THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Tuesday, November 14, 2017, 7:00 pm
7217 - 4th Street, City Hall Council Chambers

PRESENT: Mayor Frank Konrad
Councillor Julia Butler
Councillor Chris Hammett
Councillor Colleen Ross
Councillor Christine Thompson
Councillor Bev Tripp

ABSENT: Councillor Neil Krog

ADMINISTRATION: Diane Heinrich - Chief Administrative Officer - interim / Corporate Officer
Daniel Drexler - Deputy Corporate Officer
David Bruce – Building Inspector (until 9:05 pm)

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Konrad called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

a. Adopt agenda

November 14, 2017, Regular Meeting agenda

MOVED BY: THOMPSON

SECONDED BY: BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the November 14, 2017, Regular Meeting agenda as presented.

CARRIED

3. MINUTES

a. Adopt minutes - Public Hearing

October 30, 2017, Public Hearing Meeting minutes

MOVED BY: BUTLER

SECONDED BY: THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the October 30, 2017, Public Hearing Meeting minutes as presented.

CARRIED

b. Adopt minutes - Regular

October 30, 2017, Regular Meeting minutes

MOVED BY: THOMPSON

SECONDED BY: HAMMETT

RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the October 30, 2017, Regular Meeting minutes as presented.

CARRIED

4. REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. REPORTS, QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

a. Corporate Officer's Report

Written reports of Council

Discussion ensued regarding:

- possible town hall meeting for information sharing

- potential duplication of efforts from other community groups

- meeting with MLA Larson was postponed

- Mayor Konrad announced the support of the City for the BETHS Housing initiative and the release of the resolution from in-camera

- task force focus on collaborative approach

MOVED BY: ROSS

SECONDED BY: BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT all written reports of Council submitted to the November 14, 2017, Regular Meeting be received.

CARRIED

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

a. 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

The Mayor gave an update on:

- BC Timber Sales, allowable annual cut, $30Million stumpage revenue

- David Merry - primary care network presentation, $500,000 funding for Boundary, enhanced collaboration between different agencies

- Kettle River Watershed Management Plan - $5,800 Commonplace contract funding short fall

MOVED BY: ROSS

SECONDED BY: HAMMETT

RESOLVED THAT Council approve the funding of $1,000 towards the Commonplace contract funding short fall for the Kettle River Watershed management plan.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: ROSS

SECONDED BY: THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT Mayor Konrad'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. Grand Forks Downtown Business Association Fee for Service Funding Agreement

Chief Administrative Officer-interim/Corporate Officer

Councillor Hammett recused herself for item 8.a. at 7:32 pm.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- fee for service agreement for 2017

- budgeting for the following year

MOVED BY: THOMPSON

SECONDED BY: ROSS

RESOLVED THAT Council approves of the Fee for Service Funding Agreement for 2017, between the City of Grand Forks and the Grand Forks Downtown Business Association;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the release of the $5,000 funding to the Grand Forks Downtown Business Association.

CARRIED

b. Unsightly Property 987 Kettle River Drive Opportunity to be Heard

Bylaw Enforcement Officer

Councillor Hammett returned to the meeting at 7:36 pm.

Lorne Houde the tenant of 987 Kettle River Drive spoke regarding the issues. Discussion ensued regarding:

- neighbourhood issues

- progress regarding cleanup of property

- timelines of notices given

- aspects of unsightly premises bylaw

- fencing options

MOVED BY: ROSS

SECONDED BY: THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT Council provides the owner and/or tenant of the property an opportunity to explain their plans to clean-up the property, known as 987 Kettle River Drive, so that it is no longer a nuisance and the time frame within which to bring the property into compliance with the Unsightly Premises Bylaw.

MOVED BY: TRIPP

SECONDED BY: BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes staff to proceed with the third and final notice, with a 14 day timeline to bring the property into compliance with the bylaw.

CARRIED

c. Unsightly Property 2314 Central Avenue Opportunity to be Heard

Bylaw Enforcement Officer

MOVED BY: BUTLER

SECONDED BY: TRIPP

RESOLVED THAT Council provides the owner and/or tenant of the property an opportunity to explain their plans to clean-up the property, known as 2314 Central Avenue, so that it is no longer a nuisance and the time frame within which to bring the property into compliance with the Unsightly Premises Bylaw.

MOVED BY: ROSS

SECONDED BY: TRIPP

RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes staff to proceed with the third and final notice, with a 14 day time limit to bring the property into compliance with the bylaw.

CARRIED

d. Unsightly Property 7746 McCallum View Drive Opportunity to be Heard

Bylaw Enforcement Officer

Discussion ensued regarding:

- past history and complaints

- level of compliance

- possible cost for moving vehicles

MOVED BY: THOMPSON

SECONDED BY: HAMMETT

RESOLVED THAT Council provides the owner and/or tenant of the property an opportunity to explain their plans to clean-up the property, known as 7746 McCallum View Drive, so that it is no longer a nuisance and the time frame within which to bring the property into compliance with the Unsightly Premises Bylaw.

MOVED BY: HAMMETT

SECONDED BY: THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes staff to proceed with the third and final notice, with a 14 day time limit to bring the property into compliance with the bylaw.

CARRIED

9. REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Zak Eburne Stoodley

Music in the Park 2018 request for support

Brief discussion ensued regarding sound system costs.

MOVED BY: THOMPSON

SECONDED BY: BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT Council receives for information the 2018 request for support for Music in the Park and forwards the request to the 2018 budgeting process.

CARRIED

b. Citizens for Safe Technology

Correspondence regarding microcell resolution and notice of wireless harm

Discussion ensued regarding:

- possible consultation

- potential statistics and data available from research

- action check list

Notice of Motion by Councillor Tripp and Councillor Butler - for the City to implement the action check list of Section 5 (Microcells - Municipal Rights and Responsibilities) in the document.

MOVED BY: ROSS

SECONDED BY: TRIPP

RESOLVED THAT Council receives for information the correspondence from Citizens for Safe Technology regarding microcells and wireless harm.

CARRIED

11. BYLAWS

a. Bylaw 2041 - 2018 Revenue Anticipation Borrowing

Chief Financial Officer

MOVED BY: THOMPSON

SECONDED BY: BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL gives final reading to Bylaw No. 2041, '2018 Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw'.

CARRIED

12. LATE ITEMS

13. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA

Kate Saylors, Gazette inquired regarding

- BETHS resolution - press release to follow by BETHS with details on the project
- task force - working with MLA Larson, other stake holders
- non-profit group for treatment center

Stan Halluk discussed the unsightly premises complaint regarding neighbouring property as well as noise complaints.

Dara Sutton, Gary Smith, Mary Lautard, Rona Hamilton, Laurie Ludwar, and Les Johnson all inquired and discussed with Council various aspects of a town hall meeting:

- potential facilitator of the meeting
- possible venue for meeting
- the possible agenda items
- possibility to focus on victims to be heard
- possible additional communication to and from City Council
- potential future meetings to continue the communication

Councillors Butler, Ross, and Tripp volunteered their services to assist in helping with proposed meeting organization

14. ADJOURNMENT

The November 14, 2017, Regular Meeting was adjourned at 9:27 pm.

MOVED BY: HAMMETT

RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:27 pm.

CARRIED

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Mayor Frank Konrad	Deputy Corporate Officer - Daniel Drexler