



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

Meeting #: R-2019-4
Date: Monday, February 25, 2019, 7:00 pm
Location: 7217 - 4th Street, City Hall Council Chambers

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

Absent: Councillor Neil Krog

Staff: Diane Heinrich - Chief Administrative Officer
Daniel Drexler - Corporate Officer
Kevin McKinnon - Deputy Corporate Officer
Dolores Sheets - Manager of Development & Engineering Services

GALLERY

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Taylor called the February 25, 2019, Regular Meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- a. Adopt agenda

February 25, 2019, Regular Meeting agenda

Two additional resolutions were added to section 6.b of the agenda after printing and were presented prior to adoption of the agenda.

Resolution #: R054/19/02/25

Moved by: Korolek

Seconded by: Zielinski

THAT Council adopts the February 25, 2019, Regular Meeting agenda as amended.

Carried

3. MINUTES

- a. Adopt minutes - Special to go In-Camera

February 11, 2019, Special to go In-Camera Meeting minutes

Resolution #: R055/19/02/25

Moved by: Eburne-Stoodley

Seconded by: Korolek

THAT Council adopts the February 11, 2019, Special to go In-Camera Meeting minutes as presented.

Carried

- b. Adopt minutes - Public Hearing

February 11, 2019, Public Hearing Meeting minutes

Resolution #: R056/19/02/25

Moved by: Thompson

Seconded by: Eburne-Stoodley

THAT Council adopts the February 11, 2019, Public Hearing Meeting minutes as presented.

Carried

- c. Adopt minutes - Regular

February 11, 2019, Regular Meeting minutes

Resolution #: R057/19/02/25

Moved by: Korolek

Seconded by: Moslin

THAT Council adopts the February 11, 2019, Regular Meeting minutes as presented.

Carried

4. **REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

- a. Written Reports of Council

Councillors

Councillor Moslin noted that reports are due a week prior to the meeting and parts of his report were written with anticipation of work being started. He added that the work preparing for erosion protection was begun some time ago, and that the Department of Fisheries and Oceans gave approval to start work at 3:00pm February 25th with significant conditions attached, after the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer

engaged support from provincial Parliamentary Secretary Jennifer Rice and Member of Parliament Richard Cannings.

Councillor Korolek noted that she was a volunteer at the Gem Theatre fundraiser and felt the event was a rousing success.

Resolution #: R058/19/02/25

Moved by: Korolek

Seconded by: Zielinski

THAT all written reports of Council submitted to the February 25, 2019, Regular Meeting be received.

Carried

b. Proposed AKBLG Resolutions

Councillor Thompson and Councillor Moslin

Councillors Thompson and Moslin read their proposed resolutions for AKBLG, and Mayor Taylor introduced the two additional resolutions which came forward from a meeting with East-side businesses.

The resolutions were voted on individually.

Councillor Zielinski requested by friendly amendment the addition of the words "small business owners" to the end of Resolution R061 which was agreed to by Mayor Taylor.

Resolution #: R059/19/02/25

Moved by: Thompson

Seconded by: Korolek

THAT Council approves the proposed Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments (AKBLG) resolution as worded below and instructs staff to submit the resolutions before the March 1, 2019, deadline to the AKBLG for consideration and vote at the Annual General Meeting held in April 2019.

"WHEREAS substance use, particularly drug addiction, is considered a mental health issue;

AND WHEREAS smaller communities do not have many of the supports required to assist those wanting to recover from addiction and detox followed by immediate rehabilitation is necessary in order to recover and the wait time between the two can be up to three months;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions be encouraged to fund more detox and rehabilitation centres throughout the Province, particularly in rural and remote communities."

Carried

Resolution #: R060/19/02/25

Moved by: Moslin

Seconded by: Zielinski

THAT Council approves the proposed Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments (AKBLG) resolution as worded below and instructs staff to submit the resolutions before the March 1, 2019, deadline to the AKBLG for consideration and vote at the Annual General Meeting held in April 2019.

"WHEREAS the City of Grand Forks has been devastated by a recent flood and is challenged to protect and to rebuild its downtown core as a vibrant commercial area;

AND WHEREAS the basic principle of Community Charter is that municipalities and the Provincial government should foster cooperative approaches to matters of mutual interest;

AND WHEREAS BC Housing failed to consult Council about the location or size of supportive housing facilities before land was purchased and designs chosen;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT BC Housing seek local government's approval before land is purchased for supportive housing initiatives."

Carried

Resolution #: R061/19/02/25

Moved by: Taylor

Seconded by: Zielinski

THAT Council approves the proposed Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments (AKBLG) resolution as worded below and instructs staff to submit the resolutions before the March 1, 2019, deadline to the AKBLG for consideration and vote at the Annual General Meeting held in April 2019.

