



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

**Meeting #:** R-2019-6  
**Date:** Monday, March 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  
Juliette Rhodes - Chief Financial Officer  
Cavan Gates - Deputy Manager of Operations & Sustainability

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Taylor called the March 25, 2019, Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

## 2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

- a. Adopt agenda

*March 25, 2019, Regular Meeting agenda*

**Resolution #: R088/19/03/25**

Moved by: Korolek

Seconded by: Zielinski

**THAT Council adopts the March 25, 2019, Regular Meeting agenda as presented.**

**Carried**

## 3. **MINUTES**

- a. Adopt minutes - Public Feedback Session

*March 11, 2019, Public Feedback Session Meeting minutes*

**Resolution #: R089/19/03/25**

Moved by: Eburne-Stoodley

Seconded by: Korolek

**THAT Council adopts the March 11, 2019, Public Feedback Session Meeting minutes as presented.**

**Carried**

- b. Adopt minutes - Regular

*March 11, 2019, Regular Meeting minutes*

After brief discussion over the section header "Written reports of Council", the minutes and resolution were amended to read "Reports of Council".

**Resolution #: R090/19/03/25**

Moved by: Zielinski

Seconded by: Korolek

**THAT Council adopts the March 11, 2019, Regular Meeting minutes as amended.**

**Carried**

**4. REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

During questions from public and media at the March 11 meeting, discussion ensued regarding options available to council to deal with problems arising from the proposed location of the Soup Kitchen.

The CAO advised that the process would be complaint driven and may be handled by bylaw enforcement, the security contractor, or RCMP as the situation requires.

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

**a. Reports of Council**

*Councillors*

Councillor Moslin highlighted his attendance at the Recreation Commission and an EOC Orientation for Elected Officials, drew attention to forecasted weather for April, and reminded that a BFR meeting was scheduled for the next night (Mar 26).

Councillor Korolek advised that she'd attended a Warming Centre meeting the previous week along with meetings of the Regional Chamber of Commerce and Boundary Museum.

Councillor Thompson reported on a workshop held with Council and the Downtown Business Association (DBA) and recommended that such meetings be held on a quarterly basis.

Councillor Zielinski brought forward a motion regarding the zoning of Core Commercial, noting that this would affect future developments, not anything already underway.

There was discussion over the wording of the motion, with some consideration toward waiting for staff to bring forward updates to definitions as discussed at the previous meeting.

**Resolution #: R091/19/03/25**

Moved by: Zielinski

Seconded by: Thompson

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

**Carried**

**Resolution #: R092/19/03/25**

Moved by: Thompson

Seconded by: Eburne-Stoodley

**THAT Council meet quarterly with the Downtown Business Association to discuss issues of mutual concern, with the next meeting to be scheduled in June.**

**Carried**

**Resolution #: R093/19/03/25**

Moved by: Zielinski

Seconded by: Korolek

**THAT Council supports our local business community and their contribution to our economy by putting policies and plans in place that encourage commercial development in our Core Commercial zone and encourage other community support organizations and services (eg. food bank, community kitchen, social services) to locate in other development zones in our community.**

Opposed (1): Moslin

**Carried**

**Resolution #: R094/19/03/25**

Moved by: Thompson

Seconded by: Korolek

**THAT Council direct staff to record in the minutes resolutions as duly "*moved and seconded*" without requiring the names of the mover and seconder to be recorded.**

**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 Regional District representative advised that the RDKB has completed the process for their 5-year financial plan and is about start strategic planning.

The contract for pool redecking at the GF Aquatic Centre is going ahead.

A question was raised about the Economic Development plan between City and Area D. Council was advised the service is underway.

Another question was raised regarding the failure of Curling Rink cooling plant, and Council was advised that the research is in progress as to options for repair or replacement.

**Resolution #: R095/19/03/25**

Moved by: Thompson

Seconded by: Korolek

**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. Non-Medical Cannabis Retail Licence Application - Baggy's

*Development, Engineering & Planning*

A typographical error in the memo was noted, but the error did not impact the recommendations from staff.

**Resolution #: R096/19/03/25**

Moved by: Korolek

Seconded by: Moslin

**THAT Council receives the report for a POSITIVE recommendation for the Non-Medical Cannabis Retail Store Licence application from Baggy's Cannabis Store at Unit 4, 7480 – 4th Street.**

**Carried**

**Resolution #: R097/19/03/25**

Moved by: Thompson

Seconded by: Eburne-Stoodley

**THAT Council approves the Development Permit and directs staff to not issue the permit until all outstanding permit items are addressed in compliance with City regulations.**

**Carried**

**Resolution #: R098/19/03/25**

Moved by: Zielinski

Seconded by: Thompson

**THAT Council approves the operating hours for the proposed Non-Medical Cannabis Retail Licence store to be operated by Baggy's Cannabis Store at Unit 4, 7480 – 4th Street.**

**Carried**

- b. Non-Medical Cannabis Retail Licence Application - Quantum 1  
*Development, Engineering & Planning*

