



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

Meeting #: C-2019-1
Date: Monday, January 14, 2019, 9:00 am
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
Daphne Popoff - Corporate Administrative Assistant
Juliette Rhodes - Chief Financial Officer
Dolores Sheets - Manager of Development & Engineering Services
David Reid - Manager of Operations
Dale Heriot - Fire Chief
Cavan Gates - Deputy Manager of Operations & Sustainability
Graham Watt - Recovery Manager
Bud Alcock - Bylaw Enforcement Officer

Roly Russell – Area D Director, RDKB

GALLERY

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Taylor called the January 14, 2019, Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 9:02 am.

2. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA

a. Adopt agenda

January 14, 2019, Committee of the Whole

Moved by: Korolek

THAT the Committee of the Whole adopts the January 14, 2019 agenda as presented.

Carried

3. MINUTES

a. Adopt Minutes - Committee of the Whole

December 10, 2018, Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Moved by: Thompson

THAT the Committee of the Whole adopts the December 10, 2018, Committee of the Whole Minutes as presented.

Carried

4. REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

a. Interfor and Vaagen Fibre Canada

Presentation regarding Forestry and Flooding from Geoff Bekker, RPF, Kootenay Woodlands Manager for Interfor and from Dan Macmaster, RPF, Woodlands Manager for Vaagen Fibre Canada

Geoff Bekker and Dan Macmaster gave an introduction and overview of Grand Forks flood 2018 - weather conditions, wildfires, forest industry, sustainable forest management, local economic impact, communication

Discussion:

- climate change

- clear cut procedures and areas

- pine beetle prevention
- watershed and harvest areas
- near creek and river forestry practices

5. REGIONAL TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION - WITH AREA D

a. Warming Centre Grand Forks

Catherine Speechly

Catherine Speechly, Chair of the Warming Centre sub board, gave an introduction and overview of the Warming Centre - staff, donations, BC Housing, Whispers of Hope, meals, neighbors

Discussion:

- neighbor concerns and rules of the centre
- training
- budget
- Pamela Kennedy and petition against centre, no preplanning, liability insurance, protection and vaccinations
- responsibility and leadership of centre

b. Roly Russell

Roly Russell gave an overview of the regional topics:

- shared services
- forestry
- housing issues
- update on community centre
- update on economic development service
- trails master plan
- agricultural and food security plan has been completed
- fire service

6. PRESENTATIONS FROM STAFF

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

Development, Engineering & Planning

Moved by: Thompson

THAT the Committee of Whole recommends 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 for decision at the January 14, 2019, Regular Meeting.

Carried

- b. Monthly Highlight Reports

Department Managers

Discussion:

- boundary flood recovery and positions confirmed
- emergency preparations for 2019, next meeting January 24th
- DMAF grant application package
- South Ruckle update from Manager of Operations
- Financial Services - dike assessment
- water leak repairs on 6th and abandonment of water main

Moved by: Korolek

THAT the Committee of the Whole receives the monthly highlight reports from department managers.

Carried

7. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

8. PROPOSED BYLAWS FOR DISCUSSION

- a. Bylaw 1958-A4 - Fees and Charges Amendment

Chief Financial Officer

Discussion:

- revenue target of \$950,000
- consumption and fixed rate for water

Moved by: Thompson

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends to Council to give first three readings of the City of Grand Forks Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1958-A4, 2019, at the January 28, 2019, Regular Meeting.

Carried

- b. Bylaw 2050 - Council Remuneration and Expenses

Chief Financial Officer

Discussion:

- local allowance for using own vehicle
- review of remuneration by an advisory group
- reduction of Council to four members and the Mayor

THAT the Committee of the Whole receives for discussion the information regarding Bylaw 2050 Council Remuneration and Expenses.

Moved by: Thompson

THAT the Committee of the Whole proposes to keep Bylaw 2050 as the previous Council has put in place and amend Travel Policy 112-A1 to include a local travel reimbursement allowance of \$50 for each Councillor per month until the end of term of the current Council in October 2022 and forward this decision to the next Regular Meeting.

Carried

- c. Proposed Comprehensive Development (CD-1) Zone to accommodate a Mobile Home Park and Ecological Reserve – Boundary Drive North (File: ZA1803)

Development, Engineering and Planning

Vadim Kobasew, owner of the land, and Brad Elenko, Civil Engineering Inspector, gave an overview of the proposed development:

- tiny and manufactured homes
- affordability
- privacy and recreational activities

Discussion:

- building of homes will be by the owner of the pad lot
- all homes on foundations
- homes will accommodate additional structures such as carport, deck, etc.

Moved by: Korolek

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends to Council to give first and second reading to Zoning Bylaw Amendment No. 2019-A2 at the January 28, 2019, Regular Meeting.

Carried

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

10. CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS

11. LATE ITEMS

12. REPORTS, QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL (VERBAL)

13. QUESTION PERIOD FROM THE PUBLIC

14. ADJOURNMENT

The January 14, 2019, Committee of the Whole Meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am.

Moved by: Thompson

THAT the January 14, 2019, Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned at 11:10 am.

Carried

Mayor Brian Taylor

Corporate Administrative Assistant -
Daphne Popoff