



**The Corporation of the City of Grand Forks**  
**Regular Meeting of Council**  
**MINUTES**

**Meeting #:** R-2018-12  
**Date:** Monday, June 25, 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  
Councillor Beverley Tripp

**Absent:** Councillor Neil Krog (with notice)

**Staff:** Diane Heinrich - Chief Administrative Officer  
Daniel Drexler - Corporate Officer  
Juliette Rhodes - Chief Financial Officer  
David Reid - Manager of Operations  
Dolores Sheets - Manager of Development & Engineering Services  
Cavan Gates - Deputy Manager of Operations & Sustainability  
Graham Watt – Deputy Recovery Manager

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Konrad called the June 25, 2018, Regular Meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

## **2. ANNUAL REPORT**

### **a. Annual Report 2017**

2017 Annual Report, consideration of report and submissions and questions from the public

There were no submissions or questions from the public regarding the annual report.

**Resolution #: R190/18/6/25**

Moved by: Tripp

Seconded by: Thompson

**THAT Council receives the 2017 Annual Report and considers submissions and questions from the public.**

**Carried**

## **3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

### **a. Adopt agenda**

June 25, 2018, Regular Meeting agenda

The agenda was amended by

1. Moving item 5.a. "Vienna Woods Petition" to 5.b.
2. Moving item 11.a. "Flood recovery update" to 5.a.
3. Adding item 5.c. a delegation from "BC Assessment".

**Resolution #: R191/18/6/25**

Moved by: Ross

Seconded by: Tripp

**The agenda be amended by**

- a) **Moving item 5.a. "Vienna Woods Petition" to 5.b.**
- b) **Moving item 11.a. "Flood recovery update" to 5.a.**
- c) **Adding item 5.c. a delegation from "BC Assessment".**

**Carried**

**Resolution #: R192/18/6/25**

Moved by: Ross

Seconded by: Thompson

**THAT Council adopts the June 25, 2018, Regular Meeting agenda as amended.**

**Carried**

**4. MINUTES**

- a. Adopt minutes - Regular

June 11, 2018, Regular Meeting minutes

**Resolution #: R193/18/6/25**

Moved by: Butler

Seconded by: Ross

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

**Carried**

- b. Adopt minutes - Public Hearing

June 18, 2018, Public Hearing Meeting minutes

**Resolution #: R194/18/6/25**

Moved by: Butler

Seconded by: Thompson

**THAT Council adopts the June 18, 2018, Public Hearing Meeting minutes as presented.**

**Carried**

**5. REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

a. Flood Recovery Update

Deputy Manager, Flood Recovery Branch

Graham Watt, Deputy Recovery Manager, gave an update and discussion ensued regarding:

- organizational chart of recovery team
- information flow and reporting
- planned weekly information updates
- impact on business community and economic recovery
- larger hydrological report to follow in two weeks followed by recommendable solutions thereafter
- hydrological report is essential for determining the required flood protection levels
- possibility of grant applications to offset some other costs not covered by EMBC

b. Joanie Koch-Kalanj

Vienna Woods Petition and information

Corporate Services

Council advised the public that the land sale has completed for the Airport North Lot by Vienna Woods.

**Resolution #: R195/18/6/25**

Moved by: Butler

Seconded by: Ross

**THAT Council receives the memorandum from Corporate Services regarding the petition Standing Strong for Vienna Woods for information.**

**Carried**

c. BC Assessment

Ramaish Shah

Ramaish Shah gave a presentation regarding BC Assessment related items:

- history of BC Assessment
- Assessment Roll, assessment cycle and key dates
- July 1 - evaluation estimate date - market value on that date
- Oct 31 - physical condition and permitted use - what condition is the structure on that date
- 2019 assessment notice will use physical condition of Oct 31, 2018 with the market value from July 1, 2018
- different value calculation models
- classes of properties
- exemptions
- appeal process

Discussion ensued regarding:

- additional site visits of homes planned due to current flooding situation
- determination of property ownership
- 2019 assessment values for properties impacted by flood
- no program is in place to keep assessments low - BC Assessment is not enabled by legislation to do so
- possibility of future legislative changes to accommodate for disasters such as flooding in Grand Forks
- building permit submissions from local authorities to BC Assessment
- conditions at time of sale of property is used as well to calculate assessment

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

a. Way-finding Signage

Deputy Manager of Operations

The Deputy Manager of Operations & Sustainability asked Council for some input on the Way-finding signage. Council chose the following:

- colour scheme based on location or amenity - amenity
- symbols or text - text
- business names or type of amenity - type of amenity
- theme - city brand or MoTI colours - city brand
- max number of signs 3,5, or 7 - 7 signs
- ornamental or regular poles - ornamental

**7. REPORTS, QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

a. Written Reports of Council

Corporate Officer's Report

Other discussion ensued:

- police presence during the event was large
- challenges with current RCMP staffing levels
- a motion was moved/seconded and carried to ask for additional resources through the recovery branch team
- legalisation of Cannabis - notice of motion regarding smoking bylaw
- possible additional prohibition regarding smoking of cannabis

**Resolution #: R196/18/6/25**

Moved by: Thompson

Seconded by: Ross

**THAT all written reports of Council submitted to the June 25, 2018, Regular Meeting be received.**

**Carried**

**Resolution #: R197/18/6/25**

Moved by: Hammett

Seconded by: Butler

**THAT Council ask the recovery manager to make a provincial request that additional police or security resources be dispatched to the City of Grand Forks to reach comfortable personnel levels in order to affectively deter crime and provide for the security of our community.**

