



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

Meeting #: R-2019-13
Date: Monday, July 15, 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
Juliette Rhodes - Chief Financial Officer
Cavan Gates - Deputy Manager of Operations & Sustainability
Wendy Whelen - Planning Technician
Graham Watt - Recovery Manager
David Bruce - Manager of Inspection & Bylaw Services

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Taylor called the July 15, 2019, Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- a. Adopt agenda

July 15, 2019, Regular Meeting agenda

The Mayor asked that several late items be added to section 12 of the agenda subsequent to the morning's Committee-of-the-Whole meeting.

Resolution #: R236/19/07/15 MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Council adopts the July 15, 2019, Regular Meeting agenda as amended.

Carried

3. MINUTES

- a. Adopt minutes - Public Hearing and Public Feedback

June 24, 2019, Public Hearing and Public Feedback minutes

Resolution #: R237/19/07/15 MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Council adopts the June 24, 2019, Public Feedback and Public Hearing Meeting minutes as presented.

Carried

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

June 24, 2019, Special to go In-Camera Meeting minutes

Resolution #: R238/19/07/15 MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Council adopts the June 24, 2019, Special to go In-Camera Meeting minutes as presented.

Carried

- c. Adopt minutes - Regular

June 24, 2019, Regular Meeting minutes

Councillor Moslin asked Council to provide notice of motions in advance of meetings when possible.

Resolution #: R239/19/07/15 MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Council adopts the June 24, 2019, Regular Meeting minutes as presented.

Carried

d. Release of In-Camera Minutes

June 10, 2019 - Minutes regarding purchase of 70th Avenue properties

Resolution #: I058/19/06/10 MOVED / SECONDED

THAT Council release from In-Camera the June 10, 2019, Request for Decision regarding "Release of Minutes from In-Camera", all minutes relating to the purchase and use of lots A-D on 70th Avenue from February 11, 2019 to May 10, 2019, as attached in Appendix 1, and the Letter-of-Intent signed with BC Housing.

Carried

4. REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. REPORTS, QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

a. Reports of Council

Councillors

Councillor Eburne-Stoodley reviewed his written report, and noted that at the Block Watch meeting discussion included the thought that there was more room for bylaw enforcement in Grand Forks, and the police advised that the City could advocate for more officers.

Councillor Moslin summarized his report, spoke to the "Roger Brooks 'To-Do'" list, and proposed a resolution to contribute to a mural painting at 3rd and Market.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Concerned about the City providing a benefit to the building owner,
- That the design is not specifically related to one business, and the wall faces the west side of the downtown core,

- 'Community art projects' in other municipalities where long-term agreements have been made with building owners,
- The mural was advocated by the Brooks' revitalization plan.

Council unanimously agreed to allow Amber Esovoloff (Downtown Business Association) to speak, and she confirmed that there would be an agreement with the owner of the building.

Staff noted that having an agreement in place prior to starting would be advisable; there may be RDF money available to help fund this.

An amendment to the motion was accepted.

Councillor Korolek advised that she had attended her first West Kootenay Regional Hospital Board meeting in Castlegar and extended congratulations to the organizers of the GFI.

Mayor Taylor also acknowledged the legacy of Larry Seminoff and Gerry Foster as celebrated at the GFI.

Resolution #: R240/19/07/15 MOVED/SECONDED

THAT the City contribute \$1,000 towards the mural painting of the "Copy Cat" wall, pending fundraising outcomes and necessary agreements to be in place; to be funded from the economic development budget.

Opposed (1): Thompson

Carried

Resolution #: R241/19/07/15 MOVED/SECONDED

THAT all reports of Council at the July 15, 2019, Regular Meeting be received.

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 had no report from the RDKB, and there were no Regional District-related questions from Council.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS

- a. Amendment of 2019 Council Meeting Schedule

Corporate Services

Resolution #: R242/19/07/15 MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Council directs staff to change the dates of the final three meeting days scheduled in 2019 to November 12 and 25, and December 16.

- b. Events Insurance

Corporate Services

Resolution #: R243/19/07/15 MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Council approves the Service Provider Agreement of the Municipal Insurance Association of BC for the Events Manager Service between the City of Grand Forks and Erinne Allen, and the addition of Ms. Allen as an Associate Member to the City's MIABC policy.

Carried

- c. Long Term Borrowing for the Fall 2019 MFA Issue - Loan Authorization Bylaws No. 1922 and 1923

Chief Financial Officer

The Chief Financial Officer clarified that the proposed resolutions were to convert two short-term (interim) loans into long-term borrowing as authorized in Bylaws 1922 and 1923 (both passed in 2011). In order to convert to long-term borrowing, the process involves approval by the Regional District and these resolutions must be forwarded to their upcoming meeting.

Resolution #: R244/19/07/15 MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Council approves borrowing from the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia, as part of the 2019 Fall Borrowing Session, \$425,000 as authorized through the “City of Grand Forks Emergency Water Supply for Fire Protection Loan Authorization Bylaw No 1922, 2011” and that the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary be requested to consent to the City’s borrowing over a twenty-five year term and include the borrowing in a Security Issuing Bylaw.

Carried

Resolution #: R245/19/07/15 MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Council approves borrowing from the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia, as part of the 2019 Fall Borrowing Session, \$1,495,000 as authorized through the “City of Grand Forks Capital Renewal Loan Authorization Bylaw No 1923, 2011” and that the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary be requested to consent to the City’s borrowing over a twenty-five year term and include the borrowing in a Security Issuing Bylaw.

Carried

- d. Weeds Glass & Gifts Non-Medical Cannabis Retail Licence Application
Development, Engineering & Planning

Discussion around the proposed variance included:

- Existing definition of Community Use zone,
- The setback distance as currently defined,
- Desire to apply zoning bylaws as currently enacted,
- The debate which led to the 100m setback when the original zoning overlay was passed,
- Concern that the 100m setback is overly restrictive.

