



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

**Meeting #:** R-2018-10  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 22, 2018, 7:00 pm  
**Location:** 7217 - 4th Street, City Hall Council Chambers

**Present:** Mayor Frank Konrad  
Councillor Julia Butler  
Councillor Chris Hammett  
Councillor Neil Krog  
Councillor Colleen Ross  
Councillor Christine Thompson  
Councillor Beverley Tripp

**Staff:** Diane Heinrich - Chief Administrative Officer / Corporate Officer  
Daniel Drexler - Deputy Corporate Officer  
Juliette Rhodes - Chief Financial Officer  
David Reid - Manager of Operations  
Dolores Sheets - Manager of Development & Engineering Services  
Cavan Gates - Deputy Manager of Operations & Sustainability  
Graham Watt - Senior Planner  
Dale Heriot - Fire Chief  
George Seigler – Deputy Fire Chief

**GALLERY**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Konrad called the May 22, 2018, Regular Meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

a. Adopt agenda

May 22, 2018, Regular Meeting agenda

The agenda was amended to include items 12.a. Utility charges for flooded properties and 12.b. Discussion on flood issues.

**Resolution #: R165/18/05/22**

Moved by: Ross

Seconded by: Butler

**THAT the agenda be amended to include items**

**12.a. Utility Charges for Flooded Properties**

**12.b. Discussion on Flood Issues.**

**Carried**

**Resolution #: R166/18/05/22**

Moved by: Ross

Seconded by: Hammett

**THAT Council adopts the May 22, 2018, Regular Meeting agenda as amended.**

**Carried**

**3. MINUTES**

a. Adopt minutes - Special to go In-Camera

May 7, 2018, Special to go In-Camera Meeting minutes

**Resolution #: R167/18/05/22**

Moved by: Thompson

Seconded by: Tripp

**THAT Council adopts the May 7, 2018, Special to go In-Camera Meeting minutes as presented.**

**Carried**

b. Adopt minutes - Regular

May 7, 2018, Regular Meeting minutes

**Resolution #: R168/18/05/22**

Moved by: Butler

Seconded by: Tripp

**THAT Council adopts the May 7, 2018, Regular Meeting minutes as presented.**

**Carried**

**4. REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

a. Proposed Community Center Study Update

Community Futures Boundary & Area D Director

RDKB Area D Director Russell and Jennifer Wetmore of Community Futures gave a presentation regarding the community center concept plan study including:

- Concept development plan was the initial step
- Project is presented for information at this time
- stakeholder consultations process
- high level of support from community stakeholders
- consider innovative approaches to operate facility
- feasibility assessment would be next step

The Mayor asked the public if anyone wishes to comment. No member of the gallery indicated that they had questions regarding the agenda item. No motion to allow the public to speak was required.

**Resolution #: R169/18/05/22**

Moved by: Butler

Seconded by: Ross

**THAT Council supports the Community Center Concept Plan study update as presented by RDKB Area D Director Russell and Jennifer Wetmore of Community Futures Boundary and approves this group further pursuing a feasibility study and business plan for the project.**

**Carried**

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**6. REPORTS, QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

- a. Written Reports of Council  
Corporate Officer's Report

**Resolution #: R170/18/05/22**

Moved by: Krog

Seconded by: Ross

**THAT all written reports of Council submitted to the May 22, 2018, Regular Meeting be received.**

**Carried**

- b. Appointments of Rep and Alternate Rep to RDKB Board  
Councillor Butler

Discussion ensued:

- possibility to change the rep and alternate rep for RDKB board
- perceived attendance issues
- information gateway options to and from the RDKB table
- different models of managing dialogue between RD boards and City Council's exists
- inclusion of Area D director at the Committee of the Whole meetings has been positive

- possibility of written reports
- possibilities to enhance communication between rep and alternate rep to ensure Council is represented at RD related meetings
- other more important issues are going on in the community at this point

**Resolution #: R171/18/05/22**

Moved by: Butler

Seconded by: Tripp

**THAT Council reconsiders their appointments of rep and alternate rep to the RDKB Board.**

Opposed (6): Konrad, Hammett, Krog, Ross, Thompson, and Tripp

**Defeated**

**7. REPORT FROM COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY**

**a. Verbal Report - RDKB Representative**

Corporate Officer's Report

Verbal report from Council's representative to the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary

Read the RDKB agendas here:

<https://rdkb.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/314>

Mayor Konrad gave an update regarding the BC Transit fare structure review including:

- document available for interested parties
- various options available
- discussion still on-going

**Resolution #: R172/18/05/22**

Moved by: Tripp

Seconded by: Thompson

**THAT Mayor Konrad's report on the activities of the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary, given verbally at this meeting be received.**

