



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

**Meeting #:** R-2019-9  
**Date:** Monday, May 6, 2019, 7:00 pm  
**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  
Dolores Sheets - Manager of Development & Engineering Services  
Juliette Rhodes - Chief Financial Officer

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Taylor called the May 6, 2019, Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

- a. Adopt agenda

*May 6, 2019, Regular Meeting agenda*

The Mayor advised that two late items were brought forward to be added to the agenda.

**Resolution #: R150/19/05/06 MOVED/SECONDED**

**THAT Council adopts the May 6, 2019, Regular Meeting agenda as amended.**

**Carried**

**3. MINUTES**

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

*April 15, 2019, Special to go In-Camera Meeting minutes,*

*April 23, 2019, Special to go In-Camera Meeting minutes,*

*April 30, 2019, Special to go In-Camera Meeting minutes*

**Resolution #: R151/19/05/06 MOVED/SECONDED**

**THAT Council adopts the Special Meeting to go In-Camera minutes for April 15, April 23, and April 30, 2019, as presented.**

**Carried**

- b. Adopt minutes - Regular

*April 23, 2019, Regular Meeting minutes*

**Resolution #: R152/19/05/06 MOVED/SECONDED**

**THAT Council adopts the April 23, 2019, Regular Meeting minutes as presented.**

**4. REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

### a. Reports of Council

#### *Councillors*

Councillor Moslin spoke to his written report and:

- acknowledged the Citizens Forum organizers and moderator,
- mentioned updates from City Hall as released by other municipalities. This will be added to upcoming discussions on strategic planning.

Councillor Thompson verbally provided her report, indicating that she:

- Attended flood recovery meeting on April 24,
- Attended AKBLG in Castlegar Apr 26-28, and noted that all four resolutions provided by Grand Forks Council were passed and forwarded to UBCM.
- Attended a workshop sponsored by Community Futures on the Community Centre on April 30,
- Attended the Citizens Forum on May 1, and
- Attended a presentation to the Downtown Business Association on the National Disaster Mitigation Plan on May 2.

Councillor Zielinski repeated thanks to those who organized and participated in the May 1 Citizens Forum. He also noted that he'd received feedback on the Parks Access bylaw regarding Massie Park and asked that staff bring the bylaw back to Council for further discussion.

**Resolution #: R153/19/05/06 MOVED/SECONDED**

**THAT Staff bring Parks Access Bylaw 2057 back to the Committee-of-the-Whole for further discussion.**

**Carried**

**Resolution #: R154/19/05/06 MOVED/SECONDED**

**THAT all reports of Council at the May 6, 2019, Regular Meeting be received.**

- b. Request to Create an Electric Vehicle Charging Policy

*Councillor Zielinski*

Councillor Zielinski asked for a report on how public Electric Vehicle charging stations will be operated, whether as a public service or for-profit.

**Resolution #: R155/19/05/06 MOVED/SECONDED**

**THAT Council directs staff to prepare an Electric Vehicle Charging Policy.**

**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 reported that:

- BCDC has identified cannabis as the best economic driver currently available in the region,
- RDKB and the Mayor are pressing the Provincial government regarding how the Red Cross business reimbursement program is being operated,
- that the RDKB and City are looking into how other municipalities co-fund Community Centres, and whether a Development Corporation between the RDKB and City is a viable option.

**Resolution #: R156/19/05/06 MOVED/SECONDED**

**THAT Mayor Taylor's report on the activities of the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary, given verbally at this meeting be received.**

**8. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS**

- a. Summer Event Liquor Permit Requests

*Corporate Services*

**Resolution #: R157/19/05/06 MOVED/SECONDED**

**THAT Council approves the issuing of a Special Occasion Liquor Licence to the Grand Forks Car Show from 3:30pm-9:00pm on June 15, 2019, for a fenced-off area on Market Avenue, subject to obtaining third party (party alcohol) liability insurance naming the City of Grand Forks as an additional insured on that policy; all event liquor providers to hold a Serving It Right Licence Certificate; and ICBC "Drinking and Driving" warning posters to be displayed.**

**Carried**

**Resolution #: R158/19/05/06 MOVED/SECONDED**

**THAT Council approves the issuing of a Special Occasion Liquor Licence to the Downtown Business Association from 5:00pm-10:30pm on July 20, 2019, for a fenced-off area on Market Avenue, subject to obtaining third party (party alcohol) liability insurance naming the City of Grand Forks as an additional insured on that policy; all event liquor providers to hold a Serving It Right Licence Certificate; and ICBC "Drinking and Driving" warning posters to be displayed.**

