



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

Meeting #: C-2018-3
Date: Monday, March 12, 2018, 9:00 am
Location: 7217 - 4th Street, City Hall Council Chambers

Present: Mayor Frank Konrad
Councillor Julia Butler
Councillor Chris Hammett (*joined the COTW Mtg. at 9:05 am*)
Councillor Neil Krog
Councillor Colleen Ross
Councillor Christine Thompson
Councillor Beverley Tripp

Roly Russell, RDKB Area D Director

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

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The March 12, 2018, Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order at 9:02 am.

2. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA**

- a. Adopt agenda

March 12, 2018, Committee of the Whole

Moved by: Tripp

THAT the COTW adopts the March 12, 2018, agenda as presented.

Carried

- b. In-Camera Reminder

Reminder:

A Special to go In-Camera meeting of Council will be held following the COTW Meeting.

3. **MINUTES**

- a. Adopt Minutes - Committee of the Whole

February 13, 2018, Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Moved by: Ross

THAT the COTW adopts the February 13, 2018, Committee of the Whole Minutes as presented.

Carried

4. **REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

- a. Fred Marshall, Gene Koch and Others

Saving the Vienna Woods

- Gene Koch passed out a document to all Council prior to beginning his overview of the Ponderosa Pines and introduced Fred Marshall

- Fred Marshall spoke in terms of the value of Vienna Woods/Ponderosa Pines based on his knowledge and history of the area
- discussion took place in regards to the handout information

5. REGIONAL TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION - WITH AREA D

- Area D Director, Roly Russell, spoke in regards to budgeting, new staff positions, economic development services, advisory committees, Community Futures, version 2.0 complete of Agricultural Plan and now moving to version 3.0, and fire services

Discussion:

- rural fire service delivery, Community Centre study, Agricultural Plan development, roll of the ALR in the region, and food charter

6. PRESENTATIONS FROM STAFF

- a. Sensitive Ecosystem Inventory Draft Report
Engineering and Development

Overview:

- sensitive ecosystem inventory highlights and implementation
- at risk and ecologically fragile ecosystems, criteria, data collection, ecosystem mapping, and potential next steps

Discussion:

- Overton-Moody watershed area, invasive species, and species at risk

Moved by: Ross

THAT the Committee of the Whole accepts the Sensitive Ecosystem Inventory report for information;

AND FURTHER THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends to Council to direct staff to implement the Sensitive Ecosystem Inventory in the Official Community Plan, at the March 26, 2018 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried

A recess was called at 10:26 am.

The meeting reconvened at 10:33 am.

- a. Monthly Highlight Reports

Department Managers

Discussion:

- bridge report for insurance purposes and maintenance plan, new Event Coordinator internal posting, gas tax grant implementation, and septic survey

Moved by: Tripp

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

Carried

7. **REPORTS AND DISCUSSION**

8. **PROPOSED BYLAWS FOR DISCUSSION**

- a. 2018 Elections Bylaws updates

Corporate Services

Moved by: Thompson

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends to Council to give the first three readings of the “General Local Government Election Bylaw No. 2042, 2018”, at the March 26, 2018, Regular Meeting;

Carried

Moved by: Thompson

AND FURTHER THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends to Council to give the first three readings of the “Automated Voting Machines Authorization Bylaw No. 2043, 2018”, at the March 26, 2018, Regular Meeting.

Carried

- b. Bylaw No. 2045 Five Year Financial Plan

Chief Financial Officer

Discussion:

- rate of inflation, voltage conversion, and well decommissioning

Moved by: Tripp

THAT the Committee of the Whole discusses a tax revenue increase of either 2% or 3% and recommends that Staff includes the amount in Financial Plan Bylaw No. 2045;

Amended

Amended Motion:

Moved by: Krog

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends a tax revenue increase of 3% and recommends that Staff includes the amount in Financial Plan Bylaw No. 2045;

Opposed (1): Tripp

Carried

Moved by: Ross

AND FURTHER THAT the Financial Plan Bylaw No. 2045 be presented for first three readings at the March 26, 2018, Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried

9. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

10. **CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS**

11. **LATE ITEMS**

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

13. **QUESTION PERIOD FROM THE PUBLIC**

- Kate Saylor, Gazette, inquired as to the history of voting machines and when were they introduced? CAO replied that the voting machines were used for the first time during the 2014 Election and were efficient for counting the ballots and receiving the results faster. Also inquired if the cost of running the Election was

reduced because of the voting machines? CAO responded that the cost of service due to voting machine lease amount is typically more, but is offset by less hours tallying votes manually

- Cindy Anthony, Grand Forks Realty, spoke in regards to concerns over new Bylaw proposal, providing some input on affordable rental housing, management of rental properties, mortgage qualifications, secondary suites, tiny home concerns and attracting buyers

- Gloria Koch inquired as to stats on affordability of homes in the Grand Forks area? Cindy Anthony replied approximately 20%

14. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee of the Whole Meeting was adjourned at 11:03 am.

Moved by: Ross

THAT the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned at 11:03 am.

Carried

Mayor Frank Konrad

Corporate Administrative Assistant -
Daphne Popoff