Resolution #: R246/19/07/15 MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Council DENY the Development Variance Permit Application to reduce, from 100m to 36m, the setback distance from a building or structure to a Community Use Zone.

Opposed (3): Taylor, Krog, and Moslin

Carried

Resolution #: R247/19/07/15 MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Council receives the report for a NEGATIVE recommendation for the Non-Medical Cannabis Retail Store Licence Application from 1179711 BC Ltd. (Weeds Glass & Gifts) at 7500 Donaldson Drive.

Opposed (2): Taylor, and Moslin

Carried

- e. Consideration of In-Kind Support for Property Owners in DMAF Land Acquisition

Development, Engineering & Planning

The Recovery Manager and Deputy Operations Manager presented some resolutions as options for Council to consider. After discussion, Council opted to use the second set of proposed resolutions, which itemize each policy objective individually.

Resolution #: R248/19/07/15 MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Council endorses the Policy Objectives.

Opposed (1): Zielinski

Carried

Resolution #: R249/19/07/15 MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Council endorses the objective to support viable and attainable options for relocation within the City of homeowners in the buy out area within their respective means;

Opposed (1): Zielinski

Carried

Resolution #: R250/19/07/15 MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Council endorses the objective of equity and fairness and to not provide a financial lift through in-kind supports;

Opposed (1): Zielinski

Carried

Resolution #: R251/19/07/15 MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Council endorses the objective of making sound investment positions in following with Asset Management Financial Policy;

Opposed (1): Zielinski

Carried

Resolution #: R252/19/07/15 MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Council endorses the objective of minimizing administrative complexity.

Opposed (2): Moslin, and Zielinski

Carried

Resolution #: R253/19/07/15 MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Council directs staff to hold exploratory discussions with landowners on identified options and present findings to Council for decision.

Carried

9. REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

11. BYLAWS

- a. Bylaw 2045-A2 - 2018-2022 Financial Plan Amendment
Financial Services

Resolution #: R254/19/07/15 MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Council gives final reading to the 2018-2022 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 2045-A2.

Carried

- b. Bylaw 2060 - Reserve Fund Establishment

Financial Services

Resolution #: R255/19/07/15 MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Council gives final reading to Reserve Fund Establishment Bylaw No. 2060, 2019.

Carried

- c. Bylaw 2039-A4 Final Reading - Rezoning from R1 Residential to R4 Rural Residential to accommodate agricultural uses on the 7600 Block of 8th Street

Development, Engineering and Planning

Resolution #: R256/19/07/15 MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Council gives final reading to Bylaw No. 2039-A4.

Carried

- d. Bylaw 2039-A7 - Proposed Rezoning from R1 to R2 - 2680-75th Avenue

Development, Engineering and Planning

Discussion on the proposal included:

- Concern that precedent could be set for subdividing garden suites off into single-family residential,
- Concern that density may not match the neighbourhood, and that any R1 lot could become 5 units,
- Traffic at the intersection at Central and 27th,
- That a shortage of affordable housing has been identified, and the prior council identified small-lot housing as a remedy,

- That this type of development of larger lots should be encouraged,
- That the proximity to school and shopping should attract young families.

Resolution #: R257/19/07/15 MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Council gives third reading to Zoning Bylaw Amendment No. 2039-A7.

Opposed (2): Moslin, and Zielinski

Carried

12. LATE ITEMS

a. Discover Grand Forks

The Corporate Officer spoke to the five points in the proposed motion. There was brief discussion over the inclusion of the first point, as Council is waiting for an ICBC traffic report.

Resolution #: R258/19/07/15 MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Council support the recommendations from the Economic Development Steering Team; AND THAT Council instructs staff to support the following recommendations, specifically:

- 1. 4-way stop on 2nd Street and Market with funding of up to \$10,000 with a funding source to be determined at a later point. (#3)**
- 2. Adopt a “Market District” (#6)**
- 3. Support mailing of the “Best of Grand Forks” brochures through the Utility Billing Cycle for a first mail-out. (#9)**
- 4. Creation of a City-wide wayfinding signage plan (#10)**
- 5. Develop and implement downtown bylaws regarding Exterior Displays, Blade Signs, Retail Mix and other bylaws seen as beneficial for the Marketing Strategy created by Roger Brooks. (#11)**

Carried

b. Appointment of Council Representatives

Councillor Moslin will accept an appointment as Council liaison to the new Discover Grand Forks team.

Councillor Eburne-Stoodley was asked to represent Council as liaison to the Young Professionals (millennials) group.

Resolution #: R259/19/07/15 MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Council appoints Councillor Moslin to the Discover Grand Forks team as a Council liaison.

Carried

Resolution #: R260/19/07/15 MOVED/SECONDED

That Council appoints Councillor Eburne-Stoodley to the Young Professionals group as a Council liaison.

Carried

c. Council Remuneration

As discussed at the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting earlier in the day, Staff brought discussion of a review of Council remuneration back for discussion.

Resolution #: R261/19/07/15 MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Council instructs Staff to proceed with the review of Council Remuneration, with a report to be completed by the end of February, 2020.

Carried

13. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA

Questions and commentary from the Gallery included:

- Current procurement for cannabis products, given that products purchased online require credit card payment, record of which may be accessed by customs officials,
- The 100m setback distance between Community Use zoning and cannabis retailers,

- The floats featured in the Canada Day parade,
- Thanks from the DBA for the bike rack installed by the City in front of Work'n'Play, which has seen extensive use since it was put in.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The July 15, 2019, Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Mayor Brian Taylor

Dep. Corporate Officer – Kevin McKinnon