

CITY OF GRAND FORKS COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS AUGUST 17, 2020



Settle down.

#1. ZONING BYLAW 2039-A14



Council gave first three readings (of four) to a zoning bylaw amendment which, if approved, would rezone a lot from Residential R1 to Residential R2. This would allow the property owner to subdivide, providing more affordable housing options in Grand Forks' limited housing availability as well as better utilization of City assets.

#2. MUNICIPAL TICKETING BYLAW



Council gave first three readings for the updated Municipal Ticketing Information Bylaw. The City's current Ticketing Bylaw is over 7 years old and requires updates to remain effective. With an updated Municipal Ticketing Bylaw, the City can streamline the enforcement of bylaws such as Noise Complaints, Smoking or Vaping in a public place, and Watering Restrictions. For a full list of covered offences, see the proposed Municipal Ticketing Bylaw located in the HTML Agenda.

#3. BYLAW ENFORCEMENT



Council rescinded Policies 401, 402 and, 403 and approved a new Policy 401 "Bylaw Enforcement Guidelines." This updated policy will provide a mechanism for consistent enforcement. The City's approach to bylaw enforcement is primarily complaint-driven and encourages voluntary compliance: punitive if compliance cannot be achieved.

#4. OTHER ITEMS



- Council voted to support the street piano project on a trial basis with support from the Downtown Business Association to manage the project.
- Council also voted to support Gallery 2 by converting funds for an already budgeted capital HVAC project valued at \$20,000, allowing the Gallery to apply for additional funding through granting opportunities resulting in up to \$80,000 of additional building upgrades at no additional cost to the City.
- Council directed staff to install 50km/h speed limit signs in South Ruckle and to conduct a survey of the neighbourhood residents to determine if a 30km/h speed zone would be preferred.

The above are only a few of the things accomplished at the last meeting.

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