**Resolution #: R099/19/03/25**

Moved by: Moslin

Seconded by: Thompson

**THAT Council receives the report for a POSITIVE recommendation for the Non-Medical Cannabis Retail Store Licence application from Quantum 1 Cannabis Corp at 317 Market Avenue.**

**Carried**

**Resolution #: R100/19/03/25**

Moved by: Thompson

Seconded by: Eburne-Stoodley

**THAT Council approves the operating hours for the proposed Non-Medical Cannabis Retail Licence store to be operated by Quantum 1 Cannabis Corp at 317 Market Avenue.**

**Carried**

- c. Non-Medical Cannabis Retail Store Licence DP1903 at 426 Central Ave.  
*Development, Engineering & Planning*

Staff recommended to deny this application due to the zoning variances requested (proximity to Fred Walker Centre and Gyro Park) and based on written feedback received from the Interior Health Authority.

**Resolution #: R101/19/03/25**

Moved by: Zielinski

Seconded by: Thompson

**THAT Council APPROVE approval of Development Permit 1903 for a Non-Medical Cannabis Retail Store Licence application proposed for**

**426 Central Ave, legally described as Lot 1, Plan KAP46322, District Lot 108, SDYD, PID: 017-570-221.**

Opposed (6): Taylor, Eburne-Stoodley, Korolek, Moslin, Thompson, and Zielinski

**Defeated**

**Resolution #: R102/19/03/25**

Moved by: Zielinski

Seconded by: Thompson

**THAT Council directs staff to send a letter of REJECTION of the Non-Medical Cannabis Retail Store Licence application to the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch.**

**Carried**

**9. REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE**

**a. RCMP**

*Letter of request for support of RCMP Appreciation Day in BC for February 1st*

**Resolution #: R103/19/03/25**

Moved by: Thompson

Seconded by: Korolek

**THAT Council directs staff to provide a letter of support to the RCMP Day Committee for their efforts to move forward with a petition signed by Canadian citizens that will be directed to the Province of BC and the Government of Canada to acknowledge February 1st as 'Royal Canadian Mounted Police Day'.**

**Carried**



- b. Dianna Darling

*Block off request of pathway off of 5th Street*

Council clarified with Operations staff whether closing the path would have other impacts on traffic flow and what the possible barriers might look like. Staff advised that the choice of material would depend on the type of traffic Council wished to block, and was told that they should plan to block pedestrian traffic.

There was further discussion of other needed improvements in the area including painting the crosswalks and possibly designating a handicapped parking stall.

**Resolution #: R104/19/03/25**

Moved by: Korolek

Seconded by: Eburne-Stoodley

**THAT Council asks staff to proceed with the best practices and safety procedures to block the pathway along the side of the proposed Whispers of Hope community kitchen that connects 5th Street to the back alley of the 72nd Avenue properties.**

**Carried**

**Resolution #: R105/19/03/25**

Moved by: Moslin

Seconded by: Zielinski

**THAT Council direct staff to report back on possible safety improvements to benefit vehicle and pedestrian traffic at the intersection of 72nd Avenue and 5th Street.**

**Carried**

c. Glynis Andersson

*On behalf of Citizens for a Better Grand Forks, letter of request for an open forum community meeting*

Council reviewed a number of open discussions already surrounding the issues of housing and marginalized people. It was noted that staff have been instructed to bring definition changes to the zoning bylaw which will trigger a public hearing. Boundary Flood Recovery is also engaging in conversations regarding long-term housing needs.

The previous council participated in a community discussion which was organized and facilitated by a non-partisan third-party.

Council and staff discussed the possibility of sponsoring such a discussion if the organization and moderation of the event were handled by a neutral party.

**Resolution #: R106/19/03/25**

Moved by: Zielinski

Seconded by: Thompson

**THAT Council receives for information the request for an open forum community meeting regarding the impacts of the Whispers of Hope soup kitchen opening on 5th Street.**

**Carried**

**Resolution #: R107/19/03/25**

Moved by: Thompson

Seconded by: Korolek

**THAT Council provide sponsorship to "Citizens for a Better Grand Forks" to organize a discussion forum.**

**Carried**

## 10. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

- a. Memo 2019 - RDF final report

*Deputy Manager of Operations and Sustainability*

**Resolution #: R108/19/03/25**

Moved by: Moslin

Seconded by: Thompson

**THAT Council receives the final report on the Local Economic Development Initiative for information purposes.**

**Carried**

- b. Quarter 4 2018 Financial Report

*Chief Financial Officer*

**Resolution #: R109/19/03/25**

Moved by: Korolek

Seconded by: Eburne-Stoodley

**THAT Council receives the Quarter 4 2018 Financial Report for information purposes.**

**Carried**

## 11. **BYLAWS**

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

*Chief Financial Officer*

There was discussion on the flat-rate price structure vs the tag-a-bag format used in Area D. Public feedback from a survey in 2017 was inconclusive between support for the two options.

It was advised that the solid waste collection is done per the terms of a contract, and changes to that should be reviewed in the period at least six months prior to it's next renewal to allow for public feedback and time to publicize any changes.

