



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

**Meeting #:** R-2019-8  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 23, 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  
Kevin McKinnon - Deputy Corporate Officer  
Dolores Sheets - Manager of Development & Engineering Services  
Juliette Rhodes - Chief Financial Officer  
David Reid - Manager of Operations  
Cavan Gates - Deputy Manager of Operations & Sustainability  
Graham Watt - Recovery Manager

**GALLERY**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Taylor called the April 23, 2019, Regular Meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

- a. Adopt agenda

*April 23, 2019, Regular Meeting agenda*

**Resolution #: R140/19/04/23** Moved/Seconded

**THAT Council adopts the April 23, 2019, Regular Meeting agenda as presented.**

**Carried**

**3. MINUTES**

- a. Adopt minutes - Special to go In-Camera

*April 8, 2019, Special to go In-Camera Meeting minutes*

**Resolution #: R141/19/04/23** Moved/Seconded

**THAT Council adopts the April 8, 2019, Special to go In-Camera Meeting minutes as presented.**

**Carried**

- b. Adopt minutes - Regular

*April 8, 2019, Regular Meeting minutes*

**Resolution #: R142/19/04/23** Moved/Seconded

**THAT Council adopts the April 8, 2019, Regular Meeting minutes as presented.**

**Carried**

**4. REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

- a. Projects and Services Update

*Manager of Development, Planning, and Engineering / Urban Systems*

Scott Shepherd presented an overview of Urban Systems services and projects currently being undertaken for the City.

Council asked for clarification on costs and fees paid to Urban in 2018, but exact numbers were not immediately available.

5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

6. **REPORTS, QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

a. Reports of Council

*Councillors*

Council reviewed their written reports. Councillor Korolek provided her report after the agenda deadline and it is attached to the minutes.

The Mayor advised of intent to move Councillor Korolek into the role of 2nd Representative to the Regional District and Regional Hospital Board, and Councillor Eburne-Stoodley into a role working on Public Safety.

**Resolution #: R144/19/04/23** Moved/Seconded

**THAT Councillor Eburne-Stoodley be appointed to the role of looking at issues related to Public Safety.**

**Carried**

**Resolution #: R143/19/04/23** Moved/Seconded

**THAT Councillor Korolek be appointed to the role of second representative to the Regional District and Regional Health Board.**

**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>

There was discussion over the phasing out of Flood Recovery and the Trails Master Plan.

**8. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS****a. Snow Clearing Policy***Outside Works*

Discussion included the importance of pedestrians in the movement of people around the community and whether the bylaw should be referenced in the policy.

Councillor Moslin proposed deferring the decision so that adjustments to priorities may be reviewed.

**Resolution #: R145/19/04/23** Moved/Seconded

**THAT Council defer discussing the Policy until the July Committee-of-the-Whole meeting.**

**Carried**

**b. Lewis' Woodpecker Management Plan***Deputy Manager of Operations and Sustainability*

Discussion included:

- concerns over implications of adopting this policy,
- whether building nesting boxes and planting cottonwood trees would be a viable plan as a matter of course,
- Federal legislation regarding protection of endangered species,
- concern of how this might impact flood mitigation projects, and
- that this plan guides City activities, but is not a bylaw.

**Resolution #: R146/19/04/23**

**THAT Council adopts and directs staff to implement the Lewis' Woodpecker Management Plan**

**Carried**

**c. Wastewater Treatment Plant Budget for 2019***Chief Financial Officer*

**Resolution #: R146/19/04/23**

**THAT Council refers the WWTP 2019 budget adjustment to the five year financial plan amendment process.**

**Carried**

**9. REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE**

**10. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- a. BFR Housing Recovery Update

*Recovery Manager*

The Flood Recovery Manager gave a presentation over upcoming recovery projects, including the forthcoming work by Mennonite Disaster Services.

**Resolution #: R147/19/04/23**

**THAT Council support in principle the application through the Canadian Red Cross for a Housing Now coordinator.**

**Carried**

**Resolution #: R148/19/04/23**

**THAT the BFR Housing Memo be received for information.**

**Carried**

- b. Federal Bill C-68 - Reversing Changes to the Fisheries Act

*Cheryl Gallant, MP Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke*

**Resolution #: R149/19/04/23**

**THAT Council receive the letter for information.**

**Carried**

- c. Sponsorship to apply for Patagonia Grant

*Boundary Forest Watershed Stewardship Society*

Council was advised that since the request letter was written, sponsorship support is no longer required. The group was meeting to establish their board.

**11. BYLAWS**

- a. 2019 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 2058

*Chief Financial Officer*

**Resolution #: R149/19/04/23**

**THAT Council gives first three readings to the 2019 Tax Rates Bylaw, No. 2058**

**Carried**

**12. LATE ITEMS**

- a. Release from In-Camera

The Mayor advised that information was released from In-Camera earlier in the day and that the resolution read:

**that "City Council has offered the four lots A,B,C,D on 70th Avenue to BC Housing, and that negotiations are ongoing; if this proceeds there will be a public process."**

He further advised that information would be forthcoming as details emerge.

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

Alex Alan (JuiceFM) enquired whether there were any other endangered species in the area in reference to the Lewis's Woodpecker. He was advised that during bank armouring on the Kettle River, work needed to be mindful of the Spotted Dace population.

Svetlana Dalla Lana spoke with regards to mental health crisis as a result of floods, and an increase in anxiety and other symptoms as a result of the approaching anniversary of the 2018 flood.

Scott - Asked regarding the information released from In-Camera about the four lots, and suggested doing an impact study before proceeding to a public hearing.

Nigel James spoke regarding the zoning of lots A-D.

Les Johnson (GFTV.ca) asked about the status of the NDMP grant. Council asked the Recovery Manager to address the question. The grant request was \$3M in partnership with the province. Mr. Johnson asked if there was a plan B

without that funding, and was advised that BFR continues to work with the province to locate funding for the project.

Scott - Spoke with regards to infrastructure for lots A-D.

Danny Delisle (Downtown Business Association) asked why a feasibility study was not required of BC Housing for 2nd Street, and was advised that under current bylaws an impact study is not required.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

The April 23, 2019, Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

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Mayor Brian Taylor

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Dep. Corporate Officer – Kevin McKinnon