



The Corporation of the City of Grand Forks
Committee of the Whole
MINUTES

Meeting #: C-2018-01
Date: Monday, January 15, 2018, 9:00 am
Location: 7217 - 4th Street, City Hall Council Chambers

Present: Mayor Frank Konrad
Councillor Julia Butler
Councillor Chris Hammett (*joined the COTW Mtg. at 9:13 am*)
Councillor Neil Krog (*joined the COTW Mtg. at 9:01 am*)
Councillor Colleen Ross
Councillor Christine Thompson
Councillor Beverley Tripp

Staff: Diane Heinrich - Chief Administrative Officer - interim /
Corporate Officer
Daphne Popoff, Corporate Administrative Assistant
Juliette Rhodes - Chief Financial Officer
David Reid - Manager of Operations
Dale Heriot - Fire Chief
Cavan Gates - Deputy Manager of Operations & Sustainability
Graham Watt - Senior Planner
David Bruce - Manager of Inspection & Bylaw Services
Bud Alcock - Bylaw Enforcement Officer

GALLERY

1. CALL TO ORDER

The January 15, 2018, Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am.

2. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA

- a. Adopt agenda

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Moved by: Tripp

THAT the COTW adopts the January 15, 2018, agenda as presented.

Carried

- b. Council Workshop

Budget process overview - Capital Budget presentations by management directly following the COTW Meeting

3. REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

- a. Funding request for coordination and implementation of Kettle River Watershed Mgmt. Plan

Jessica Mace, Coordinator, Kettle River Watershed Authority

Jessica Mace, Nicole McCallum and Roly Russell gave an overview on the Kettle River Watershed: map location of the watershed, flooding, history, drought management, public engagement and education, regional drought response plan, flood preparedness research

Discussion:

- private wells and licensing
- funding sources for drought management and flood preparedness and City contributions to date
- levels of education
- future projects, budget, public communication

Moved by: Ross

THAT the COTW receives for information the delegation from the Kettle River Watershed Authority and refers the funding request of \$15,000 to the 2018 budgeting process.

Carried

b. Request to rescind the six month eviction notice for 7212 Riverside Drive
Whispers of Hope

Melissa Shulga and Louise Heck requested the lease be extended to the Whispers of Hope building until June 1st, 2018, and further provided an overview of Whispers of Hope: services, list of what has been done to the building inside and outside, bylaws, crime, rules, other locations, Community Futures feasibility study, and efforts being made for the community.

Discussion:

- other location efforts
- noncompliance timeline and efforts, risk factors and safety
- electrical and ventilation system concerns to the building as tenants and landlords
- inspection of the building
- insurance and liability, operational issues
- drug use
- strengthening communication with Council
- BC Housing contingency plan
- Steve McGibbon, Coordinator of BETHS, spoke in regards to BC Housing and would like an extension for BETHS as well
- Andre Boruck, previous Coordinator of Whispers of Hope, spoke in regards to the social side of this issue, closure of the building, electrical work to the building, hood fan maintenance, and lease
- Louise Heck spoke in regards to not being informed regarding the electrical issue prior
- Lorraine Dick spoke in regards to the building condition when Whispers took on the lease
- Les Johnson inquired as to who is responsible if something went wrong, spoke in regards to insurance, fires from homeless, closing of Whispers and BETHS, and the Task Force

- Tammy Battersby, Vice Chair on Whispers of Hope Board and Community Care Coordinator at the Gospel Chapel, spoke about working together, authority, drug use, and Gospel Chapel help

Councillor Tripp left the COTW Meeting at 10:55 am.

- Fire Chief Heriot spoke in regards to fire codes
- Mayor Konrad stated that a local Building Inspector does not have it in his domain to look if electrical is to code. This has to be done by a Provincial Inspector

Councillor Tripp returned to the COTW Meeting at 10:57 am.

- Claudette (no last name provided) spoke regarding BETHS services and the need for the building
- Kate Saylor, Gazette, inquired as to the insurance of Whispers of Hope and the City through the lease agreement comparison to liquor requests from organizations and liability
- Jake Raven spoke in regards to his reason for signing the petition against 2nd Street location for a shelter hub
- David Lehn spoke in regards to the electrical pictures in the agenda

Moved by: Ross

THAT the COTW receives for information the delegation presentation from Whispers of Hope Benevolence Association.

Carried

Moved by: Butler

THAT the COTW changes the order of the agenda to move Item 5.a. Notice of Motion Whispers and BETHS before Item 3.c. Vienna Woods Delegation.

Carried

Mayor Konrad called a recess of the COTW Meeting at 11:40 am.

Mayor Konrad reconvened the COTW Meeting at 11:56 am.

- d. Notice of Motion - Councillor Ross

Whispers of Hope and BETHS

Moved by: Thompson

NOTICE OF MOTION:

WHEREAS BETHS and Whispers of Hope continue to provide food and shelter to many people in our community and both agencies are in the process of actively seeking new locations from which to operate, but not yet been successful;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the COTW receives for discussion and decision the time extension in which BETHS and Whispers of Hope remain in their locations until May 1, 2018, and refers the decision to the January 15, 2018, Regular Meeting as a Late Item.

Carried

- e. Vienna Woods

Gene Koch or Nominee

Kimberly Mamos came as the delegate nominee in place of Mr. Koch and advised that she had no further information to offer to Council.

Moved by: Ross

THAT the COTW receives for information the delegation from Gene Koch or nominee regarding Vienna Woods.

Carried

4. REGIONAL TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION - WITH AREA D

Roly Russell, Area D Director, and Mark Andison, RDKB CAO, spoke in regards to transit and the RDKB Bylaw 1660 Grand Forks and District Transit, increasing requisition limit from \$40,000 to \$50,000

Discussion:

- two thirds consent required, have received consents from Area D and Area E
- service and operating costs

- input from community engagement
- fare review, rider data statistics
- 2018 \$35,582 City of Grand Forks contribution portion, increase of approx. \$10,000 from 2017

Moved by: Ross

THAT the COTW receives for information and decision Council consent to the RDKB Bylaw No. 1660 to increase the requisition limit of the Grand Forks and District Transit Local Service and refers the decision to the January 15, 2018, Regular Meeting as a Late Item.

Carried

5. PRESENTATIONS FROM STAFF

a. Monthly Highlight Reports

Management Team

Discussion:

- Riverside Drive voltage conversion
- snow removal comments of great work
- Planning Dept. - proposed bylaw changes

Councillor Hammett left the COTW Meeting at 12:50pm.

Councillor Hammett returned to the COTW Meeting at 12:53pm.

- inquiry to the Fire Chief as to the fire outside of a commercial building
- 11th Street property - temporary occupancy while building home
- waste project update

Moved by: Hammett

THAT the COTW receives the monthly highlight reports from department managers.

Carried

6. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

7. **PROPOSED BYLAWS FOR DISCUSSION**
8. **INFORMATION ITEMS**
9. **CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS**
10. **LATE ITEMS**
11. **REPORTS, QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL (VERBAL)**
12. **QUESTION PERIOD FROM THE PUBLIC**

- Les Johnson indicated that the COTW Meeting has been livestreamed today. He also provided statistics of people watching online.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

The January 15, 2018, Committee of the Whole Meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Moved by: Thompson

THAT the January 15, 2018, Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Carried

Mayor Frank Konrad

Corporate Administrative Assistant -
Daphne Popoff