**Resolution #: R110/19/03/25**

Moved by: Thompson

Seconded by: Korolek

**THAT Council gives first three readings of the City of Grand Forks Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1958-A5, 2019.**

Opposed (1): Moslin

**Carried**

- b. Bylaw 2055 - Five Year Financial Plan

*Chief Financial Officer*

**Resolution #: R111/19/03/25**

Moved by: Thompson

Seconded by: Korolek

**THAT Council gives first three readings of the City of Grand Forks 2019-2023 Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 2055.**

Opposed (1): Zielinski

**Carried**

- c. Bylaw 2057 - Parks and Public Spaces Access

*Corporate Services*

Council reviewed the bylaw and discussed several minor adjustments with staff, and staff advised of one change since the bylaw was submitted to bring a definition in-line with the forthcoming smoking bylaw.

There was discussion over the wording of sections 3 and 4 covering use of park space overnight.

**Resolution #: R112/19/03/25**

Moved by: Moslin

Seconded by: Korolek

**THAT Council gives first three readings to the Parks and Public Spaces Access Bylaw No. 2057.**

**Amended**

**Resolution #: R113/19/03/25**

Moved by: Moslin

Seconded by: Korolek

**THAT the wording of section 17 be amended to read "...outside of designated access roads, lanes, parking lots, *or within designated Parks or Trails.*"**

**Carried**

**Resolution #: R114/19/03/25**

Moved by: Taylor

Seconded by: Moslin

**THAT definition 2.10 "Motorized Vehicle" be amended such that the exclusions are "wheelchairs, scooters used as a mobility aid for the disabled, *and peddle-assist bicycles.*"**

**Carried**

**Resolution #: R115/19/03/25**

Moved by: Zielinski

Seconded by: Eburne-Stoodley

**THAT Schedule "A" be amended to add to the list of Parks and Public Spaces where Temporary Shelters are Prohibited:**

**4. *Barbara Ann Park*, and**

**5. *Sugimoto Park***

**Carried**

**Resolution #: R116/19/03/25**

Moved by: Thompson

Seconded by: Korolek

**THAT definition 2.14 "Park" be amended to add the words "*sports court or field*" to be consistent with the definition used in the Smoke- and Vape-Free Places bylaw.**

**Carried**

**Resolution #: R117/19/03/25**

Moved by: Korolek

Seconded by: Thompson

**THAT Council gives first three readings to the Parks and Public Spaces Access Bylaw No. 2057 as amended.**

**Carried**

**Resolution #: R118/19/03/25**

Moved by: Zielinski

Seconded by: Korolek

**THAT Council gives first three readings to the Off-Highways Vehicle Regulation Repeal Bylaw No. 1682-R.**

**Carried**

**Resolution #: R119/19/03/25**

Moved by: Korolek

Seconded by: Thompson

**THAT Council gives first three readings to the Parks Access Repeal Bylaw No. 1959-R.**

**Carried**

d. Bylaw 2056 - Events Delegation

*Corporate Services*

Discussion of the proposed bylaw resulted in five changes:

Definition 2.3 added another numbers adjusted accordingly: "Delegates" means those individuals delegated powers under this Bylaw.

Definition 2.4 "Events Coordinator" means the Manager of Operations for the City of Grand Forks, or designate.

Section 3: Addition of a limit on events which may be approved by Council delegates to those "not exceeding three days duration."

Sections 6 and 7: Capitalization of the word "Delegates" to be clear that the word refers to definition 2.3.

**Resolution #: R120/19/03/25**

Moved by: Zielinski

Seconded by: Korolek

**THAT Council gives first three readings to the Events Delegation  
Bylaw No. 2056 as amended.**

**Carried**

**12. LATE ITEMS**

The Mayor advised that the City had completed the purchase of 4 lots on 70th Avenue adjacent to 19th Street project (Lots:A-D Plan: KAP22999 District Lot: 380 Land District: 54), and the information was released from in-camera.

**13. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA**

Ian Mitchell spoke in support of Gynnis Andersson's letter and request for community discussion, and feels there is value to holding the discussion in a forum format.

Les Johnson (GFTV) spoke of community feedback sessions hosted by the Phoenix Foundation, and asked about which lots were purchased. The location of the lots was clarified, along with the purchase price of \$64,000 total for the four lots.

Les Johnson asked if any agreements were in place with BC Housing for use of lots for access, and was advised that Council has approved using the lots for temporary construction access for BC Housing's project.

Glynis Andersson thanked Council and staff for being in support of a community meeting.

Alex Robinson from JuiceFM asked for clarification that the City had no specific plans for the purchased lots, and was advised that the purchase was to allow for strategic future development.

Gloria Koch asked whether horses are allowed on the trails under the Parks and Public Spaces Access bylaw. Section 16 was explained, which permits horses on Trails but not in the green space of Parks.



14. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution #: R121/19/03/25**

Moved by: Thompson

**THAT the Regular Meeting be adjourned at 8:53 pm.**

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Mayor Brian Taylor

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Dep. Corporate Officer – Kevin McKinnon