



The Corporation of the City of Grand Forks
Public Hearing of Council
MINUTES

PH-2019-03

Wednesday, June 5, 2019, 3:00 pm

7217 - 4th Street, City Hall Council Chambers

Present: Mayor Brian Taylor
Councillor Cathy Korolek
Councillor Chris Moslin
Councillor Christine Thompson
Councillor Rod Zielinski

Absent: Councillor Zak Eburne-Stoodley (*recused*)
Councillor Neil Krog

Staff: Diane Heinrich - Chief Administrative Officer
Daniel Drexler - Corporate Officer
Kevin McKinnon - Deputy Corporate Officer
Daphne Popoff - Corporate Administrative Assistant
Dolores Sheets - Manager of Development & Engineering Services
Wendy Whelan - Temp. Planning/Dev. Tech. 2
Leford Lafayette - Temp. Planning/Dev.
George Seigler - Dep. Fire Chief/Dep. Mgr. Emerg. Services

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1. Call to Order

Mayor Taylor called the June 5, 2019, Public Hearing to order at 3:11 pm.

Councillor Thompson read the introductory statements:

(a) The purpose of this Hearing is to consider certain bylaws which, if adopted, shall amend the City of Grand Forks Zoning Bylaw No. 2039.

(b) All persons who believe that their interest in property within the boundaries of the City is affected by the proposed bylaw(s) shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions respecting matters contained in the bylaw(s) that are the subject of this Hearing. No one will be or should feel discouraged or prevented from making their views known. This Hearing is open to the public and all representations to Council form part of the public record. A live video and audio feed may be broadcast and recorded by GFTV.

(c) All information, correspondence, petitions or reports that have been received concerning the subject bylaws have been made available to the public. The correspondence and petitions received after May 22, 2019 (date of notification) and before noon today are available for inspection during the course of this hearing and are located on the information table in the foyer of the Council Chamber.

(d) Members of Council may ask questions, if they so wish; however, the main function of Council members is to listen to the views of the public. It is not the function of Council to debate the merits of the proposed bylaw with individual citizens or with each other at this Hearing.

(e) Council debate on the proposed bylaw(s) is scheduled to take place during the next Regular Council meeting after the conclusion of this Hearing, June 10, 2019. It should be noted, however, that for some items a final decision may not be able to be reached at that meeting.

(f) It must be emphasized that Council will not receive any representation from the applicant or members of the public after conclusion of this Hearing.

(g) During a Public Hearing, people sometimes become enthusiastic or emotional. Regardless of whether you favour or oppose any application or argument, please refrain from applause or other expressions of emotion. Restraint enables others whose views may or may not coincide with your own to exercise their right to express their views and have them heard in as impartial a forum as possible.

2. **Notification of Meeting**

The Corporate Officer will affirm that Notice of Public Hearing was given in compliance with Section 466 of the *Local Government Act*.

3. **Individual Bylaw Submissions**

- a. Bylaw 2039-A6-ZA1904-LotsABCD 70th Ave-Public Hearing Memo
Development, Engineering and Planning

Public comments:

- Clayton Kube (5775 Beatrice Street) OPPOSED, stated that he came from a similar location, does not want this to happen again
- Frances Allen (2170 Brycen Place) OPPOSED, read a statement regarding concerns for development in this area, worked at a hospital, help required but is not available in this community, transition housing
- Jaymes Croken (7170-19th Street) OPPOSED, spoke in regard to his written submission, development near a transition house, mental health and substance abuse, stores available for dispensing medication
- Al Olsen (2180 Brycen Place) OPPOSED, read a statement regarding zoning regulations, Whispers of Hope, transition house, personal property, 2nd Street property, services available for hard-to-house, current resources
- Scott Davis (6969-19th Street) OPPOSED, spoke in regard to Petition submitted, households living in fear, read an article from Nanaimo, increased task force not available
- Bernie Bartkowski (8091 Pineview Crescent) OPPOSED, spoke in regard to personal property and vandalism, does not want to live in fear
- Peter Demski (9385 Granby Road) has a low-income trailer park up the Granby for 10 years and is offering a solution by selling part of his land to BC Housing for development
- Chris Hammett (2450-65th Avenue) OPPOSED, spoke in regard to the women's shelter, 2nd Street location, no 'wet' facility, no capacity in this City to solve the problems, other community problems
- Neil Macgregor (2185 Brycen Place) OPPOSED, stated that Councillors chose to be in their positions, Council's choice and responsibility, people

did not know about the 70th Avenue location plan, cost to taxpayers, transparency, fire truck and water meters for community

- Gilbert Cunningham (3505 Carson Road) OPPOSED, has a business within City limits near Warming Centre, police officers' limitations, facilities for recovering required, should not be within City limits, addicts need a sense of accomplishment and work

