The Corporation of the City of Grand Forks

Regular Meeting of Council

MINUTES

Meeting #: **R-2019-1**
Date: **Monday, January 14, 2019, 7:00 pm**
Location: **7217 - 4th Street, City Hall Council Chambers**

Present: Mayor Brian Taylor
Councillor Zak Eburne-Stoodley
Councillor Cathy Korolek
Councillor Neil Krog
Councillor Chris Moslin
Councillor Christine Thompson
Councillor Rod Zielinski

Staff: Diane Heinrich - Chief Administrative Officer
Daniel Drexler - Corporate Officer
Kevin McKinnon - Deputy Corporate Officer
Dolores Sheets - Manager of Development & Engineering Services
David Reid - Manager of Operations
Dale Heriot - Fire Chief

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Taylor called the January 14, 2019, Regular Meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

a. Adopt agenda

January 14, 2019, Regular Meeting agenda

Resolution #: R001/19/01/14

Moved by: Eburne-Stoodley

Seconded by: Krog

THAT Council adopts the January 14, 2019, Regular Meeting agenda as presented.

Carried

3. MINUTES

a. Adopt minutes - Regular

December 10, 2018, Regular Meeting minutes

Resolution #: R002/19/01/14

Moved by: Korolek

Seconded by: Thompson

THAT Council adopts the December 10, 2018, Regular Meeting minutes as presented.

Carried

4. REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

a. Development and Heritage Alteration Permit Applications – New Façade Signage for Grand Forks Art Gallery 2 (Files: DP1902/HA1901)

Development, Engineering and Planning

There was discussion over whether the proposed changes would require MOTI approval. The applicant advised that the pylon in question was replacing an existing component and no new additions along the Highway were planned.

Resolution #: R003/19/01/14

Moved by: Zielinski

Seconded by: Thompson

THAT Council approves Development Permit Application No. DP1902 and Heritage Alteration Permit Application No. HA1901 to allow for the installation of new façade signage on the Grand Forks Art Gallery 2 located at 524 Central Avenue.

Carried

b. BC Housing - Development at 7382 2nd Street

Armin Amrolia, Assoc. VP, Development Strategies, BC Housing

Council requested clarification of information which was presented at the December 10, 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting regarding the BC Housing project at 7382 2nd Street.

The delegation was unable to attend due to travel issues flying into the West Kootenays. Councillor Thompson summarized information presented during a telephone conference call earlier in the day.

The clarifications previously asked for were addressed.

- The development is intended to be 34 one-bedroom units and will accommodate handicapped access.
- The facility will be staffed 24-7
- Meals will be provided to residents but not open to public (no soup kitchen)
- BC Housing would like to award the management contract by end of January and break ground within 6 weeks.
- Parking requirements - 11 for staff

Armin Amrolia has reiterated her willingness to come back to meet council and answer further questions.

Resolution #: R004/19/01/14

Moved by: Korolek

Seconded by: Zielinski

THAT Council receive the information presented for discussion purposes and directs staff to move forward with the Development Variance Request process utilizing the corrected information.

Carried

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. REPORTS, QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

a. Written Reports of Council

Councillors

Councillor Moslin added congratulations to staff for steps completed regarding South Ruckle river armoring. He further added additional commentary on the third point of his report, housing.

Resolution #: R005/19/01/14

Moved by: Thompson

Seconded by: Eburne-Stoodley

THAT all written reports of Council submitted to the January 14, 2019, Regular Meeting be received.

Carried

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

a. Verbal Report - RDKB Representative

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

The RDKB representative highlighted these points from the recent RDKB board meeting:

- The plan to remove Rockwool product from the landfill will no longer occur.

- Transit sponsorship is being considered, but no decision has been made regionally. Options include the City or a non-profit running the service. Interior Health sponsorship ends in March.
- Watershed management as approved by referendum is being setup.

Resolution #: R006/19/01/14

Moved by: Thompson

Seconded by: Korolek

THAT Mayor Taylor'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

a. Fuel Tanks Replacement Budget Amendment

Deputy Manager of Operations and Sustainability

Council requested that Staff clarify the reason for the request.

Staff gave additional information for the reason for the request, which will be to determine the extent of possible contamination due to a leak of undertermined size and duration that was detected while the removal was underway.

After discussion, the proposed motion was reworded to include the funding source.

Resolution #: R007/19/01/14

Moved by: Thompson

Seconded by: Korolek

THAT Council gives Early Budget Approval to $50,000 in additional funding to advance the fuel tank replacement capital project, to be funded from Capital Reserve.

Carried

b. Fire Season Deployment Re-imbursement Memo

Fire Chief

After discussion, Council adjusted the proposed motion to allow funding to any firefighter training, not specifically designating the Fire Training Grounds.

Resolution #: R008/19/01/14

Moved by: Thompson

Seconded by: Korolek

THAT Council approves of the surplus 2018 provincial fire season deployment funds after expenses, in the amount of approximately $10,100, to be applied to Volunteer Firefighter Training.

Carried

Resolution #: R009/19/01/14

Moved by: Thompson

Seconded by: Korolek

THAT Council approves any annual net funds received from EMBC for emergency work based on volunteer time be allocated specifically for use in volunteer firefighters' training.

