



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

Meeting #: R-2019-19
Date: Tuesday, November 12, 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 Christine Thompson
Councillor Rod Zielinski

Absent: Councillor Chris Moslin

Staff: Daniel Drexler - Corporate Officer
Kevin McKinnon - Deputy Corporate Officer
Dolores Sheets - Manager of Development & Engineering Services
David Reid - Manager of Operations
Ron Mattiussi - Acting Chief Administrative Officer

GALLERY

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Taylor called the November 12, 2019, Regular Meeting to order at 7:00pm. He started the meeting by introducing Justin Dinsdale as the new Capital Projects Manager.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- a. Adopt agenda

November 12, 2019, Regular Meeting agenda

Council added a late item for discussion of a four-way stop at the intersection of Market Avenue and 2nd Street, as referred from the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting earlier in the day.

Resolution #: R354/19/11/12 MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Council adopts the November 12, 2019, Regular Meeting agenda as amended.

Carried

3. MINUTES

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

October 21, 2019, Special to go In-Camera Meeting minutes

Resolution #: R355/19/11/12 MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Council adopts the October 21, 2019, Special to go In-Camera Meeting minutes as presented.

Carried

- b. Adopt minutes - Regular

October 21, 2019, Regular Meeting minutes

Staff noted a minor change to the minutes from the draft version circulated with the agenda package. The draft version of the minutes did not record the opposing vote to Resolution R351/19/10/21; the official version presented for signing was amended to include the vote against the motion.

Resolution #: R356/19/11/12 MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Council adopts the October 21, 2019, Regular Meeting minutes as presented.

Carried

4. REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

- a. Sharon Peron - Perley Elementary School

Request for waiver of water charges to nonprofit Perley Elementary School Re-Wilding Project

Ms. Peron presented the water consumption bill which was sent to the School District for usage at the Re-Wilding project site at Perley Elementary School, and requested that Council waive the fees both retroactively and ongoing.

Council discussed the options of waiving the base fee or both the base fee and consumption. The consumption charge on the first bill was \$0.90.

Resolution #: R357/19/11/12 MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Council direct staff to waive the water fees for the Perley Rewilding Project.

Opposed (1): Zielinski

Carried

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

- a. Reports of Council

Councillors

Councillor Korolek read her submitted report.

Councillor Thompson also read her submitted report, along with an addendum regarding the tour of the Nurses' residence building at Boundary Hospital. A letter from the Grand Forks Social Services Advisory Group (GFSSAG) received earlier in the day was read as part of her report.

She presented a resolution **THAT the City enquire to IHA whether or not the former nurses' residence is available for lease to be used as a cold weather shelter.**

Discussion of the motion included:

- Council's previous resolution regarding 'shared responsibility';
- That the City's role would be to facilitate discussion between Interior Health, BC Housing, and the GFSSAG.
- That Council as a whole had not resolved to seek a location for the shelter, and had not been involved with site selection for other groups which have approached the City for locations for other types of facility;
- The process within which some members of Council were participating;
- Whether such involvement undermined the work of the GFSSAG.

The motion was withdrawn.

A new resolution R358/19/11/12 was proposed.

Discussion continued over the fact that no service provider is currently involved. The resolution was defeated.

THAT Council receive the letter from Darren Pratt for information. CARRIED-U

Councillor Zielinski delivered a verbal report:

- He extended thanks to those who represented the City and other organizations at Remembrance Day;
- He expressed a desire to have a conversation regarding "youth-centered facility" under the Cannabis Zoning Bylaw.

Councillor Stoodley delivered a verbal report:

- He has been meeting as a member of the Young Professionals group, a subcommittee of Discover GF. The group is looking into ways for first/second year university credits to be earned in Grand Forks.
- He attended leadership workshop hosted by Community Futures

The Interim CAO advised that regarding the Cannabis discussion, the best option would be to schedule a workshop.

He also spoke to the request for definitions to be updated in the zoning bylaw. Staff will attempt to deliver as a late item for the November 25 meeting a report responding to the request from a planning perspective.

He noted the wording in the Official Community Plan, section 12.3.7, regarding "[w]ork[ing] cooperatively with other publicly funded agencies, other levels of governments and non-profit corporations in offering support services and improving housing for the poor, disadvantaged and low income earners."

Resolution #: R358/19/11/12 MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Council send an acknowledgement to the GFSSAG that their letter had been received for information and that Council fully supports the GFSSAG committee communicating directly with the Interior Health Authority.