**"WHEREAS many small business owners in rural British Columbia have many different household income sources; and
WHEREAS small businesses form a critical part of rural communities because of the employment, taxes, and services they provide;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province change the Emergency Program Act and the Disaster Financial Assistance program to better address the needs of rural British Columbia's small business owners."**

Carried

Resolution #: R062/19/02/25

Moved by: Taylor

Seconded by: Zielinski

THAT Council approves the proposed Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments (AKBLG) resolution as worded below and instructs staff to submit the resolutions before the March 1, 2019, deadline to the AKBLG for consideration and vote at the Annual General Meeting held in April 2019.

**"WHEREAS many property owners and small businesses were recently affected by floods and fires across British Columbia; and
WHEREAS many of those property owners and small businesses were unable to get insurance coverage, were unable to access that coverage in a timely manner, or were denied insurance coverage from their insurance provider;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ministry of Finance review**

insurance practices in British Columbia to identify ways of to better serve property owners and small businesses affected by disaster."

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 Mayor spoke to funding for Search and Rescue and noted the province doesn't fund smaller centres adequately, and also indicated that he is compiling research on the Boundary transit service as discussed at the previous meeting.

Resolution #: R631/19/02/25

Moved by: Korolek

Seconded by: Thompson

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. Temporary Use Permit Information - Cannabis

Corporate Administration/Planning

Discussion began with the recognition that while recreational cannabis is legal and that at least one license has been applied for, it is difficult to support offering a temporary use permit for something that is not currently legal within federal legislation.

Council sought clarification on the two motions. The Corporate Officer noted the first motion is for medical dispensaries, and the second motion is for recreational products.

There was discussion around the fact that there is a local store currently providing medicinal cannabis, but additional comments were made regarding condoning something that is not currently legal, despite not wanting to deny access to those with medicinal needs.

The Chief Administrative Officer clarified opinions from legal on both motions.

Staff's effort to solve this puzzle was acknowledged.

Council determined that the second proposed resolution, being a resolution to not do something, was unnecessary and withdrew it from the agenda.

Resolution #: R064/19/02/25

Moved by: Moslin

Seconded by: Korolek

THAT Council directs staff to create a Temporary Use Permit (TUP) application form in a one-year increment with options for extension containing a disclaimer that applicants are applying at their own risk of Provincial cannabis retail license denial or legal closure, intended for proponents who are entrepreneurs of the sale of medicinal use Cannabis products and bring back to Council for review.

Opposed (3): Korolek, Thompson, and Zielinski

Defeated

Resolution #: R065/19/02/25

THAT Council determines not to issue Temporary Use Permits to proponents who are applicants for the sale of recreational (non-medicinal) Cannabis products applying to the Provincial Cannabis approval process, as recreational Cannabis retail stores cannot be legally operating prior to the Province issuing those licenses, as the issuance of a Temporary Use Permit may hinder the Provincial Cannabis Licensing Approval.

Defeated

9. REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

11. BYLAWS

- a. Bylaw 2039-A2 - Third Reading – Rezoning from R1 – Residential (Single and Two Family Zone) to CD – 1 (Comprehensive Development 1 Zone) to accommodate a Mobile Home Park and Ecological Reserve – Boundary Drive North (File: ZA1803)

Development, Engineering and Planning

Discussion included:

- Support of the development, noting that it addresses a critical gap in the housing spectrum.
- Compliments to the property owner for making a portion of the development eco-sensitive.
- An amendment was proposed to section 59.3.18 to specify fence of not less than 1.8 metres high, where the original wording called for a fence of not more than 1.8 metres high.

Resolution #: R066/19/02/25

Moved by: Thompson

Seconded by: Moslin

THAT Council gives third reading to Zoning Bylaw Amendment No. 2039-A2 and not proceed to final reading until the servicing agreement, development permit and all other identified issues are resolved to the satisfaction of the City.

Amended

Resolution #: R067/19/02/25

Moved by: Zielinski

Seconded by: Moslin

THAT Zoning Bylaw Amendment No 2039-A2 be amended to change section 59.3.18 from specifying a fence "of not more than 1.8 metres

high" to read a fence "of not less than 1.8 metres high", thereby specifying a minimum height rather than a maximum height.

Carried

Resolution #: R068/19/02/25

Moved by: Thompson

Seconded by: Moslin

THAT Council gives third reading to Zoning Bylaw Amendment No. 2039-A2 as amended by R067/19/02/25 and not proceed to final reading until the servicing agreement, development permit and all other identified issues are resolved to the satisfaction of the City.

Carried

12. LATE ITEMS

13. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA

Kathleen Saylors (Gazette) asked for clarification on the AKBLG motions regarding east-side business owners.

It was explained that at a recent public meeting it was announced that the East-side businesses had not been included in the DMAF grant, and that group of businesses wanted some level of support for them.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #: R069/19/02/25

Moved by: Zielinski

THAT the Regular Meeting be adjourned at 7:44 pm.

Mayor Brian Taylor

Dep. Corporate Officer – Kevin McKinnon