Carried

c. British Columbia Conservation Foundation (BCCF) – WildSafeBC Program for 2019

Development, Engineering & Planning

There was discussion on where in the budget this program is funded, and the reason it was not allocated in the previous fiscal year.

Staff clarified for Council that the funding for this is contingent on receiving a grant.

Resolution #: R010/19/01/14

Moved by: Moslin

Seconded by: Krog

THAT Council supports staff submitting the grant application for a WildSafeBC Community Coordinator for the 2019 season and commits $8,500 from the Wildlife Management budget to match and supplement grant funding.

Carried

d. Development Permit Application No. DP1901 Proposed Dentist Clinic at 1899 68th Avenue

Development, Engineering and Planning

Resolution #: R011/2019/01/14

Moved by: Krog

Seconded by: Zielinski

THAT Council approves Development Permit application No. DP1901 for a 2043 square foot (189.8 square meter) dentist clinic to be located at 1899 68th Avenue, legally described as Lot 2, District Lot 54, SDYD, Plan KAP38528, generally in accordance with the site layout and development drawings contained in Appendix I.

Carried

e. Update to Policy 617 - EOC Overtime

Corporate Services

Staff clarified for Council that EOC overtime hours are billed back to EMBC.

Resolution #: R012/19/01/14

Moved by: Thompson

Seconded by: Korolek

THAT Council adopts the proposed changes to Policy 617.

Carried

f. Economic Recovery Initiative

Chief Administrative Officer

The proposed motion was moved and seconded. Discussion considered:

- whether funding would be allocated as Early Budget Approval or simply referred to the upcoming budget process for consideration later in the month,
- timelines involved in some of the projects, and that a finalized financial plan for the projects would be needed before they could move ahead,
- whether the motion should be split into individual motions,
- the urgency of commencing work on the Fire Flow project

The proposed motion was removed from the table, discussion continued on replacement wording and the loan authorization bylaw for the new well (west side fire flow).

The original proposed motion was re-introduced with amended wording.

Resolution #: R013/19/01/14

Moved by: Thompson

Seconded by: Korolek

THAT Council adopts the Economic Recovery Initiative as presented and determines said plan as a priority with the allocation of municipal funds to come from: 1) annual surplus in relation to the Economic Profile & Communications priorities - $75k; 2) annual surplus/deferred Capital for Adjustments and Introductions of Land Use Adjustments, Policies and Bylaws to encourage growth and recovery - $150k; 3) direction to Staff to proceed with the development of an Airport Master Plan - $75k from Capital funds; 4) to authorize staff to move forward with the existing Loan Authorization Bylaw to address the new well for Fire Flow/Protection Works - $900k; and 5) to authorize staff to develop a Sustainable Infrastructure Investment Plan (SIIP) intending to prioritize infrastructure projects to support community growth and development - $1 mil, with funds to come from operations, deferred capital & reserves, and further all initiatives to be included into the 2019-2023 Financial Plan.

Carried

Resolution #: R014/19/01/14

Moved by: Korolek

Seconded by: Krog

THAT Council authorizes and supports Staff in seeking opportunities from senior levels of government to apply for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) – Rural and Northern Communities Program, to fund the Eastside Reservoir and new Westside well for Fire Flow/Protection Works.

Carried

Resolution #: R015/19/01/14

Moved by: Krog

Seconded by: Thompson

THAT Council directs staff to present option(s) that freeze or partially freeze 2019 Tax and Utility Revenues during the Financial Plan and Tax Rates budgeting process.

Carried

Resolution #: R016/19/01/14

Moved by: Krog

Seconded by: Korolek

THAT Council directs staff to research the suspension of the Development Cost Charges Bylaw for up to two years and to report back to Council of any probable options to assist in attracting new development.

Carried

9. REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Grand Forks Snow Pitch Tourney

Letter of request for a Special Occasion Liquor Licence from January 25-27, 2019

Resolution #: R017/2019/01/14

Moved by: Thompson

Seconded by: Eburne-Stoodley

THAT Council approves the issuing of a Special Occasion Liquor Licence to the Grand Forks Snow Pitch Tourney from January 25-27, 2019, 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

11. BYLAWS

a. Bylaw 2039 – Cannabis Retail Separation Distance

Development, Engineering & Planning

The Planning department explained the Cannabis business licence application process between City and Provincial agencies.

After discussion, Council directed Staff to prepare an amendment to the Zoning bylaw removing the 100m separation between Cannabis retail stores, and to remove the 50m highway setback.

Resolution #: R018/19/01/14

Moved by: Moslin

Seconded by: Zielinski

THAT Council directs staff to bring forward an amendment to Zoning Bylaw No. 2039 to remove the 100-metre separation distance

requirement between Non-Medical Cannabis Retail stores, and removal of the 50m highway setback.

Carried

12. LATE ITEMS

13. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA

14. ADJOURNMENT

The January 14 Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Resolution #: R001/19/01/14

Moved by: Thompson

Seconded by: Korolek

THAT the January 14, 2019 Regular Meeting be adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Carried

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Mayor Brian Taylor Corporate Officer - Daniel Drexler