



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

Meeting #: R-2023-04
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023, 10:15 am
Location: 7217 - 4th Street, City Hall Council Chambers

Present: Mayor Everett Baker
Councillor Zak Eburne-Stoodley
Councillor Neil Krog
Councillor Deborah Lafleur
Councillor David Mark
Councillor Christine Thompson
Councillor Rod Zielinski

Staff: Duncan Redfearn - Chief Administrative Officer
Daniel Drexler - Corporate Officer
Kevin McKinnon - Deputy Corporate Officer
Kirsty Faramin - Corp./IT Services Assistant
Juliette Rhodes - Chief Financial Officer
Dolores Sheets - Manager of Planning & Development
Adriana Cameron - Planning & Development
Graham Watt - Manager of Strategic Initiatives
Justin Dinsdale - Manager of Capital Projects
Alex Adams - Manager of Public Works
Jim Runciman - Fire Chief

RDKB: Linda Kay Wiese – Director Area 'D'

GALLERY

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Baker called the March 6, 2023, Regular Meeting to order at 12:46 pm.

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

a. Adopt agenda

March 6, 2023, Regular Meeting agenda

Resolution #: R055/23/03/06

MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Council adopts the March 6, 2023, Regular Meeting agenda as presented.

Carried

3. **MINUTES**

a. Adopt minutes - Regular

February 13, 2023, Regular Meeting minutes.

The Corporate Officer advised Council of a typo under section 5.b.5 which has been corrected in the final copy of the minutes that are presented for signatures.

Resolution #: R056/23/03/06

MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Council adopts the February 13, 2023, Regular Meeting minutes as amended.

Carried

4. **REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

None.

5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

6. REPORTS, QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL AND COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY

a. Reports of Council and Verbal Report of RDKB Representative

Councillors and Council's Representative to the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary

Councillor Thompson presented her written report and attended:

- the Special Meeting of Council that presented Draft 2 of the 2023-2027 Financial Budget
- the Interfor Tour

Councillor Lafleur presented her written report and attended:

- the Grand Forks Senior Society's AGM
- the Grand Forks Community Trails Society Meeting (via videoconference)
- the Grand Forks Food Bank Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Councillor Zielinski presented his report and attended:

- the Grand Forks Senior Society's AGM
- the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary (RDKB) released the 2023 Recreation and Leisure Guide

Councillor Eburne-Stoodley presented his report and attended:

- the Market District Committee Meeting
 - a sub-committee of the Boundary Country Regional Chamber of Commerce (BCRCC)
- the Boundary Museum Society Meeting

Councillor Krog presented his report and attended:

- the Boundary Helping Hands Feline Society Annual General Meeting

Mayor Baker presented his report and attended:

- a meeting with MP Richard Cannings and discussion involved the following:
 - DMAF funding
 - the Federal electoral boundary changes
 - the \$1.98 million grant received from the Growing Community Fund
- Regional Director Wiese and Mayor Baker attended the Border Bruins Hockey Club Awards and Volunteer Banquet

Resolution #: R057/23/03/06

MOVED/SECONDED

THAT all reports by members of Council and Council's Representative on the activities of the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary be received.

Carried

1. Submitted Reports of Council

The written reports that members of the Council submitted.

b. Potential Decisions from Registered Delegations

Mayor Baker

1. Proposal for Hotel, Restaurant, Fruit Market

Lindhhar Farms

Lidhar Farms were unable to attend.

2. GF Trails Program Update

Grand Forks Community Trails Society

The CAO introduced the items requested, and discussion ensued regarding the following:

- Appointment of a Council Liaison
- Councillor Lafleur was appointed as Council's liaison to the Grand Forks Community Trails Society
- potential involvement of the GFCTS with proposed dike trails and a possible amendment to the Stewardship Agreement

Resolution #: R058/23/03/06

MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Council appoint Councillor Lafleur as liaison to Grand Forks Community Trails Society board.

