/01/29

Moved by: Thompson

Seconded by: Krog

THAT Council gives final reading to the Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1958-A3, 2018.

Opposed (2): Butler, and Tripp

Carried

c. Bylaw 1973-A1 to amend Water Regulations

Chief Financial Officer

Resolution #: R045/18/01/29

Moved by: Thompson

Seconded by: Tripp

THAT Council gives final reading to the Water Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 1973-A3, 2018.

Carried

d. Bylaw 1974 to amend Sewer Regulations

Chief Financial Officer

Resolution #: R046/18/01/29

Moved by: Thompson

Seconded by: Butler

THAT Council gives final reading to the Sewer Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 1974-A2, 2018.

Carried

12. LATE ITEMS

a. Release of In-Camera Information - 7212 Riverside Drive

The Mayor released from in-camera the following motion regarding the City property at 7212 Riverside Drive:

THAT Council authorize staff to secure the services of a qualified demolition contractor to perform the complete removal and clean up of the property at the earliest opportunity following the tenants vacating the

premise, in accordance with the City of Grand Forks Contracting Authority & Purchasing Policy No. 802A-1.

13. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA

Kate Saylors from the Grand Forks Gazette inquired regarding if all items requested by Council were received for Whispers/BETHS facility - all items were received by Council and Staff as requested.

Les Johnson from GFTV reminded Council and the public about the importance of education for the younger generation and others regarding wild life and other common rules such as riding your bike on the proper side of the road.

Melissa Shulga asked for a confirmation of the address to be demolished on Riverside Drive.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Resolution #: R047/18/01/29

Moved by: Krog

THAT the Regular Meeting be adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Carried

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Mayor Frank Konrad

Deputy Corporate Officer - Daniel Drexler