



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

Meeting #: C-2019-10
Date: Monday, October 7, 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 (*joined the COTW Mtg. at 9:02 am*)
Councillor Chris Moslin
Councillor Christine Thompson
Councillor Rod Zielinski

Staff: Daniel Drexler - Corporate Officer
Daphne Popoff - Corporate Administrative Assistant
Juliette Rhodes - Chief Financial Officer
Dolores Sheets - Manager of Development & Engineering Services
David Reid - Manager of Operations
Graham Watt - Recovery Manager
David Bruce - Manager of Inspection & Bylaw Services
George Seigler - Acting Fire Chief
Rich Piche - Deputy Fire Chief
Ron Mattiussi - Interim Chief Administrative Officer

GALLERY

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Taylor called the October 7, 2019, Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 8:59 am.

2. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA

- a. Adopt agenda

October 7, 2019, Committee of the Whole

MOVED

THAT the Committee of the Whole adopts the October 7, 2019, agenda as presented.

Carried

3. MINUTES

- a. Adopt Minutes - Committee of the Whole

September 3, 2019, Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

MOVED

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

Carried

4. REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

- a. Homeless People of Grand Forks

Request for use of City Park Campground to reside for Winter season

Mona Rosengren and Claudette gave an overview of the homeless people and their daily struggles. They spoke in regard to mental health, protection from elements, necessities, clothing and food accessibility, drug addictions, and safety.

Discussion:

- City campground is now closed for the season

- complications of Winter campground use would be no water so the lines don't freeze, sewer lines would be closed, showers would require a space heater, electrical service upgrade would have to be considered, extra staff cleaning

- cost to operate through the Winter season
- asking if Moto site could be developed for the Winter
- nature of complaints of Moto site currently
- how many homeless people in Grand Forks, approx. 20 people
- Whispers of Hope surplus distribution
- camping in public spaces, parks, tenting
- funds, sites, and City responsibility, possible solutions
- previous and current problems of the Warming Shelter, Moto, and other locations - how would City campground be different and how we can work together?
- UBCM meeting with Ministers regarding homeless and addicted individual solutions
- Interior Health and previous Women's Shelter
- Citizens for a Better Grand Forks - subsidies for low-income, jurisdiction of provincial and federal governments, local level government, Mayor's role on certain committees

MOVED

THAT Council refers to staff that a report of recommendations and options for a possible long-term solution for an extreme weather shelter be brought forward to the next Regular Meeting of October 21, 2019.

Opposed (1): Zielinski

Carried

b. Grand Forks and District Fall Fair

Request for consideration of allowing an area for 4H on Dick Bartlett Park, fencing around the Derby area, and assisting in finding a larger office

Danna O'Donnell and Jason Markle gave an overview of the 2019 Fall Fair events.

Discussion:

- 'permanent' site, future Fall Fair sites that could possibly be 'permanent'

- office space location
- fencing around the Demolition Derby area

MOVED

THAT Council refers to staff to help address solutions for the requests of the Grand Forks Fall Fair.

Carried

5. REGIONAL TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION - WITH AREA D

6. PRESENTATIONS FROM STAFF

- a. Development Variance Permit for proposed Non-Medical Cannabis Retail Store Licence at 135B Market Avenue

Development, Engineering & Planning

Discussion:

- concerns of other applications rejected, this application is a rental as opposed to an ownership
- site line measurement and park location
- 'community use' and 'youth centered facilities' in the bylaw

MOVED

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends to Council to direct staff to proceed with the statutory requirements for public notice respecting a Non-Medical Cannabis Retail Store Licence application proposed for 135B Market Avenue, legally described as Lot 1, Plan KAP23, District Lot 108, Similkameen Division Yale District PID 012-547-441.

Carried

MOVED

THAT Council requests staff to bring back the Cannabis Bylaw for review.

Carried

b. Property Owner Tax Concerns

Financial Services

Discussion:

- percentage and dollar amounts of Municipal tax levy by Property Class 2010-2019, annual general levy increase, parcel taxes, all property classes, Class 01 residential, market values
- other communities taxation
- impact of Asset Management
- industries that are in Grand Forks and services
- cost of living, municipal portion of taxes higher
- \$3.6 million committed amount and budgeting process

c. Monthly Highlight Reports

Department Managers

Discussion:

- tanker truck re-certification
- South Ruckle rip rap and fish habitat
- two-day 'lesson-learned' workshop reports coming
- Capital Projects Manager, Justin Dinsdale
- strategic plan and Planning Workshop reports

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**

9. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

10. **CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS**

11. **LATE ITEMS**

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

13. **QUESTION PERIOD FROM THE PUBLIC**

- Barry Jarvis inquired into the two unsightly premises

- Angela Nichols inquired into the homelessness for the Winter season and zoning issues, City and community

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

The October 7, 2019, Committee of the Whole Meeting was adjourned at 11:09 am.

Mayor Brian Taylor

Corporate Administrative Assistant -
Daphne Popoff