



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

Meeting #: C-2018-02
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 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 (joined at 9:53 am)
Councillor Colleen Ross (joined at 9:04 am)
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
Dale Heriot - Fire Chief
Cavan Gates - Deputy Manager of Operations & Sustainability (joined at 9:50 am)
Graham Watt - Senior Planner
David Bruce - Manager of Inspection & Bylaw Services
Bud Alcock - Bylaw Enforcement Officer

GALLERY

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am.

2. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA

a. Adopt agenda

February 13, 2018, Committee of the Whole

Moved by: Thompson

THAT the COTW adopts the agenda as presented.

Carried

b. In-Camera Meeting Reminder

Reminder:

A Special to go In-Camera meeting of Council will be held directly following the Committee of the Whole.

3. MINUTES

a. Adopt minutes - COTW

January 15, 2018, Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes

Moved by: Thompson

THAT the COTW adopts the January 15, 2018, Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes as presented.

Carried

4. REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

a. Request to submit BikeBC Grant and investigate plowing across Nursery Trestle

Grand Forks Community Trails Society

Councillor Ross joined the meeting at 9:04 am.

Chris Moslin of the Grand Forks Community Trail Society gave a presentation and discussion ensued regarding:

- 2017 year review

- Trails throughout the City
- Possibility to apply for Bike BC grant
- 2 proposed upgrades to the trail system in Grand Forks
- possibly extension of plowing the Trans Canada Trail into a section of the RDKB area of the trail

Moved by: Tripp

THAT the COTW receives the delegation and presentation from The Grand Forks Community Trails Society for information and the proposed motions for discussion.

Carried

b. 2017 Year-End Summary as per Fee for Service Agreement

The Boundary Museum Society

Shannon Profili and Lee Derhousoff of the Boundary Museum Society gave a presentation and discussion ensued regarding:

- 2017 year in review
- various user groups use the Museum meeting room
- upgrade to meeting room equipment to make the area more user friendly
- various events throughout the year
- restoration of antiques
- Indigenous exhibit and education
- upcoming events for 2018
- trial run of admission fees compared to donations only
- great & important facility to have in community
- possible "passport" in conjunction with other venues in the community

Moved by: Thompson

THAT the COTW receives for information the delegation presentation from The Boundary Museum Society.

Carried

c. Quarterly Update

Grand Forks Art Gallery Society

Tim van Wijk and Gary Babin of the Art Gallery Society gave a presentation and discussion ensued:

- new exhibits at the Gallery facility
- fundraising events
- AGM - retirements, new board members, renaming of a Gallery wing as the "Ted Fogg Gallery"
- planned events for 2018
- other initiatives - strategic plan updates, brand review, asset management and capital budgeting
- year end financials are on track
- importance of arts and culture for the community
- possible admission pricing compared to donations
- comparison to other gallery's in the country
- compensation for artists compared to sales of art work

Moved by: Ross

THAT the COTW receives for information the delegation presentation from the Grand Forks Art Gallery Society.

Carried

5. REGIONAL TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION - WITH AREA D

6. PRESENTATIONS FROM STAFF

- a. Revision of Policy 1603 – Risk Management City Electrical

Outside Works

Councillor Krog joined the meeting at 9:53 am.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed policy:

- comparison regarding language between new and old policy
- meant as an over-arching governance policy
- electrical review and safety procedures are in a separate document
- guiding principle is focused on health & safety and risk management of the utility to go hand in hand as part of the overall safety procedures

- procedures are in separate document that are operational in nature
- Councils responsibility is to set policy, not procedures

Moved by: Thompson

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends to Council to adopt the revised “Policy 1603 – Risk Management City Electrical” at the February 26, 2018, Regular Meeting.

Carried

b. Cannabis Legalization Critical Path

Engineering and Development

Discussion ensued regarding:

- timeline for bylaw changes required
- staff resources required to meet timelines
- comparison with other municipalities and potential of working collectively
- legal counsel consultation and input
- goals of the public survey - to determine possible public consumption and possible retail location
- possible mute point regarding public consultation
- provincial and federal regulations will dictate what the municipality can legislate through a local bylaw
- public survey will be used to draft a smoking bylaw to fill the gaps in provincial and federal legislation

Moved by: Hammett

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends to Council to approve the bylaw introduction and amendment timeline as presented, at the February 26, 2018, Regular Meeting.

Carried

c. Monthly Highlight Reports

Department Managers

Discussion ensued regarding:

- fire at a homeless camp
- LGMA Bootcamp update
- Right of Way under the rail road as part of the WWTP project
- Second hand dealers bylaw is currently under internal review

Moved by: Ross

THAT the COTW receives the monthly highlight reports from department managers.

Carried

7. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION8. PROPOSED BYLAWS FOR DISCUSSION9. INFORMATION ITEMS10. CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS11. LATE ITEMS12. REPORTS, QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL (VERBAL)13. QUESTION PERIOD FROM THE PUBLIC

Rod Zielinski:

- sewer phasing plan project - grant project has to be completed by March 31, 2018
- expressed concerns regarding the Electrical Safety Plan

Gene Koch:

- Vienna Woods information submitted to Council
- history of the Vienna Woods area and past Council discussions

- possibility for Council to make a firm commitment to the continued support of the Vienna Woods area - previous resolution did not result in a status change of the property
- bylaw or covenant on the property would be required to ensure protection of the area
- importance of bird habitat for the community
- possible protection of forested areas
- process for advertisement of property due to inquiry from a developer
- sensitive systems inventory by an independent biologist is in final stages, review should be available to Council in March 2018
- danger tree removals on airport grounds in 2016
- environmentally sensitive staff is currently employed at the City
- possible cleanup procedures
- types of owls in the area: grey horned owl, boreal owl, screech owl

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee of the Whole Meeting was adjourned at 11:07 am.

Moved by: Ross

THAT the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned at 11:07 am.

Carried

Mayor Frank Konrad

Deputy Corporate Officer – Daniel
Drexler