



**The Corporation of the City of Grand Forks**  
**Committee of the Whole**  
**MINUTES**

**Meeting #:** C-2018-07  
**Date:** Monday, July 23, 2018, 9:00 am  
**Location:** 7217 - 4th Street, City Hall Council Chambers

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

**Absent:** Councillor Colleen Ross (*'with notice'*)

**Staff:** Diane Heinrich - Chief Administrative Officer  
Daniel Drexler - Corporate Officer  
Daphne Popoff - Corporate Administrative Assistant  
Juliette Rhodes - Chief Financial Officer  
David Reid - Manager of Operations  
Dale Heriot - Fire Chief  
Cavan Gates - Deputy Manager of Operations & Sustainability  
David Bruce - Manager of Inspection & Bylaw Services  
Bud Alcock - Bylaw Enforcement Officer  
  
Roly Russell - RDKB Area D Director

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The July 23, 2018, Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order at 9:03 am.

2. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA**

- a. Adopt agenda

July 23, 2018, Committee of the Whole

Moved by: Thompson

**THAT the Committee of the Whole adopts the July 23, 2018, agenda as presented.**

**Carried**

3. **MINUTES**

- a. Adopt Minutes - Committee of the Whole

June 11, 2018, Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Moved by: Thompson

**THAT the Committee of the Whole adopts the June 11, 2018, Committee of the Whole Minutes as presented.**

**Carried**

4. **REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

- a. Boundary Country Regional Chamber of Commerce

2018 Quarterly Report

Cathy Korolek presented the Boundary Country Regional Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Report.

- b. BC Emergency Health Services - Community Paramedicine in BC

BC Emergency Health Services - Wayne Hajdasz

Wayne Hajdasz presented on Community Paramedicine in BC. He spoke on community allocations, provincial communities, local team, health clinics, home visits, risks, resources, and any assistance required.

**Discussion:**

- qualification and staffing levels
- ambulance transports
- services provided vs nurses' services
- patient care with Interior Health
- Jan Fakoski, Unit Chief, gave an overview of Community services being offered

c. Whispers of Hope - Utilization of Dick Bartlett Facilities

Melissa Shulga - Whispers of Hope

Melissa Shulga presented an update on the Whispers of Hope services. She is requesting for drop in services and free lunches at Dick Bartlett Park, around events already approved for the Park. She feels that this would be the best location because of kitchen and washroom facilities in place; at the same time, still trying to look for a permanent place for their trailer.

**Discussion:**

- partnering with other services
- potential impact from homeless concerns

5. **REGIONAL TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION - WITH AREA D**

Director Russell had no topics at this time to report on.

6. **PRESENTATIONS FROM STAFF**

a. Monthly Highlight Reports

Department Managers

**Discussion:**

- power pole fire by Pharmasave
- Fortis substation
- wayfaring signage
- water repair leak in Ruckle
- Tim Horton's development and MOTI reports

- Bitcoin mining and electrical issues
- development of an investment policy and plan

Moved by: Tripp

**THAT the Committee of the Whole receives the monthly highlight reports from department managers.**

**Carried**

**7. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION**

**8. PROPOSED BYLAWS FOR DISCUSSION**

- a. Annual Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw 2049

Chief Financial Officer

CFO stated that she will be removing the Senior Citizens Center in the Park before first three readings presentation.

Moved by: Thompson

**THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that Council give first three readings to Bylaw No. 2049 “2019 Permissive Tax Exemptions” at the August 20th Regular Meeting of Council.**

**Carried**

**9. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- a. CFO - Revitalization Tax Exemptions

Chief Financial Officer

**Discussion:**

- Grand Forks unique form and character opportunities
- exemptions on business community
- residential tax exemptions, assessments, and public engagement
- Kate Saylor, Gazette, inquired as to staff recommendations in report, Council decisions after the Election, and financial impact

Moved by: Hammett

**THAT the Committee of the Whole receives the memorandum from the CFO regarding the tax revitalization bylaw for information and discussion.**

**Carried**

**10. CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS**

**11. LATE ITEMS**

**12. REPORTS, QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL (VERBAL)**

**13. QUESTION PERIOD FROM THE PUBLIC**

***Mayor Konrad called a recess of the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 10:33 am.***

***Councillor Thompson, as Acting Mayor, reconvened the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 10:57 am. She stated that Mayor Konrad has been taken to the hospital for precautionary reasons and that she will be the Acting Mayor for the remainder of today's meetings.***

- Dana O'Donnell, Grand Forks Fall Fair, presented a short report on the Fall Fair activities and requested funding assistance of \$1365 for a street banner and signage. Discussion took place regarding City of Grand Forks branding on the banner

Moved by: Butler

**THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends funding assistance of \$1365 for a street banner and signage and presents the resolution for decision at the July 23, 2018, Regular Meeting.**

**Carried**

- Nigel James inquired into the Community Centre proposal and public consultation

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

The July 23, 2018, Committee of the Whole Meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am.

Moved by: Butler

**THAT the July 23, 2018, Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned at 11:40 am.**

**Carried**

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Mayor Frank Konrad

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Councillor / Acting Mayor –  
Christine Thompson

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Corporate Administrative Assistant -  
Daphne Popoff