

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Monday, July 17, 2017, 9:00 am
7217 - 4th Street, City Hall Council Chambers

PRESENT: Mayor Frank Konrad
Councillor Julia Butler
Councillor Chris Hammett
Councillor Neil Krog
Councillor Christine Thompson

ABSENT: Councillor Colleen Ross
Councillor Bev Tripp

ADMINISTRATION: Diane Heinrich - Chief Administrative Officer - interim /
Corporate Officer
Daniel Drexler - Deputy Corporate Officer
Daphne Popoff, Corporate Administrative Assistant
Juliette Rhodes - Chief Financial Officer
Dolores Sheets - Manager of Development & Engineering
Services
Dale Heriot - Fire Chief
Cavan Gates - Deputy Manager of Operations & Sustainability
Graham Watt - Planner

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1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA

a. Adopt agenda

July 17, 2017, COTW

The Mayor advised that he was amending the July 17, 2017, COTW agenda to include under Item 13, In-Camera Resolution, 90 (1) (k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the

view of the Council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public.

MOVED BY: THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT the COTW amends the July 17, 2017, COTW agenda to include under Item 13, In-Camera Resolution, 90 (1) (k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the Council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT the COTW adopts the July 17, 2017, COTW agenda as amended.

CARRIED

- b. In-Camera Reminder

In-Camera Meeting directly following the COTW Meeting.

3. REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

- a. Grand Forks Disc Club

Presentation on Disc Golf activities in Grand Forks and exploration of options for long-term use locations.

Delegation has been postponed.

- b. Grand Forks Art Gallery Society

Financial quarterly update

Terry Woodruff and Teresa Rezansoff gave an overview and update on activities, exhibits, tours, programs, and budget. Letter was presented for consideration of a longer period of time for Fee for Service Agreement.

Discussion:

- revenue and expenses
- displays

- hiring of new employee in Sept.

MOVED BY: THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT the COTW receives for information the delegation from the Grand Forks Art Gallery Society regarding their financial quarterly update presentation.

CARRIED

4. REGIONAL TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION - WITH AREA D

- Director Russell spoke in regards to positively moving forward with Disc Golf in the community and presented many positive aspects such as:

attracting people to the community, health and wellness, local family free activity, and low environmental impact

- Les Johnson inquired about the Emergency Manager position. Director Russell will update the RDKB website

MOVED BY: BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT the COTW recommends that staff work with the Disc Club to identify long term locations for Disc Club activities and identify Parcel Z as the property for exploration and refers this topic to the July 17, 2017, Regular Meeting.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT the COTW receives the verbal report from Director Russell.

CARRIED

5. PRESENTATIONS FROM STAFF

a. Community Satisfaction Survey

Deputy Manager of Operations

- Cavan Gates gave an overview of the third of four sections of the Satisfaction Survey results and feedback

Discussion:

- Kate, Grand Forks Gazette, inquired as to the 'open survey results', the results were 280 responses out of a possible 1000

MOVED BY: THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT the COTW receives the report for information.

CARRIED

b. Monthly Highlight Reports from Department Managers

Staff request for Council to receive the monthly activity reports from department managers.

Discussion:

- industrial subdivision under review is next to the airport, old Forestry bldg.
- Fire Chief spoke in regards to the homeless people lighting fires, Fire Dept. has authority to put them out if there is a fire ban and fine people, bound by local and provincial regulations, call 911 when there is an emergency during a provincial fire ban, the Fire Dept. could put out a fire on the riverbanks, Mental Health issues
- Bernie Draper spoke in regards to the homeless people on Riverside and the implications to tourists and residents in those areas
- Leslie Draper spoke in regards to the homeless people in their residence area and Sugimoto Park area
- Bob Gillespie spoke in regards to the homeless camp on Observation Mtn. and potential fires due to this situation
- outreach workers required, partnerships within the community, task force, funding
- Dara Sutton, Boundary Women's Coalition, spoke in regards to the homeless people, behaviours, sources, shelter, causes
- Les Johnson spoke in regards to the homeless people and other municipalities, mental health emergency to receive resources, behaviours
- City Park flooding cleanup

- Gloria Koch spoke in regards to utilizing some of the empty buildings around Grand Forks for housing needs for the homeless

MOVED BY: THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT the COTW receives the monthly activity reports from department managers.

CARRIED

c. Development Permit for Women's Transition House

Manager of Development and Engineering

Discussion:

- development permit definition was explained
- Dara, Boundary Women's Coalition, and Lucas, Cover Architecture in Nelson, along with two BC Housing representatives, gave an overview of the development permit for the Women's Transition House
- Brycen Place residents communication with BC Housing, second phase development possibility, original plans presented
- BC Housing representative stated that there are no plans for a second phase at this time and that they do not make it a practice to speak with nearby residents, they could only speak to the service provider
- Janine Panter spoke in regards to trying to speak to BC Housing, is in favor of a 'Transition House'; however in a different location
- Connie Hajdasz spoke in regards to the R3 Zoning and the definitions of this type of dwelling as opposed to the original first presentation of the type of dwelling
- Dave Smith's report was discussed regarding the R3 Zoning, language as a whole of the Zoning Bylaw, interpretation of the Bylaw
- Dwayne Panter spoke in regards to communication only with the Boundary Women's Coalition, inquired as to the procedure for approval of the zoning, letters written
- Wayne Hajdasz spoke in regards to the zoning
- Lori Lum from the Boundary Women's Coalition spoke in regards to this project

MOVED BY: THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT the COTW amends the date for discussion of approval of the Development Permit for the Women’s Transition House to be located on Lot 1, District Lot 380 SDYD Plan KAP85777 (19th Street north of 68th Avenue), and refers the decision to the July 17, 2017, Regular Meeting.

Opposed (1): KROG

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

13. IN-CAMERA RESOLUTION

a. Chief Administrative Officer

Immediately following the COTW Meeting, Council will hold an In-Camera Meeting.

MOVED BY: THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT the COTW recommends Council convene an In-Camera Meeting as outlined under Section 90 of the Community Charter to discuss matters in a closed meeting which are subject to Section 90 (1) (d) the security of the property of the municipality; Section 90 (1) (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality; Section 90 (1)(g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality; and Section 90 (1) (k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in

the view of the Council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT persons, other than members, officers, or other persons to whom Council may deem necessary to conduct City business, will be excluded from the In-Camera Meeting.

CARRIED

14. ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting was adjourned at 11:26 am.

MOVED BY: THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT the July 17, 2017, Committee of the Whole Meeting was adjourned at 11:26 am.

CARRIED

MAYOR FRANK KONRAD

CORPORATE ADMINISTRATIVE
ASSISTANT - DAPHNE POPOFF