



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

Meeting #: R-2019-2
Date: Monday, January 28, 2019, 7:00 pm
Location: 7217 - 4th Street, City Hall Council Chambers

Present: Mayor Brian Taylor
Councillor Zak Eburne-Stoodley
Councillor Cathy Korolek
Councillor Neil Krog
Councillor Chris Moslin
Councillor Christine Thompson
Councillor Rod Zielinski

Staff: Diane Heinrich - Chief Administrative Officer
Daniel Drexler - Corporate Officer
Dolores Sheets - Manager of Development & Engineering Services
Juliette Rhodes - Chief Financial Officer

GALLERY

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Taylor called the January 28, 2019, Regular Meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

a. Adopt agenda

January 28, 2019, Regular Meeting agenda

Resolution #: R020/19/01/28

Moved by: Korolek

Seconded by: Krog

THAT Council adopts the January 28, 2019, Regular Meeting agenda as presented.

Carried

3. MINUTES

a. Adopt minutes - Special to go In-Camera

January 14, 2019, Special to go In-Camera Meeting minutes

Resolution #: R021/19/01/28

Moved by: Thompson

Seconded by: Korolek

THAT Council adopts the January 14, 2019, Special to go In-Camera Meeting minutes as presented.

Carried

b. Adopt minutes - Regular

January 14 2019, Regular Meeting minutes

Resolution #: R022/19/01/28

Moved by: Eburne-Stoodley

Seconded by: Thompson

THAT Council adopts the January 14, 2019, Regular Meeting minutes as presented.

Carried

4. REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

a. Circle of Indigenous Nations Society

Requesting support of an implementation proposal for an Aboriginal Head Start Program in Grand Forks

Kris Salikin, Laranna Androsoff, and Jean Lloyd of the Circle of Indigenous Nations Society (COINS) presented their proposal to Council and discussion ensued regarding:

- 25% of students at SD51 identify as indigenous
- support from local organizations
- Application deadline is February 22
- 10 years of operational funding, plus \$600K in capital funding for structures
- looking for donated land or long-term lease
- potential future center in Midway
- transportation could be an issue if located in rural area
- concerns about tight timelines
- day care facilities in Grand Forks are mainly full
- potential for COINS to partner with school district on land
- COINS does not require commercial zoning

Resolution #: R023/19/01/28

Moved by: Thompson

Seconded by: Krog

THAT staff be instructed to work with COINS on potential properties and provide a report on options to Council.

Carried

Resolution #: R024/19/01/28

Moved by: Thompson

Seconded by: Zielinski

THAT Council provide a letter of support in principle of the project pending further clarification from the project initiators and staff.

Carried

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. REPORTS, QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

a. Written Reports of Council

Councillors

Brief discussion ensued regarding:

- infrastructure challenges from recreation commission of the RDKB
- library board meeting and facility challenges

Resolution #: R025/19/01/28

Moved by: Korolek

Seconded by: Zielinski

THAT all written reports of Council submitted to the January 28, 2019, Regular Meeting be received.

Carried

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

a. Verbal Report - RDKB Representative

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 Taylor gave a brief update regarding:

- another meeting later this week
- budget orientation sessions
- working on asset management plans
- assets within the City of Grand Forks and repair challenges

- very complex organization

Resolution #: R026/19/01/28

Moved by: Thompson

Seconded by: Krog

THAT Mayor Taylor'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. Council – Local Travel Reimbursement

Corporate Services / Finance

Discussion ensued:

- support for independent review
- support for recommendation to include the \$50 allowance
- 2 representatives of the public to sit on a review group after tax period is concluded to re-evaluate the remuneration and expenses of Council

Resolution #: R027/19/01/28

Moved by: Thompson

Seconded by: Korolek

THAT Council instructs staff to amend Travel Expense Policy 112-A1 to include a “Local Travel Reimbursement Allowance” of \$50 for each Councillor per month until October 2022 or sooner.

Carried

9. REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

11. BYLAWS

a. Bylaw 1958-A4 Fees and Charges Amendment

Chief Financial Officer

Brief discussion ensued regarding:

- increase in rates to 0.55 per cubic meter
- low water users are subsidizing high water users currently
- possible annual review

Resolution #: R028/19/01/28

Moved by: Eburne-Stoodley

Seconded by: Krog

THAT Council gives first three readings of the City of Grand Forks Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1958-A4, 2019.

Opposed (1): Zielinski

Carried

b. Bylaw 2039-A2 First and Second Reading Zoning Bylaw Amendment - North Boundary Drive Mobile Home Park

Development, Engineering and Planning

Discussion ensued regarding:

- access concerns - engineers, fire chief, planning staff have looked at the proposal and there are no concerns
- 66ft road right of way is highway standard to accommodate sidewalks on both sides, lights, etc. - this standard is not expected to be required at the end of a road
- potential CD zone/planning workshop
- sensitive eco systems - plans are in place to subdivide the property

Resolution #: R029/19/02/11

Moved by: Korolek

Seconded by: Thompson

THAT Council give first and second reading to Zoning Bylaw Amendment No. 2039-A2.

Carried

- c. Bylaw 2039-A3 First and Second Reading – Zoning Bylaw Amendment Cannabis Retail Stores, Accessible Parking spaces and other minor changes

Development, Engineering & Planning

Discussion ensued regarding:

- household amendments
- cannabis retail zone amendment - current and future conflicts due to bylaw setbacks between properties
- possible inclusion of definition of commercial business to be defined
- definition of business could be "to make money" - staff advised that this would then exclude all charities

Resolution #: R030/19/01/28

Moved by: Krog

Seconded by: Thompson

THAT Council gives first and second reading to Zoning Bylaw Amendment No. 2039-A3, 2019.

Carried

Resolution #: R031/19/01/28

Moved by: Moslin

Seconded by: Zielinski

THAT the matter be referred to staff for further advice regarding public accessibility in commercial buildings.

Opposed (1): Thompson

Carried

12. **LATE ITEMS**

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

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

The January 28, 2019, Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Resolution #: R032/19/01/28

Moved by: Thompson

THAT the January 28, 2019, Regular Meeting be adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Carried

Mayor Brian Taylor

Corporate Officer - Daniel Drexler