Carried

Resolution #: R059/23/03/06

MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Council encourages the Grand Forks Community Trails Society to work with City Staff to develop a potential working program for dyke and community trails.

Carried

3. Designated Remote Control Area Request

Ray Morasse

The CAO introduced the item, and discussion ensued:

- the potential sites that already have amenities requested
- the potential challenges in cost and maintenance of possible location
- an electrical source could attract unwanted use
- to encourage the group to work with Staff to find potential sites

Resolution #: R060/23/03/06

MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Council directs Staff to work with the group regarding potential sites that may already have the requested amenities.

Carried

4. Reconsideration of Curling Rink Bylaw requisition increase

Regional District of Kootenay Boundary

The Corporate Officer clarified the request. Council briefly discussed the information received from the delegation at the Committee of the Whole meeting and consented to the adoption of the Amendment Bylaw.

Resolution #: R061/23/03/06

MOVED/SECONDED

That the Municipal Council for the Corporation of the City of Grand Forks consents to the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Board of Directors adopting Bylaw No. 1786, being the “Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Grand Forks Curling Rink Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 1786, 2023.”

Carried**7. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS****a. Fire Engine Purchase Authorization***Corporate Services*

The CAO introduced the item, and a discussion ensued regarding the following:

- Council's commitment to the procurement process
- to allow Staff the ability to provide the deposit of \$850,000 if required in 2023
- next step will be to issue a Request For Proposal (RFP)

Resolution #: R062/23/03/06

MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Council approves the purchase of a Fire Engine in the amount of \$1,300,000 as per the draft 2023-2027 Financial Plan;

AND FURTHER if a deposit for the engine is required in 2023, Staff is instructed to utilize reserve funds to cover that cost and to amend the Financial Plan accordingly at that time.

Carried**b. Introduction of Privacy Policy***Corporate Services*

The CAO introduced the item, and no further clarification was requested by Council.

Resolution #: R063/23/03/06

MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Council adopt the Privacy Policy as presented as Policy 118.

Carried

8. REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

a. Tagging/Graffiti on Private and Public Property

Chris Linton

The CAO introduced the item and provided additional information on the current challenges. Discussion ensued regarding the following:

- the location of problem areas that Staff has documented
 - primarily around the Black Train Bridge
- the costs involved in replacing the damaged signs due to their reflective surface
- the City can not enter on private property to clean up damage
- the impacts on the property owner
- that this should not be the taxpayer's responsibility
- the potential of serving the individual or guardian of the individual to hold the parties responsible
- the implications that this activity has on the City

Resolution #: R064/23/03/06

MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Council receives the correspondence for information.

Carried

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

None.

10. BYLAWS

None.

11. LATE ITEMS

- a. Support Letter Opposing the Changes in Federal Electoral Boundaries

Mayor Baker

Mayor Baker discussed the item, and Council instructed Staff to compose a letter in support of the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary to oppose the proposed changes to the Federal Electoral Boundaries.

Resolution #: R065/23/03/06

MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Council instructs Staff to send a letter regarding the Federal electoral area boundaries voicing opposition to the planned changes and forward the letter to MP Cannings.

Carried

12. ITEMS RELEASED FROM IN-CAMERA

None.

13. STRATEGIC PLAN

None.

14. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA

None.

15. RESOLUTION TO GO IN-CAMERA

Resolution #: R066/23/03/06

MOVED/SECONDED

RESOLVE THAT Council convene an In-Camera Meeting as outlined under Section 90 of the Community Charter to discuss matters in a closed meeting which are subject to Section 90 (1)

(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality; and

(g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality.

Carried

16. ADJOURNMENT

The March 6, 2023, Regular Meeting was adjourned at 1:25 pm.

Resolution #: R067/23/03/06

MOVED/SECONDED

THAT the March 6, 2023, Regular Meeting be adjourned.

Carried

Mayor Everett Baker

Corporate Administrative Assistant -
Kirsty Faramin