

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Tuesday, September 5, 2017, 9:00 am
7217 - 4th Street, City Hall Council Chambers

PRESENT: Mayor Frank Konrad
Councillor Julia Butler
Councillor Colleen Ross
Councillor Christine Thompson
Councillor Bev Tripp

ABSENT: Councillor Chris Hammett ('with notice')
Councillor Neil Krog

ADMINISTRATION: Diane Heinrich - Chief Administrative Officer - interim /
Corporate Officer
Daniel Drexler - Deputy Corporate Officer
Daphne Popoff - Corporate Administrative Assistant
David Reid - Manager of Operations
Dolores Sheets - Manager of Development & Engineering
Services
Juliette Rhodes - Chief Financial Officer
Cavan Gates - Deputy Manager of Operations & Sustainability
David Bruce - Manager Inspection & Bylaw Services
Graham Watt - Senior Planner

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order at 9:01am.

2. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA

a. Adopt agenda

September 5, 2017, Committee of the Whole

Mayor Konrad made two amendments to the agenda regarding the wording of the resolutions for Item 7a) and Item 7b).

MOVED BY: ROSS

RESOLVED THAT the September 5, 2017, COTW Meeting be amended to state the resolution for Item 7a) as: 'RESOLVED THAT the COTW directs staff to present the amendment Bylaw No. 1959-A1 for the first three readings at the September 18, 2017, Regular Meeting of Council' and for Item 7b) as: 'RESOLVED THAT the COTW recommends to Council to direct staff to complete drafting of the Zoning Bylaw Amendment No. 1606-A6 and proceed with notification, advertising, and public hearing requirements of the Local Government Act; AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the COTW refers the first and second reading of the proposed Amendment Bylaw to the September 18, 2017, Regular Meeting of Council' .

CARRIED

MOVED BY: ROSS

RESOLVED THAT the COTW adopts the September 5, 2017, agenda as amended.

CARRIED

3. REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

a. Community Futures Boundary

Information presentation regarding services Community Futures Boundary offers

Jennifer Wetmore and Sandy Elzinga presented an overview of Community Futures Boundary regarding where they operate, what they do, Economic Development Services, projects and initiatives, business services, employment services, and community sponsorship.

Discussion:

- agricultural support
- wage subsidy program

MOVED BY: ROSS

RESOLVED THAT the COTW receives for information the presentation from Community Futures Boundary.

CARRIED

b. Phoenix Foundation of the Boundary Communities

Information presentation regarding activities of the Phoenix Foundation

Gary Smith presented an overview of the Phoenix Foundation of the Boundary Communities regarding BC proclaiming September as Phoenix Foundations month, 'Give Where you Live' community awareness website and Facebook page, and September 13th 'Community Conversation', and October 11th 'Community Social'.

Discussion:

- minutes of the Phoenix Foundation
- Council liaison to the Phoenix Foundation

MOVED BY: ROSS

RESOLVED THAT the COTW receives for information the presentation from the Phoenix Foundation of the Boundary Communities.

CARRIED

c. Grand Forks Search and Rescue

Request for support of operation with financial contribution and consideration of in-kind assistance

Grant Bernard and Andres Dean presented an overview of the Grand Forks Search and Rescue regarding services provided, certifications, concerns, plans for the future, Fee for Service request of \$10,000 per year and consideration of in-kind assistance from the City.

Discussion:

- area of service
- funding from the government, BC Gaming, and fundraising
- Fee for Service to be referred to the 2018 budgeting process
- RDKB contributes \$4,500 per year Fee for Service
- equipment, gear, and training

MOVED BY: ROSS

RESOLVED THAT the COTW receives for information and discussion the request for financial contribution and consideration of in-kind assistance from the Grand Forks Search and Rescue.

CARRIED

4. REGIONAL TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION - WITH AREA D

5. PRESENTATIONS FROM STAFF

- a. Volunteer Appreciation Night 2017 & Policy #204 Update

Deputy Corporate Officer

MOVED BY: BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT the COTW recommends to Council to provide notice to the public calling for nominations from the public for exceptional volunteer service in the City of Grand Forks in accordance with Council Policy #204;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the COTW recommends to Council to replace Policy #204 -Volunteer of the City with an updated Policy #204-A1 at the Regular Meeting of Council on September 5, 2017.

CARRIED

- b. Monthly Highlight Reports

Department Managers

Discussion:

- new subdivision and zoning
- highway wayfinding signs
- airport hangar developments
- LED street lighting project

MOVED BY: ROSS

RESOLVED THAT the COTW receives the monthly activity reports from department managers.

CARRIED

6. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

7. PROPOSED BYLAWS FOR DISCUSSION

a. By1959-A1 Parks Access Bylaw Amendment

Manager of Development and Engineering

Discussion:

- specific time of between 9am-7pm
- repeat offenders
- on page 19, last COTW Meeting in August was cancelled, perhaps this should be struck out
- Les Johnson regarding offenders that perhaps do not have a time coherence and how then enforcement would work, riverbank cleanup
- Kate Saylor, Grand Forks Gazette, regarding Mr. Alcock's contract

Councillor Butler asked for a 'Point of Privilege' at 10:10 am and left the COTW Meeting.

MOVED BY: ROSS

RESOLVED THAT the COTW directs staff to present the amendment Bylaw No 1959-A1 for the first three readings at the September 18, 2017, Regular Meeting of Council.

CARRIED

b. By1606-A6 Zoning Bylaw Amendment

Manager of Development and Engineering

Councillor Tripp recused herself at 10:20 am, stating that she may have a Conflict of Interest due to proximity of the property in the application.

Mayor Konrad called a recess at 10:20 am due to loss of quorum.

Councillor Butler returned at 10:21 am during the recess.

Mayor Konrad reconvened the COTW Meeting at 10:24 am.

Discussion:

- zoning R-3A permissions
- parking spaces
- Public Hearing

Councillor Tripp rejoined the meeting at 10:30 am.

MOVED BY: THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT the COTW recommends to Council to direct staff to complete drafting of the Zoning Bylaw Amendment No. 1606-A6 and proceed with notification, advertising and public hearing requirements of the Local Government Act;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the COTW refers the first and second reading of the proposed Amendment Bylaw to the September 18, 2017, Regular Meeting of Council.

Opposed (1): BUTLER

CARRIED

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Grand Forks and District Fall Fair

Council Delegation request for funding

Dana O'Donnell gave an overview of the Grand Forks and District Fall Fair, donations, and requested funding for fencing and a street banner.

Discussion:

- local entertainment
- support for community events
- RDKB contribution \$3,500
- Community Support Fund

MOVED BY: TRIPP

RESOLVED THAT the COTW receives for discussion the request for funding from the Grand Forks and District Fall Fair.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT the COTW supports the Grand Forks and District Fall Fair in the amount of \$1,600 from the Community Events Fund and refers this decision to the September 5, 2017, Regular Meeting.

CARRIED

9. CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS

10. LATE ITEMS

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

12. QUESTION PERIOD FROM THE PUBLIC

- Kate Saylors, Grand Forks Gazette, asked for the re-reading of the amended motion for 7a and 7b.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The September 5, 2017, COTW Meeting was adjourned at 10:39 am.

MOVED BY: ROSS

RESOLVED THAT the September 5, 2017, COTW Meeting was adjourned at 10:39 am.

CARRIED

MAYOR FRANK KONRAD

CORPORATE ADMINISTRATIVE
ASSISTANT - DAPHNE POPOFF