**Carried**

- b. Temporary Use Permit Application - Parking Lot for Cannafest on 2200 Block of 68th Avenue

*Development, Engineering & Planning*

**Resolution #: R159/19/05/06 MOVED/SECONDED**

**THAT Council directs staff to proceed with the statutory requirements for public notice respecting a Temporary Use Permit Application for a Parking Lot located on the 2200 Block of 68th Avenue.**

**Carried**

9. **REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE**

10. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

- a. Q1 2019 Financial Reports

*Chief Financial Officer*

The Chief Financial Officer commented on the First Quarter reports and noted that tax revenue will be reported in Q2.

New water rates were applied to April's utility bills and will not show up until the Q2 report, as will increased costs for garbage collection.

**Resolution #: R160/19/05/06 MOVED/SECONDED**

**THAT Council receives for information the Quarter 1 Financial Reports from the Chief Financial Officer.**

**Carried**

11. **BYLAWS**

- a. Bylaw No. 2058 - 2019 Tax Rates

*Chief Financial Officer*

Councillor Zielinski asked about a line in the report listing the minimum charge of \$1. It was explained that the minimum tax is a nominal amount which gets specified in the bylaw, but that amount hasn't been applied in recent memory.

**Resolution #: R161/19/05/06 MOVED/SECONDED**

**THAT Council gives final reading to the 2019 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 2058.**

**Carried**

- b. Proposed Subdivision, Rezoning and Consideration of approx. 0.5 hectares for parking lot expansion at Hutton Elementary

*Development, Engineering & Planning*

It was clarified for Council that only the third reading was being given for this Zoning Amendment, and not final, because following third reading the

application goes to the Ministry of Transportation for signoff prior to final reading.

**Resolution #: R162/19/05/06 MOVED/SECONDED**

**THAT Council gives third reading to Zoning Bylaw Amendment No. 2039-A5.**

**Carried**

## **12. LATE ITEMS**

- a. Update Housing Now Resolution

*Flood Recovery Manager*

Council was advised that the resolution made during the April 23, 2019 Regular Meeting was not specific enough for the grant application being made. Boundary Flood Recovery provided additional information on the requirements of the grant.

During discussion of the proposed motion:

- clarification was given on the roll the contractor was going to fulfill in supporting residents,
- clarification of the word "contractor" was considered, and
- the proposed motion was amended to make the roll of the contractor more clear.

**Resolution #: R163/19/05/06 MOVED/SECONDED**

**THAT Council rescind resolution R147/19/04/23.**

**Carried**

**Resolution #: R164/19/05/06 MOVED/SECONDED**

**THAT Council direct staff to submit an application to the Canadian Red Cross (CRC) for a grant of \$85,000 supporting the 'Housing Now' project to enable the City to hire a contractor to consult with and to support residents with flood repair and rebuild assessments, and that the \$85,000 expenditure amount be included in the 2019-2023 Financial Plan Amendment, to be funded by grant revenue."**

**Carried**

- b. Letter of Support - Biosolid Organic Diversion Program Expansion

*RDKB - Manager of Environmental Services*

The Mayor spoke to a need identified by the Solid Waste program to take material from commercial operations into the organics diversion program.

The Manager of Development, Engineering, and Planning added that the proposed program is intended to produce "Class A" compost which can be used outside of the landfill, and that the City has a biosolids land application plan in long-range capital plan.

**Resolution #: R165/19/05/06 MOVED/SECONDED**

**THAT Council direct staff to send a letter of support to the RDKB committing in-principle to the supply of biosolids to the upgraded organics composting facility, subject to further discussions on how this program will function.**

**Carried**

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

The Mayor added some information about the Perley School Re-wilding project that was introduced at the Committee of the Whole earlier in the day.

The Manager of Development, Engineering, and Planning spoke of grassroots support already in place for the project and advised that the process will be to apply for water service; Ms. Peron will bring this back with more information at next regular meeting.

Council would like to see letters of support from the School and District to ensure that there is long-term support for such a project.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

The May 6, 2019, Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm.

**Resolution #: R166/19/05/06 MOVED/SECONDED**

**THAT the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned.**

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Mayor Brian Taylor

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Dep. Corporate Officer – Kevin McKinnon



