



The Corporation of the City of Grand Forks
Public Feedback Session
MINUTES

PFS-2019-1

Monday, March 11, 2019, 6:00 pm

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

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1. Call to Order

The Chair will call the Session to Order:

(a) The purpose of this Session is to consider applications made to City Council and to hear public feedback with regard to those applications.

(b) All persons who believe that their interest in property within the boundaries of the City is affected by the application(s) shall be afforded a reasonable

opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions respecting matters contained in the application(s) that are the subject of this Session. No one will be or should feel discouraged or prevented from making their views known. This Session is open to the public and all representations to Council form part of the public record. A live video and audio feed may be broadcast and recorded by GFTV.

(c) All information, correspondence, petitions or reports that have been received concerning the application(s) have been made available to the public. The correspondence and petitions received after Mar 11, 2019, are available for inspection during the course of this Session and are located on the information table in the foyer of the Council Chamber.

(d) Members of Council may ask questions, if they so wish; however, the main function of Council members is to listen to the views of the public. It is not the function of Council to debate the merits of the proposed application(s) with individual citizens or with each other at this Session.

(e) Council debate on the proposed application(s) is scheduled to take place during the next Regular Council meeting after the conclusion of this Hearing. It should be noted, however, that for some items a final decision may not be able to be reached at that meeting.

(f) During a Public Feedback Session, people sometimes become enthusiastic or emotional. Regardless of whether you favour or oppose any application or argument, please refrain from applause or other expressions of emotion. Restraint enables others whose views may or may not coincide with your own to exercise their right to express their views and have them heard in as impartial a forum as possible.

Mayor Taylor called the March 11, 2019, Public Feedback Session to order at 6:02 pm.

Councillor Thompson verbally read out the purpose of the Public Feedback Session.

2. Notification of Meeting

3. Individual Application Submissions

- a. 2019-03-11-BL-RCAN05-426_Central_Ave_Cannabis_Retail
Development, Engineering & Planning

At 6:05 pm the Chair asked the public if anyone wished to speak regarding the proposed Cannabis Retail location at 426 Central Ave. No person came forward and the Chair proceeded to the next item on the agenda.

- b. 2019-03-11-BI-RQUA50-317_Market_Ave-Cannabis_Retail_Quantum1Rev03

Development, Engineering & Planning

At 6:06 pm the Chair asked the public if anyone wished to speak regarding the proposed Cannabis Retail location at 317 Market Ave. No person came forward and the Chair proceeded to the next item on the agenda.

- c. 2019-03-11-BL-RBAG50-4_7480_4th_St-Cannabis_Retail-BAGGYS-Rev01

Development, Engineering & Planning

At 6:07 pm the Chair asked the public if anyone wished to speak regarding the proposed Cannabis Retail location at 7480 4th Street.

James McKenna - co-owner of the proposed business - spoke regarding the application and discussion ensued:

- brief history of the proposed venture
- store layout and design
- proposed outdoor signage - signage is in line with provincial requirements and could be changed at a later date based on Provincial processes and guidelines once a cannabis retail licence is obtained
- building structure is outside 100m distance from youth center facility
- expected opening timeline - hopeful to be open by the end of April but uncertain due to Liquor and Cannabis Control Board
- potential hours of operations, 9-11pm is the maximum, Council has ability to adjust the operating hours. Mr. McKenna is hopeful to start with the full spectrum of hours and adjust them depending on demands within the community. He also explained that the hours may be adjusted at a later time through a provincial process once a cannabis retail licence is obtained.
- potential of additional parking - current bylaws do not require additional parking to be provided
- all written feedback was attached to the individual packages for Council and the Public.
- store will be non-medicinal, resale of some paraphernalia such as pipes and bongs

- product is 100% sourced from provincially regulated distributor in Richmond, they set the price, they set the delivery method directly from distributor
- working with local Credit Union to facilitate bank accounts, accounts will be activated once the licence status is granted

At 6:25 pm, the Chair asked the public if anyone else wished to speak. No person came forward.

Les Johnson, GFTV, on behalf of a social media live stream viewer, asked what the City would do regarding potential illegal operations in town. He was advised that there is possibilities to deal with this once there is legal operations active within the community.

A second question from a live stream viewer confirmed the location that was currently discussed. The viewer was advised that it is the old Hawk Shop building at 7480 4th Street.

4. Adjournment

The Chair asked once more if anyone wished to speak regarding the items. No other person came forward and the Chair adjourned the March 11, 2019 Public Feedback Session at 6:28 pm.

5. Procedure on each Application Submission

- (a) Brief description of the application by City Staff (Planning Department);
- (b) The Chair will request that the Corporate Officer indicate all information, correspondence, petitions or reports received for the record.
- (c) The applicant is requested to make representation to Council regarding the project and is encouraged to limit their presentation to 15 minutes.
- (d) The Chair will call for representation from the public in attendance as follows:
 1. The microphone at the delegates table has been provided for any person(s) wishing to make representation at the Hearing.
 2. The Chair will recognize ONLY speakers at the delegation table.
 3. Those who wish to speak concerning the proposed bylaw should, at the appropriate time, commence your address to the Council and the meeting by clearly stating your name and address. A sign-in sheet is provided at the delegation table and speakers should print their name and address legibly to ensure accurate minutes are recorded.

4. Speakers are encouraged to limit their remarks to 5 minutes; however, if they have additional information, they may address Council again after all other members of the public have been heard a first time.

(e) Once the public has had an opportunity to comment, the applicant is given an opportunity to respond to any questions raised. The applicant is requested to keep the response to a total of 10 minutes maximum.

(f) Questions of staff by members of Council must be asked before the Public Feedback Session is closed and not during debate of the bylaw at the next Regular Meeting, unless for clarification.

(g) Final calls for representation. Unless Council directs that the Public Feedback Session on the bylaw in question be held open, the Chair shall state to the gallery that the Public Feedback Session on the Application is closed.

Note: Any applicant or member of the public may use visual aids (e.g. photographs, sketches, slideshows, etc.) to assist in their presentation or questions. Please ask staff for assistance prior to the Session if required.

Mayor Brian Taylor

Corporate Officer - Daniel Drexler