**Carried**

**8. 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 no meetings were held since the last update.

**9. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS**

**a. Council Liaison to the Regional Recovery Policy Group**

Chief Administrative Officer

Discussion ensued regarding:

- recovery policy group as part of framework
- Council representation on recovery policy group
- representations of Council
- revitalization coordinator for downtown businesses

**Resolution #: R198/18/6/25**

Moved by: Thompson

Seconded by: Butler

**THAT Council determines to appoint Mayor Konrad and Councillor Ross as representatives for the City of Grand Forks as participants of the Regional Recovery Policy Group to provide an information**

**conduit to their Council members throughout the 2018 flood disaster recovery process; AND FURTHER THAT Councillor Tripp be appointed as alternate for the group.**

**Carried**

**10. REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE**

**11. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**a. Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM)**

Letter regarding Council 2018 resolutions endorsed at the Association of Kootenay & Boundary Local Governments (AKBLG)

Brief discussion ensued regarding the submitted resolutions.

**b. Civic Info BC**

2018 UBCM Convention - Meeting requests with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

**Resolution #: R199/18/6/25**

Moved by: Butler

Seconded by: Hammett

**THAT Council directs staff to book appointments and implement briefing notes for discussion on Provincial participation and funding needs to address housing displacement needs and economic development issues due to the flood disaster in the City of Grand Forks.**

**Carried**

**c. Civic Info BC**

2018 UBCM Convention - Meeting requests with Premier Horgan and Provincial Cabinet Ministers

Brief discussion ensued to determine the various Ministers to request appointments with.

**Resolution #: R200/18/6/25**



Moved by: Hammett

Seconded by: Ross

**THAT Council directs staff to book appointment(s) with Premier Horgan, Hon. Selina Robinson, Attorney General David Eby, and Hon. Mike Farnworth and implement briefing notes for discussion with regard to support and funding requirements addressing the ongoing community needs due to the flood disaster in the City of Grand Forks.**

**Carried**

d. Grand Forks and District Fall Fair

In-kind support and funding assistance request

Discussion ensued regarding:

- history of support for events
- possible banner options
- changing the date on the banner as an option
- possibly attend as a delegation
- staff will communicate with the fall fair group to ask for attendance at the next COTW

**Resolution #: R201/18/6/25**

Moved by: Thompson

Seconded by: Hammett

**THAT Council receives the letter of request for in-kind support and funding from the Grand Forks and District Fall Fair Society for discussion purposes.**

**Carried**

**12. BYLAWS**

a. Third Reading of Zoning Bylaw Amendment No. 2039-A1

Development and Engineering Services

Amendments to the proposed zoning amendment bylaw were considered and decided on.

**Resolution #: R202/18/6/25**

Moved by: Butler

Seconded by: Tripp

**THAT Section 58.4 be replaced with "A cannabis retail building entrance or signage may not face or be adjacent to a controlled highway; cannabis signage may not be clearly visible from the highway."**

Opposed (3): Konrad, Hammett, and Ross

**Defeated**

**Resolution #: R203/18/6/25**

Moved by: Tripp

Seconded by: Butler

**THAT Section 58.3.(b) be amended by increasing the distance from "30m" to "100m".**

**Carried**

**Resolution #: R204/18/6/25**

Moved by: Tripp

Seconded by: Butler

**THAT Section 57.2 (a) be amended by removing "production" and "processing" to only allow Cannabis Distribution.**

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

**Defeated**

**Resolution #: R205/18/6/25**

Moved by: Thompson

Seconded by: Ross

**THAT Council gives third reading to Zoning Bylaw Amendment No. 2039-A1 as amended;**

**AND FURTHER THAT Council directs staff to forward Zoning Bylaw Amendment No. 2039-A1 to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure for approval.**

Opposed (1): Tripp

**Carried**

**13. LATE ITEMS**

Council announced that paving for 22nd Street and the Silver Kettle sidewalk will commence in the middle of July.

**14. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA**

Les Johnson, GFTV, inquired regarding

- flood recovery update meeting earlier in the day - he was advised that the meeting was focused on business and economic recovery
- concerned about downloading from federal to provincial and provincial to local government regarding cannabis restrictions
- concerned about financial hardship if we don't allow for industrial development and additional industrial tax base
- Councillor Bulter's poll regarding McDonalds - he was advised by Councillor Butler that she was just testing the waters

Gene Koch - concerned about:

- possible Cannabis grow op in Vienna Woods
- transparency of Council - was advised about the process the City undertook to invite input and feedback from the public
- the amount of trees remaining in the Vienna Woods on the assorted properties - was advised that the City no longer owns the property and it would be up to the owner to release any development details.

Barry Brandow - spoke in favour of the Saving the Vienna Woods proposal - he was advised that the majority of Vienna Woods is owned by RDKB and SD51. He was also advised about the process the city used to assess the environmental habitat of the property before the sale of the property proceeded.

Joanie Koch-Kalanj, asked for a public referendum regarding Saving the Vienna Woods - she was advised that the City is no longer the owner of the property.

Gloria Koch - concerned if the alternate property was offered to the buyer - she was advised that the buyer was not interested in the other property

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

The June 25, 2018, Regular Meeting was adjourned at 9:51 pm.

**Resolution #: R206/18/6/25**

Moved by: Ross

Seconded by: Thompson

**THAT the June 25, 2018, Regular Meeting be adjourned at 9:51 pm.**

**Carried**

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Mayor Frank Konrad

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Deputy Corporate Officer - Daniel  
Drexler