



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

Meeting #: C-2019-3
Date: Monday, March 11, 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
Kevin McKinnon - Deputy 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

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Taylor called the March 11, 2019, Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 9:02 am.

2. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA**

a. Adopt agenda

March 11, 2019, Committee of the Whole

Moved by: Korolek

THAT the Committee of the Whole adopts the March 11, 2019, agenda as presented.

Carried

3. **MINUTES**

a. Adopt Minutes - Committee of the Whole

February 11, 2019, Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Moved by: Eburne-Stoodley

THAT the Committee of the Whole adopts the February 11, 2019, Committee of the Whole Minutes as presented.

Carried

4. **REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

a. BC Wildfire Branch

Overview and information

James Katasonoff gave an overview:

- organizational structure
- fire zone area
- Provincial and Boundary zone staffing
- contracted resources
- centralized air tanker fleet
- wildfire prevention and response

- local Government collaboration
- 2018 fire season provincially and Boundary zone
- statistics and fire weather trends

Discussion:

- prevention of man-made fires
- hazard reduction, prescribed burns
- collaboration with US
- planting fire resilient species

b. Gallery 2

Quarterly Report

Tim Van Wijk and Theresa Rezansoff gave an overview:

- exhibitions from February-April
- fiscal update
- year in review highlights
- 2019/2020 preview

c. The Boundary Museum Society

Quarterly Report

Bronwen Bird and Lee Derhousoff gave an overview:

- attendance during winter months
- events during 2018 and upcoming in 2019
- contests
- exhibits
- Archives at City Hall
- building construction to house antique fire trucks

5. **REGIONAL TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION - WITH AREA D**

Mayor Taylor reported that there was an unexpected event at the Curling Rink dealing with equipment.

6. **PRESENTATIONS FROM STAFF**

a. Memo 2019 - Council Workshops

Corporate Services

Discussion:

- priorities for workshops

b. Development permit No. DP 1906

Development, Engineering & Planning

Proposed 10.02m x 1m (32'-10 5/8" x 39") block letter self-illuminated roof signage on the front of the building, a 1.22m (48") diameter self-illuminated roof signage on the side of the building and a 1.82m x 1.85m (71.75" x 72)

Wendy Whelen gave an overview of heritage development, revitalization, and signage policies and guidelines in the downtown core. Pros and cons of proposed Dollarama signage.

Discussion:

- Amber Esovoloff suggested a signed bylaw for consistent signage in the downtown core

- form and character for the downtown core

- historic murals on the south end of the building

- sign brightness and large lettering

- Nigel James spoke in regards to Grand Forks 'Open for Business', the Credit Union sign, advertising businesses

THAT the Committee of the Whole considers whether to recommend that Council approves Development Permit No. 1906 for the following signage for the building located at 7320 4th Street and legally described as Lot A, Plan KAP20156, District Lot 108, Similkameen Division of Yale District: 1) A 10.02m x 1m block letter self

illuminated roof sign on the front of the building 2) A 1.22m diameter self illuminated roof sign on the side of the building 3) A 1.82m x 1.85m Free-Standing sign.

Moved by: Moslin

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the Development Permit No. 1906, for the signage of the building located at 7320 - 4th Street, Dollarama, to the March 11, 2019, Regular Meeting.

Carried

- c. Library renovations
Deputy Manager of Operations and Sustainability

Discussion:

- Library basement utilization

- Mary Kierans, Library Board Chair, and Cari Lynn Gawletz, Library Director, spoke in regards to the washrooms within the Library and the accessibility to the meeting rooms outside of regular hours. Asking for in-kind support of installing a ramp

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends to Council to direct staff to submit an application for a grant funding application for the library renovations through the ICIP – Green Infrastructure: Climate Change Mitigation Sub-Stream CleanBC Communities Fund.

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends to Council to allocate \$16,000 for preliminary engineering to prepare for the grant applications at the March 11, 2019, Regular Meeting;

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends to Council to support the project and commit to its share (\$250,000) of the project.

Moved by: Thompson

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends to Council to authorize staff to proceed with providing labour as in-kind support for the installation of an exterior ramp for access to the Public Library Meeting Room, subject to the Library sourcing funding for the material.

Carried

d. Monthly Highlight Reports

Department Managers

Discussion:

- BC Housing communication
- Tim Horton's update
- 68% of normal snowpack currently
- business licence bylaw and Whispers of Hope proposal
- Stephanie Cruik, business owner, spoke on behalf of 'Citizens for a better Grand Forks' regarding the Whispers of Hope location for a soup kitchen. Requesting staff to prepare report, amend Zoning Bylaw, allow input from community group (to be established), allow for public consultation, input from Council and RCMP, would like brought forward to March 11, 2019, Regular Meeting

Moved by: Thompson

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. Open Projects

Corporate Services

Discussion:

- designated smoking areas
- both bylaws important to go ahead with
- request from staff for all current bylaw titles
- tobacco and cannabis smoking

- b. Bylaw 2057 - Parks and Public Spaces Access Bylaw

Corporate Services

Moved by: Moslin

THAT the Committee of the Whole forwards the proposed bylaws 2057, 1682-R, and 1959-R to the Regular Meeting on March 25 for consideration.

Carried

- c. Bylaw 2056 - Events Delegation

Corporate Services

Moved by: Moslin

THAT the Committee of the Whole forwards the proposed Bylaw 2056 to the Regular Meeting on March 25 for consideration.

Carried

- d. Bylaw 1958-A5 - Fees and Charges Amendment - Solid Waste Collection

Chief Financial Officer

Moved by: Thompson

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends to Council to give first three readings of the Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1958-A5, 2019, at the March 25, 2019, Regular Meeting.

Carried

- e. Bylaw 2055 - Five Year Financial Plan

Chief Financial Officer

Moved by: Thompson

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends to Council to give first three readings of the 2019-2023 Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 2055 at the March 25, 2019, Regular Meeting.

Carried

Moved by: Thompson

Seconded by: Moslin

THAT the Committee of the Whole directs staff to include in the Five Year Financial Plan an increase of \$13,135 in community support expense for the City's operating contribution to the Boundary area regional transit services and an increase of \$16,000 in capital expenditures for the library preliminary engineering feasibility study, to be funded from reserves.

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

- Les Johnson spoke in regards to events being on a Community Events Calendar for the public

- Kate Saylor, Gazette, inquired into the hiring of an Events Manager and a Marketing Coordinator

- Pamela Kennedy inquired as to Whispers of Hope soup kitchen proposal in regards to zoning and licencing

- Nigel James expressed a thank you to Kate Saylor, Gazette, for all of her great work in Grand Forks

- Nigel James spoke in regards to snow removal on sidewalks

- Amber Esovoloff inquired if Whispers of Hope soup kitchen will require a parking variance at the proposed location

- Dianna Darling inquired if the Whispers of Hope proposal is in the proper zoning area for that building

14. ADJOURNMENT

The March 11, 2019, Committee of the Whole Meeting was adjourned at 12:11 pm.

Moved by: Moslin

THAT the March 11, 2019, Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned at 12:11 pm.

Carried

Mayor Brian Taylor

Corporate Administrative Assistant -
Daphne Popoff