



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

S-2023-03

Wednesday, March 1, 2023, 2:00 pm

7217 - 4th Street, City Hall Council Chambers

Present: Mayor Everett Baker
Councillor Zak Eburne-Stoodley (via 'Zoom' videoconference)
Councillor Neil Krog
Councillor Deborah Lafleur
Councillor Christine Thompson
Councillor Rod Zielinski

Absent: Councillor David Mark

Staff: Duncan Redfearn - Chief Administrative Officer
Daniel Drexler - Corporate Officer
Kevin McKinnon - Deputy Corporate Officer
Kirsty Faramin - Corp./IT Services Assistant

Delegates: Tyler Baker - BC Housing
Darren Pratt - Boundary Family Services
James Chandler – RDKB

GALLERY

1. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Mayor delivered the land acknowledgement.

2. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Baker called the March 1, 2023, Special Meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

a. Adopt agenda

March 1, 2023, Special Meeting agenda

Resolution #: R049/23/03/01

MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Council adopts the March 1, 2023, Special Meeting agenda as presented.

Carried

4. **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS**

a. TUP2301 – Temporary Use Permit (TUP) for a shelter

Chief Administrative Officer

The Chief Administrative Officer introduced the item and discussion ensued regarding:

- feedback received from the community
- that the RCMP reported zero negative reports filed and submitted a letter of support which is attached
- this temporary use permit would give appropriate time to find a permanent location
- a need for a permanent location in Grand Forks
- the intake process and hours of operation of the shelter, and the outreach supports provided
- outreach assistance is available to anyone in need, inclusive of Greenwood and Midway
- that BC Housing has overall authority, but BC Housing prefers to work with municipalities when incorporating various levels of housing

Resolution #: R050/23/03/01

MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Council approve Temporary Use Permit TUP2301 for a maximum of 1-year to allow for the operation of a temporary shelter at 2320 78th Avenue as per the attached permit and conditions.

Amended

Resolution #: R051/23/03/01

MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Section 5. of the TUP be amended to read: "Council for the City of Grand Forks reserves the option to terminate this permit at any time for just cause".

Opposed (4): Baker, Eburne-Stoodley, Lafleur, and Thompson

Defeated

Resolution #: R052/23/03/01

MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Council approve Temporary Use Permit TUP2301 for a maximum of 1-year to allow for the operation of a temporary shelter at 2320 78th Avenue as per the attached permit and conditions.

Carried

5. REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

a. Boundary Transit Service

Regional District of Kootenay Boundary

The General Manager of Operations for the Regional District of the Kootenay Boundary (RDKB) spoke to the request to increase the funding to support a portion of the Boundary Transit Service and discussion ensued regarding:

- the paratransit service is a partnership between BC Transit and the RDKB
- local governments cover 40% of the operational funding

- Grand Forks, Area D, Greenwood and a portion of Area E participate in the program
- Interior Health subsidizes weekly transport for residents to access non-emergency medical appointments
- the schedule varies from day to day depending on passenger needs, but core users are in Grand Forks requiring daily on-demand services
- the service currently does not include access to Christina Lake or Granby Road
- the reasons for the funding increase are due to inflation
- the importance of connecting people in the community to essential services
- that further discussion is required to increase fares

Resolution #: R053/23/03/01

MOVED/SECONDED

THAT the City of Grand Forks contribute an additional \$16,344 as part of the 2023 Budget Process to fund the Boundary Transit Service provided by the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary.

Carried

6. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND MEDIA

None.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The March 1, 2023, Special Meeting was adjourned at 2:48 pm.

Resolution #: R054/23/03/01

MOVED/SECONDED

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

Mayor Everett Baker

Corporate Administrative Assistant –
Kirsty Faramin

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