



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

**Meeting #:** R-2023-06  
**Date:** Monday, April 17, 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 Development & Planning Services  
Adriana Cameron – Development & Planning  
Graham Watt - Manager of Strategic Initiatives  
Alex Adams - Manager of Public Works  
David Bruce - Manager of Inspection & Bylaw Services  
Justin Dinsdale - Manager of Capital Projects  
Ben Stevens - Project Manager, Flood Mitigation Program  
Jim Runciman - Fire Chief

**GALLERY**

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Baker called the April 17, 2023, Regular Meeting to order at 1:16 pm.

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

- a. Adopt agenda

*April 17, 2023, Regular Meeting agenda*

**Resolution #: R091/23/04/17**

MOVED/SECONDED

**THAT Council adopts the April 17, 2023, Regular Meeting agenda as presented.**

**Carried**

3. **MINUTES**

- a. Adopt minutes

*March 27, 2023, Regular Meeting minutes*

*March 31, 2023, Special Meeting minutes*

Council adopted minutes with a minor amendment.

**Resolution #: R093/23/04/17**

MOVED/SECONDED

**THAT Council adopts the March 27, 2023, Regular Meeting and March 31, 2023 Special Meeting minutes as presented.**

**Carried**

**Resolution #: R094/23/04/17**

MOVED/SECONDED

**THAT Area 'D' Director Wiese of the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary can participate in discussions at the March 24, 2023, Regular Meeting.**

**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 Lafleur presented her report as submitted.

Councillor Thompson presented her report as submitted.

- April 6, 2023, she attended Community Team Meeting via 'Zoom.'

Councillor Mark presented his report as submitted.

- met with Justin De Genova from Honour House Society

Councillor Eburne- Stoodley had nothing further to report at this time.

Councillor Zielinski presented his report and mentioned the following:

- Grand Forks Border Bruins hosted a spring prospect camp
  - the ice has since been removed from the Jack Goddard Arena for the season
- Grand Forks Secondary School Curling Teams won gold and silver medals at provincials.
- Phoenix Ski Hill hosted a "Dummy Downhill" event for closing day with the largest attendance on record
- Riverside Community Church hosted an Easter Egg Hunt for the community

Councillor Krog presented his report and no other items to report.

Mayor Baker presented his report and attended the following meetings:

- Kettle River Watershed meeting
- Chris Hammett from the Gazette Newspaper
- Local businesses regarding the Exclusive Use policy
- UBCM- Housing Summit in Vancouver
- Coffee Chats with the Mayor
- Mayors and Chairs via 'Zoom' with 46 mayors and chairs from across British Columbia

- focus is on cell service connectivity for the safety of highways and pull-outs
- Rogers has options to accommodate cell service in under-serviced mountain passes in the Boundary
  - areas between Greenwood and Grand Forks, the Paulson pass and between Hope and Princeton
- various Regional District of Kootenay Boundary meetings

**Resolution #: R095/23/04/17**

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.

2. Discussion on Exclusive Use Bylaw

Mayor Baker

After a brief discussion, Council decided to bring the item back at a future meeting. The Boundary Country Region Chamber of Commerce (BCRCC) distributed a survey requesting feedback on the item and would provide valuable information before making further decisions.

b. Potential Decisions from Registered Delegations

*Mayor Baker*

1. Gallery 2 - Quarterly Update

*Tim van Wijk*

Council required no further discussion.

2. Grand Forks Drag Racing

*Jackie Klotz*

Council considered the proposed event, and discussion ensued regarding:

- potential opportunity for Fall 2023
- the benefits for the community, both socially and economically
- the organizers must consult with the Grand Fork Flying Club
- all costs involved will be solely the responsibility of the organizers
- must work with Staff and the airport liaison on the development of the event
- safety plans and insurance are required

The CAO clarified that Council directed the Airport liaison can approve the event when all requirements of Council are achieved.

**Resolution #: R096/23/04/17**

MOVED/SECONDED

**THAT Council approves the event by the Grand Forks Drag Racing organizers in principle, with the following conditions:**

- **the organizers and Airport Liaison to consult with the airport stakeholders**
- **all required safety plans are in place**
- **work with Staff on the development of plans**
- **Airport Liaison to confirm all items are in place**
- **liability insurance is in place listing the City as additional insured**
- **additional costs to the City that are over and above regular event costs, are charged back to the organizers**

**Carried**

3. Copper Sky Project

*Copperfield Living Ltd. - Harry Harker*

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

- possibly including additional areas into the boundary expansion
- potential burden on existing utilities and infrastructure

- increased population impacts regarding the cost of policing
- potential for the growth of Grand Forks through various housing options and amenities
- the opportunity for the City to facilitate and have input on the proposed development
- process regarding a boundary expansion
  - referrals
  - communications
  - public approved process

The CAO clarified that this is a sample of the provincial resolution for municipalities wanting to expand their boundaries. Council amended the sample resolution to limit the costs to the City.

**Resolution #: R097/23/04/17**

MOVED/SECONDED

**THAT the City of Grand Forks proceed with the proposed 94.52 hectare (233.57 acre) boundary extension proposal;**

**AND THAT the City of Grand Forks staff be authorized to assist in the development at the cost of the developer, as well as sign and submit the proposal to the Provincial Government.**

Opposed (1): Zielinski

**Carried**

**7. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS**

None.

**8. INFORMATION ITEMS**

None.

**9. BYLAWS**

- a. Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 2097

*Financial Services*

Council required no further clarification.