**Carried**

**8. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS**

- a. 2017 Statement of Financial Information (SOFI)  
Chief Financial Officer

**Resolution #: R173/18/05/22**

Moved by: Thompson

Seconded by: Tripp

**THAT Council receives the 2017 Statement of Financial Information Report;**

**AND FURTHER THAT Council accepts and approves the statements and schedules included in the 2017 Statement of Financial Information, as presented.**

**Carried**

**9. REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE**

**10. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- a. Boundary Museum Society  
Letter of gratitude for 2018 Fee for Service Agreement
- b. P. Gillett  
Letter of suggestions for colored crosswalks downtown
- c. Ministry of Education

Correspondence regarding the new Premier's Awards for Excellence in Education

11. **BYLAWS**

12. **LATE ITEMS**

- a. Utility Charges for Flooded Properties

Chief Financial Officer

**Resolution #: R174/18/05/22**

Moved by: Thompson

Seconded by: Butler

**THAT Council waives the requirement for a written application for disconnection of services, and authorizes staff, effective the next billing cycle, to cease issuing utility bills for residential properties which have been rendered uninhabitable by flooding, until such time as those properties are either reoccupied or redeveloped.**

**Carried**

**Resolution #: R175/18/05/22**

Moved by: Thompson

Seconded by: Hammett

**THAT Council authorizes staff to issue utility credits to the affected commercial customers in evacuation zones for the period of time during which they could not operate due to the threats posed by flooding.**

**Carried**

**Resolution #: R176/18/05/22**

Moved by: Thompson

Seconded by: Hammett

**THAT Council authorizes staff, at its discretion, to waive certain administrative fees including, but not limited to, disconnection/reconnection fees, NSF charges and late penalties and interest on utility bills until June 30, 2018.**

**Carried**

b. Flood discussion

Discussion ensued regarding:

- possible assessment of damages to infrastructure and city assets
- recovery and assessments will take a long time
- most likely will not have many answers tonight

The Manager of Operations gave a review of Public Works staff involvement with the disaster including:

- public works staff went above and beyond
- potable water throughout the event
- roads largely remained open, closures were adjusted as necessary to protect the public
- huge section of trail by black train bridge is lost
- crew worked under extreme conditions to ensure power was restored in short amount of time
- waste water infrastructure suffered losses and had huge challenges but it will take time to assess the overall damages
- extremely proud of staff

Director Russell spoke regarding:

- cleanup processes are impressive
- businesses are able to open
- continuous media updates, conference calls for updates
- limited role for Council to not influence Emergency Center
- role of Council will be based on Policy Group as identified in regional emergency response plan
- incredibly long hours worked by staff for several weeks

Manager of Development and Engineering spoke regarding:



- incredible staff, incredibly long hours worked inside and outside of the EOC
- complexity of the EOC operations
- 35 water rescues
- no severe injuries reported
- no loss of life reported
- complexity of evacuations and recovery processes

Discussion continued regarding:

- information must come from one source (EOC)
- information presented was well written and very informative
- same message delivered to everyone
- Meeting for community was very helpful
- possibility for another community meeting regarding what's next
- disaster assessors and progress regarding inspections
- City's process for applying for DFA funding

### 13. **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA**

Kathy Korolek, Boundary Country Regional Chamber of Commerce President, commended everyone for the hard work and explained the need to work together to move forward. She offered the Chamber's help for the City to work through the Chamber with the businesses.

Les Johnson, GFTV, inquired regarding:

- lots of people have lost a lot of things
- businesses made a significant investment into community, and some are struggling - Businesses were advised to contact Community Futures Boundary as they have volunteered to work with businesses as well as with the Chamber
- shortage of rental space already before the flood - Mr. Johnson was advised that Mayor and Council are working behind the scenes on several proposals regarding temporary housing, long term development solutions, however, first it needs to be known regarding how many people are affected

Jennifer Houghton inquired regarding:

- 4ft of water inside home
- people need help with cleanup and associated costs - Ms. Houghton was advised that:
  - funding would be available through provincial programs.
  - Planned partnership with other groups for recovery process
  - possibility for waiving of dump fees for a period in City limits
  - possibly more information forthcoming from IHA
- who's in charge of cleanups - Ms. Houghton was advised that:
  - individual insurance companies are working with qualified restoration contractors
  - EOC is primarily overseeing the recovery

Councillor Hammett informed the public that the GFI organizers were discussing a possible cancellation of the event for this year.

Councillor Krog spoke regarding a previous program called "Spring Cleanup", possibility to collect items in dedicated spots and then cleaned up safely, however, this needs to be discussed with staff first and assessments need to be completed.

#### 14. **ADJOURNMENT**

The May 22, 2018, Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:59 pm.

**Resolution #: R177/18/05/22**

Moved by: Ross

Seconded by: Krog

**THAT the May 22, 2018, Regular Meeting be adjourned at 8:59 pm.**

Opposed (1): Butler

**Carried**

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Mayor Frank Konrad

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Deputy Corporate Officer – Daniel  
Drexler