



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

Meeting #: C-2019-9
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 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
David Reid - Manager of Operations
Graham Watt - Recovery Manager
David Bruce - Manager of Inspection & Bylaw Services

GALLERY

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Taylor called the September 3, 2019, Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 8:59 am.

2. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA

- a. Adopt agenda

September 3, 2019, Committee of the Whole

MOVED

THAT the Committee of the Whole adopts the September 3, 2019, agenda as presented.

Carried

3. MINUTES

- a. Adopt Minutes - Committee of the Whole

August 12, 2019, Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

MOVED

THAT the Committee of the Whole adopts the August 12, 2019, Committee of the Whole Minutes as presented.

Carried

4. REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

- a. Gallery 2

Fee for Service

Tim Van Wijk and Terry Woodruff presented an overview of Gallery 2: Summer highlights, events, camps, exhibitions, fiscal update of revenues and expenses, capital projects, ongoing partnerships, lifecycle maintenance, Civic Arts Grant, 2020 Fee for Service request, Annual General Meeting Sept. 24th, thank you to City Parks Dept.

- b. Grand Forks Homeowners on the Buy Out List

Request to review and reassess the Flood Mitigation Project and offer pre-flood values to homeowners

Jennifer Houghton presented an overview of: owners of properties the City wants to repurpose for future flood infrastructure, acquisition map, businesses downtown, direct communications - no rumour mills, pre-flood

vs post-flood values, appraisal control sheet, stats, current real estate market in Grand Forks, list of what owners want, Sendai Framework, requests for written communication

Discussion:

- insurance
- pre-flood values, options, alternative plans
- parcel tax
- dredging the river, dikes
- UBCM and questions to Ministers
- Johnson Flats residents

Mayor Taylor called a recess of the September 3rd Committee of the Whole Meeting at 10:45 am.

Mayor Taylor reconvened the September 3rd Committee of the Whole Meeting at 11:01 am.

5. REGIONAL TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION - WITH AREA D

Mayor Taylor suggested bringing forth RDKB agenda items for future meetings.

6. PRESENTATIONS FROM STAFF

- a. Procurement Policy 802 Revision v2
Financial Services

Discussion:

- financial reporting back to Council
- 3-5 year contract timeline
- policy statement responsibilities for CFO point a)
- grant funded projects language addition

Procurement Policy 802 Revision V2 is referred to the September 16th Regular Meeting

b. Monthly Highlight Reports

Department Managers

Discussion:

- homeless camp in tree on City property
- Airport Master Plan
- Boundary Drive well casing protection
- Landsdowne Crescent water supply
- Capital projects downtown diking

MOVED

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. Bylaw 2055-A1 - 2019-2023 Financial Plan Amendment

Chief Financial Officer

Discussion:

- Expo sign changes
- insurance payouts for Senior Citizens' Hall and Library
- DMAF consulting
- transportation services
- Capital projects re Interfor

MOVED

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends to Council to give first three readings of the 2019-2023 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw, No. 2055-A1, at the September 16, 2019, Regular Meeting.

Carried

- b. Bylaw 2063 - 2020 Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw
Financial Services

MOVED

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that Council give first three readings to “2020 Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw, No. 2063” at the September 16th, 2019, Regular Meeting.

Carried

- c. Bylaw 2064 - Draft Utility Billing Bylaw
Financial Services

Discussion:

- financial threshold for low income, persons with disabilities, not only Seniors
- Guaranteed Income Supplement
- water use relief as well
- subsidizing

MOVED

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends to Council to give first three readings of Utility Billing Bylaw No. 2064, 2019, at the September 16th, 2019, Regular Meeting.

Carried

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

10. CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS

- a. Grand Forks International Baseball

Letter of request for support letter from the City in order to receive grants

MOVED

THAT the Committee of the Whole instructs staff to draft a letter of support for the Grand Forks International Baseball Tournament 2001 Society.

Carried

11. **LATE ITEMS**

12. **REPORTS, QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL (VERBAL)**

13. **QUESTION PERIOD FROM THE PUBLIC**

- Anne Palmer spoke in regard to other communities and their perspective/stats on a Warming Shelter, churches using their kitchens, policies and rules

- Les Johnson spoke in regard to higher tax rates and assessments

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

The September 3, 2019, Committee of the Whole Meeting was adjourned at 12:13 pm.

Mayor Brian Taylor

Corporate Administrative Assistant -
Daphne Popoff