- Ritch Rappel (5415 Almond Gardens Road) OPPOSED, infrastructure and support services not available, same cycle just continuing, not to isolate people in small communities, BC Housing attempts do not work

- Kay Barnfield (7225 Boundary Drive) OPPOSED, inquired as to what a 'wet' facility was, how many units, how would it be monitored, other facilities such as Hardy View and Broadacres, more policing

- Roly Russell (7541-11th Street) OPPOSED, read his written submission regarding supportive housing, spoke in regard to cost savings issues for development, safety for community

- Jesse Ritco (2068-68 Avenue) OPPOSED, inquired as to tax impact from this development, how many people would be 'imported' to this community, decision of this location, increased risk of danger to community, increase in police force, family safety concerns, location not suitable

- Pamela Kennedy (7531 Donaldson Drive) OPPOSED, believes this type of project should not be in this City at all, safety for community, BC Housing units security will not help the people in the community, harm reduction is not working, cannot keep bringing in more people with needs, has to be dealt with one by one

- Cindy Anthony (223 Winnipeg Avenue) OPPOSED, spoke in regard to the transition house, cannabis sales location bylaw, suggestion for another location - Victorian Motel on Hwy 3

- Gillian James (2175 Brycen Place) OPPOSED, read a statement regarding location, infrastructure, taxpayers, zoning in residential area, BC Housing

- Nigel James (2175 Brycen Place) spoke in regard to the Community Charter and the laws, BC Government and Grand Forks working together, provincial resources

Mayor Taylor called a recess of the Public Hearing at 4:39 pm.

Mayor Taylor reconvened the Public Hearing at 4:45 pm.

- Laura Savinkoff (8210 Outlook Road) IN FAVOUR, stated that all comments are negative, on an international scale these facilities work, people require help, people drink in their homes, homelessness

Deputy Corporate Officer read submissions by email.

- Abe Martens (6715-18th Street) OPPOSED, told a story of his experience with a homeless addicted person, facility proposed requires help in place for these people, fear in community and for family

- James Tyler (2165 Brycen Place) OPPOSED, spoke in regard to the statement 'not in my backyard', 2nd Street, location of 70th Avenue, lots of questions still to answer, cleanup of facility, who will be running this housing, rushed decision

Deputy Corporate Officer read submissions submitted during the Public Hearing.

- Lizanne Eastwood (6969-19th Street) OPPOSED, read a statement regarding safety for children, seniors, and other residents in the proposed area, other location possibilities, comprehensive study of neighborhood, homeless population 'point in time count', future of Grand Forks, fear

Deputy Corporate Officer read submissions submitted during the Public Hearing.

- Marion Duralia (7583 Granby Road) OPPOSED, spoke in regard to lack of services for addictions or mental illnesses, high safety risk to visitors utilizing public recreation facilities, BC Housing, life-long resident

- Gloria Koch (5955 Kenmore Road) OPPOSED, spoke in regard to BC Housing dictatorship, duty to Grand Forks citizens, safety, serving community

Deputy Corporate Officer read submissions by email.

4. Adjournment

The June 5, 2019, Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

5. Procedure on each Bylaw Submission

(a) Brief description of the application by City Staff (Planning Department);

(b) The Chair will request that the Corporate Officer indicate all information, correspondence, petitions or reports received for the record.

(c) The applicant is requested to make representation to Council regarding the project and is encouraged to limit their presentation to 15 minutes.

(d) The Chair will call for representation from the public in attendance as follows:

- i. The microphone at the delegates table has been provided for any person(s) wishing to make representation at the Hearing.
- ii. The Chair will recognize ONLY speakers at the delegation table.
- iii. Those who wish to speak concerning the proposed bylaw should, at the appropriate time, commence their address to the Chair and the meeting by clearly stating their name and residential address.
- iv. Speakers are limited to 5 minutes to present their remarks. At the discretion of the Chair, a speaker may be permitted a second opportunity to present new information, but only after all other members of the public have been heard a first time.

(e) Once the public has had an opportunity to comment, the applicant shall be given an opportunity to respond to any questions raised. The applicant shall be requested to keep the response to a total of 10 minutes maximum.

(f) Questions of staff by members of Council must be asked before the Public Hearing is closed and not during debate of the bylaw at the next Regular Meeting, unless for clarification.

(g) Final calls for representation (ask three times). Unless Council directs that the Public Hearing on the bylaw in question be held open, the Chair shall state to the gallery that the Public Hearing on the Bylaw is closed.

Note: Any applicant or member of the public may use visual aids (e.g. photographs, sketches, etc.) to assist in their presentation. Please ask staff for assistance prior to the Hearing if required. Powerpoint, video, or other digital presentations will not be accepted during a Public Hearing.

Mayor Brian Taylor

Corporate Administrative Assistant -
Daphne Popoff