



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

**Meeting #:** S-2023-04  
**Date:** Thursday, March 16, 2023, 10:00 am  
**Location:** 7217 - 4th Street, City Hall Council Chambers

**Present:** Mayor Everett Baker  
Councillor Zak Eburne-Stoodley (*via Zoom teleconference*)  
Councillor Deborah Lafleur  
Councillor David Mark (*via Zoom teleconference*)  
Councillor Christine Thompson  
Councillor Rod Zielinski

**Absent:** Councillor Neil Krog

**Staff:** Duncan Redfearn - Chief Administrative Officer  
Daniel Drexler - Corporate Officer  
Kevin McKinnon - Deputy Corporate Officer

**GALLERY**

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**1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Mayor Baker delivered the land acknowledgement.

**2. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Baker called the March 16, 2023, Special Meeting to order at 10:01am.

**3. ADOPT AGENDA**

- a. Adopt Agenda for March 16, 2023 Special Meeting

The agenda was amended to include two late items:

- Amendment to Council's proposed Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) resolution regarding Health Authorities
- Council approval for travel to the annual Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) conference.

**R068/23/03/16 MOVED / SECONDED**

**THAT Council adopt the agenda for the March 16, 2023, Special Meeting with the addition of two late items.**

**Carried**

**4. IN-CAMERA RESOLUTION**

- a. Adopt Resolution as per Section 90

**R069/23/03/16 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;**
- (i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;**

**Carried**

*The Special Meeting was adjourned to go in-camera at 10:02am.*

*The Special Meeting was reconvened at 11:23am.*

**5. LATE ITEMS****a. Proposed Resolution to UBCM**

*Councillor Thompson*

Mayor Baker introduced the reconsideration of the proposed resolution submitted through the Association of Kootenay Boundary Local Governments (AKBLG) to the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM).

The revised wording was considered less inflammatory and may have a better chance of being passed.

**R070/23/03/16 MOVED / SECONDED**

**THAT Council amend the wording of the UBCM resolution submitted through the AKBLG to read:**

**WHEREAS health care in British Columbia is inadequate to meet the needs of the population;**

**WHEREAS since 2001 Health Authorities have governed the provision of health care in their respective areas but are not held accountable for poor policy decisions and the negative impact they have on local communities;**

**BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities petition the Provincial Government to consider supplementing Health Authorities by including the responsibility of health care where there is a regional hospital and replacing such with Regional District Boards of Health responsible for health care;**

**AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Regional District Boards of Health responsible for health care must include representation from doctors, nurses, lab techs, and administration.**

**Carried**

**b. Travel to FCM Conference**

*Mayor Baker*

Mayor Baker advised Council of his desire to attend the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) conference in May. Policy requires Council approval for travel to this conference.

The Mayor noted that Area D director Wiese would also be travelling, and that his travel could be covered by the RDKB should the Mayor of Trail choose to not attend.

Discussion included the budget impact of this trip. There have been adjusted requests by Council to attend the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) conference in September; the impact of these changes has not been fully calculated at this time.

**R071/23/03/16 MOVED / SECONDED**

**THAT Council approves the Mayor attending the FCM conference in 2023.**

**Carried**

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

The March 16, 2022, Special Meeting was adjourned at 11:27am.

**R072/23/03/16 MOVED / SECONDED**

**THAT the Special Meeting be adjourned.**

**Carried**

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Mayor Brian Taylor

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Dep. Corporate Officer – Kevin McKinnon