Opposed (3): Taylor, Thompson, and Zielinski

Defeated

Resolution #: R359/19/11/12 MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Council receive the letter from Darren Pratt for information.

Carried

Resolution #: R360/19/11/12 MOVED/SECONDED

THAT all reports of Council at the November 12, 2019, Regular Meeting be received.

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>

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Councillor Korolek attended the BCDC meeting on behalf of the Mayor.

Transit was discussed. The service is currently being operated by Interior Health, who is looking to divest themselves of the service. The RDKB suggests a service review which will lead to an RFP to find a new provider. The review would seek community feedback on the level of service provided.

The Trails Master Plan is going ahead.

Resolution #: R361/19/11/12 MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Mayor Taylor and Councillor Korolek's report on the activities of the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary, given verbally at this meeting be received.

Carried

8. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS

- a. Development Variance Permit No. 1903 - Proposed Non-Medical Cannabis Retail Store Licence at 135B Market Avenue

Development, Engineering & Planning

Councillor Zielinski recused himself from discussion on the matter.

Resolution #: R362/19/11/12 MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Council APPROVE the issuance of a Development Variance Permit to reduce the setback distance, from 100m to 92.3m, between the proposed location of a Non-Medical Cannabis Retail Store at 135B Market Avenue, legally described as Lot 1, Plan KAP23, District Lot 108, Similkameen Division Yale District, and the parcel boundary of the youth-centred facility at 7375 2nd Street.

Carried

- b. Strategic Plan 2019-2022

Corporate Services

Discussion on the Strategic Plan, as presented, noted that through the budget process, some projects may be deferred due to cost of implementation.

Resolution #: R363/19/11/12 MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Council adopts the City of Grand Forks Strategic Plan 2019 as presented.

Carried

- c. Appointments of Acting Mayor for Council Year 2019-2020

Corporate Services

Resolution #: R364/19/11/12 MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Council designates members of Council to serve on a rotating basis as Acting Mayor during the Council Year 2019-2020 as follows: Councillor E-Stoodley – November & December 2019, Councillor Korolek – January & February, 2020 Councillor Krog – March & April 2020, Councillor Moslin – May & June 2020, Councillor Thompson – July & August 2020, Councillor Zielinski – September & October 2020.

Carried

- d. 2020 Regular and COTW Meeting Schedule

Corporate Services

Resolution #: R365/19/11/12 MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Council adopts the Meeting Dates as presented, provides notice to the public of the 2020 Regular Council Meeting schedule and the schedule for Committee of the Whole meetings; AND FURTHER directs staff to publish the notice in the Grand Forks Gazette in accordance with the Community Charter.

Carried

9. REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

11. BYLAWS

12. LATE ITEMS**a. Four-way Stop at Market and 2nd***Downtown Business Association*

Discussion around the request for a four-way stop at the intersection of 2nd Street and Market Avenue included:

- that Staff was going to look into whether other intersections could be done at the same time;
- that other options are on the table besides the one recommended by the traffic engineer, who was looking strictly at the safety perspective;
- that near-misses were not considered as part of the recommendation.

Council resolved unanimously to permit a member of the Downtown Business Association (DBA) to represent the issue with Council.

Amber Esovolov from the DBA spoke regarding the benefits of a four-way stop at the intersection in addition to traffic calming, which include pedestrian safety, slowing down traffic approaching market district, and reduce 'near misses'.

A resolution was proposed to install four-way stops on 2nd Street at both Market and 72nd Avenues. The Interim CAO recommended splitting the motion into separate resolutions.

The Manager of Operations noted that the Engineering report was focused solely on safety concerns.

Resolution #: R366/19/10/21 MOVED/SECONDED

THAT the DBA be permitted to speak regarding the proposal.

Carried

Resolution #: R367/19/10/21 MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Council direct Staff to install a four-way stop at the intersection of Market Avenue and 2nd Street, to be funded from Operations to a maximum of \$10,000, to be installed by the end of May, 2020.

Carried

Resolution #: R368/19/10/21 MOVED/SECONDED

THAT Council direct Staff to report on the implications of installation of a four-way at 72nd and 2nd to be reported as part of the 2020 budget process.

Carried

13. ITEMS RELEASED FROM IN-CAMERA

14. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA

Les Johnson (GFTV) offered commentary on the flow of the meeting.

Jensen Edwards (Grand Forks Gazette) asked for clarification that BC Housing made it clear that no funding would be made available for projects without Council's support for the specific project. Councillor Krog noted that his concern was with the process, not the project.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The November 12, 2019, Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Mayor Brian Taylor

Dep. Corporate Officer – Kevin McKinnon