**Resolution #: R098/23/04/17**

MOVED/SECONDED

**THAT Council gives final reading to the 2023-2027 Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw, No. 2097.**

Opposed (1): Zielinski

**Carried**

- b. Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw 1958-A12 – Electrical, Water and Sewer Fees and Charges

*Financial Services*

Council required no further clarification.

**Resolution #: R099/23/04/17**

MOVED/SECONDED

**THAT Council gives final reading to the Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1958-A12.**

Opposed (1): Zielinski

**Carried**

**10. REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. James Donaldson Park - Exclusive Use and Liquor Permit with Municipal Significance for Community

*Grand Forks International*

The CAO clarified the item and that the resolution is required by the BC Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch to increase the cost of liquor at the annual event.

**Resolution #: R100/23/04/17**

MOVED/SECONDED

**THAT Council approves the Exclusive Use of James Donaldson Park for the Grand Forks International tournament from June 25, 2023 to July 2, 2023,**

**AND THAT Council approves the issuing of a Special Occasion Liquor Licence to the Grand Forks International Baseball Tournament (2011) Society for the GFI Baseball Tournament,**

**between the hours of 10 am to 11pm each day of the event at the James Donaldson Park, subject to obtaining third party (party alcohol) liability insurance naming the City of Grand Forks as an additional insured on that policy; all event liquor providers to hold a Serving It Right Licence Certificate; and ICBC 'Drinking and Driving' warning posters to be displayed.**

**AND FURTHER THAT Council deems the Grand Forks International tournament of municipal significance to the City of Grand Forks and it approves the issuance of a special event permit to be issued by the BC Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch for this event.**

**Carried**

- b. City and Selkirk College Parking Lot - Exclusive Use for Flea Market Event  
*Women's Institute Grand Forks Chapter and Talegate Flea Market*

The CAO introduced the item, and discussion ensued regarding:

- how to ensure that the parking lot is blocked off for the event
- possible impact on downtown parking during weekend hours
- potential fees for Exclusive Use of this parking lot in the future

**Resolution #: R101/23/04/17**

MOVED/SECONDED

**THAT Council approves the Exclusive Use of the City portion of the parking lot for the Flea Market Event by the Women's Institute Grand Forks Chapter for Aug 5, 12, 19, and 26 from 8am to 1pm.**

**Carried**

- c. Gyro Park - Music in the Park - Exclusive Use and Fee for Service Request

*Al Kabatoff and Ted Kabatoff*

The Mayor introduced the item, and the following discussion ensued regarding:

- Fee for Service (FFS) request of \$1,750 in addition to Exclusive Use of Gyro Park
- an increase in funding to attract and compensate better and bigger musicians



- the event would run eleven Wednesday evening sessions, an increase from last year
- promotes nightlife for all ages in the downtown core
- the organizers have sourced other funding to support the event
- to encourage organizers to submit FFS request for 2024 to align with the budget process
- to provide support for \$1,250
- to direct the applicants to work with the Boundary Country Region Chamber of Commerce (BCRCC) to receive funds as a flow-through method

The CAO advised Council that \$4000 was included in the budget to support various requests throughout 2023, such as community Christmas dinner and the tree auction.

**Resolution #: R102/23/04/17**

MOVED/SECONDED

**THAT Council approves the Exclusive Use of Gyro Park for the Music in the Park event on Wednesday evenings from June 21 to August 30 in the amount of \$1,250 with funding to flow through the Boundary Country Regional Chamber of Commerce.**

**Carried**

d. 283 Market Ave - Exclusive Use Request - Parking Stalls

*Avalon Gardens*

The CAO introduced the item, and discussion ensued regarding:

- the request for Exclusive Use of the accessible parking stall outside the Avalon Gardens & Gifts
- to move the accessible parking stall from Market Avenue to Third Street
- business owner would be responsible for the costs of painting the parking stall

**Resolution #: R103/23/04/17**

MOVED/SECONDED

**THAT the Accessible Parking spot is moved around the corner onto 3rd Street, to be used for accessible parking only, with costs to be borne by Avalon Gardens.**

**Carried**

e. Gyro Park - Seasonal Exclusive Use for Farmers Market

*Grand Forks Farmers Market*

Council introduced the item and a brief discussion ensued regarding:

- consideration of a restroom rental and maintenance at the applicant's cost
- potential use of close by businesses for restroom needs
  - some businesses allow use to customers only

The CAO clarified previous Council declined to fund the associated costs of a portapotty for the Farmer's Market.

Staff advised that rental and maintenance of a portapotty could cost \$250-\$350 to empty

**Resolution #: R104/23/04/17**

MOVED/SECONDED

**THAT Council approves the Exclusive Use of Gyro Park for the Farmers Market event on Tuesdays and Fridays from May 2, 2023 to October 20, 2023;**

**And further, if the group would like a restroom facility, the costs would need to be borne by the group.**

**Carried**

11. **LATE ITEMS**

None.

12. **ITEMS RELEASED FROM IN-CAMERA**

None.

13. **STRATEGIC PLAN**

None.

14. **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA**

The Corporate Officer read an email from Vista Radio regarding the potential Copper Sky expansion confirming the proposals total area.

Staff confirmed that areas A, B, and Copper Sky would be included as stated in the presentation.

**15. RESOLUTION TO GO IN-CAMERA**

**Resolution #: R105/23/04/17**

MOVED/SECONDED

**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.**

**Carried**

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

The April 17, 2023, Regular Meeting was adjourned at 2:51

**Resolution #: R106/23/04/17**

MOVED/SECONDED

**THAT the April 17, 2023, Regular Meeting be adjourned.**

**Carried**

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Mayor Everett Baker

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Corporate Administrative Assistant -  
Kirsty Faramin