



The Corporation of the City of Grand Forks
Public Hearing of Council
MINUTES

PH-2019-5

Monday, July 15, 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
Kevin McKinnon - Deputy Corporate Officer

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1. Call to Order

The Chair will call the Hearing to Order:

(a) The purpose of this Hearing is to consider certain bylaws which, if adopted, shall amend the City of Grand Forks Zoning Bylaw No. 2039.

(b) All persons who believe that their interest in property within the boundaries of the City is affected by the proposed bylaw(s) shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions respecting matters contained in the bylaw(s) that are the subject of this Hearing. No one will be or should feel discouraged or prevented from making their views known. This

Hearing 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 subject bylaws have been made available to the public. The correspondence and petitions received after July 3, 2019 (date of notification) are available for inspection during the course of this hearing 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 bylaw with individual citizens or with each other at this Hearing.

(e) Council debate on the proposed bylaw(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) It must be emphasized that Council will not receive any representation from the applicant or members of the public after conclusion of this Hearing.

(g) During a Public Hearing, 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 July 15, 2019, Public Hearing to order at 6:00 pm.

2. Notification of Meeting

The Corporate Officer will affirm that Notice of Public Hearing was given in compliance with Section 466 of the *Local Government Act*.

3. Individual Bylaw Submissions

Development, Engineering and Planning

Development, Engineering, and Planning gave a brief overview of the proposed bylaw amendment.

Kent Riddle, proponent representative, gave an overview of the development opportunity. The developer had unused modular units available and felt that

Grand Forks small home opportunities were a good fit for the company's plans. Other municipalities in Alberta are looking at doing similar projects, but Grand Forks is further ahead in zoning. The design is an entry-level 3-bedroom home with small footprint.

Frank Triviri spoke of his concern about the increase in density in the neighbourhood and traffic on 75th which is an access corridor to Hutton School, the hospital, and a church.

He indicated that he was not dissatisfied with the final result of the construction - neither building looks out of place in the neighbourhood, however he was not in favour of constructing an additional duplex on the lot and believes that subdivision should have been proposed before construction began.

Dan Norton spoke of his concern about the resale value of neighbouring lots with the addition of small-lot housing in the area, and the precedent for zoning small lots in the neighbourhood.

Mr. Riddle noted that he recently became attached to this particular development, and did not have the background on the original zoning.

Staff clarified that the original plan was to build a duplex and garden suite, and that buildings were situated accordingly on the lot.

Mr. Riddle gave further details on the upgrades to the existing modules and the mixed use of new/old components. He noted that the developer has not proceeded with any development which exceeds the existing zoning, pending the outcome of this public hearing.

There was a brief discussion over parking. The developer feels that based on the site plan presented parking is adequately covered and minimizes the need for street parking.

Mr. Triviri questioned the zoning of the existing two buildings and reiterated his concern about adding another duplex.

4. Adjournment

The July 15, 2019, Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:46 pm.

5. Procedure on each Bylaw 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:

- i. The microphone at the delegates table has been provided for any person(s) wishing to make representation at the Hearing.
- ii. The Chair will recognize ONLY speakers at the delegation table.
- iii. 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.
- iv. 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 Hearing is closed and not during debate of the bylaw at the next Regular Meeting, unless for clarification.

(g) Final calls for representation (ask three times). Unless Council directs that the Public Hearing on the bylaw in question be held open, the Chair shall state to the gallery that the Public Hearing on the Bylaw 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 Hearing if required.

Mayor Brian Taylor

Dep. Corporate Officer – Kevin McKinnon