

# CITY OF GRAND FORKS COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS JULY 20, 2020



Settle down.



## #1. DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION FOR TIM HORTONS

In 2018, Council approved a development permit for a 40 seat free-standing restaurant, drive-thru and outdoor patio located at 441 Central Avenue. The previous development permit expired because no substantial construction occurred within two years. Today, Council approved the new development permit for Tim Hortons which will see the construction of a new 40-seat restaurant once completed.



## #2. REINVESTMENT STRATEGY FEASIBILITY UPDATE

Council reviewed and approved in principle the Reinvestment Program Priorities and instructed staff to develop a capital program, implementation and funding plan to be presented in the fall of 2020. Council also approved, in principle, the FortisBC Energy Project Manager position who would work with City staff, contractors, and FortisBC to identify and support energy efficiency opportunities in retrofits and new construction projects in Grand Forks. The position will be funded by a grant from Fortis.



## #3. BYLAW AMENDMENT 2039-A13

Council gave their 3rd and final reading to the Zoning Bylaw amendment No. 2039-A13, separating the definitions for restaurants and charitable or non-profit food services. As charitable or non-profit food services are not currently defined in any zones, future use will require Council approval ("spot zoning") until Official Community Plan updates are made. This change will not impact any existing charitable or non-profit food service as the *Local Government Act* automatically grandfathers anything that was in place prior to a change in definition or zoning.



## #4. COUNCIL MEETING TIME CHANGES

Council voted to change the start time of their meetings to 10:00 am. This decision allows for Council and staff to run meetings more efficiently and more transparently. The decision is a temporary trial that will be re-evaluated by Council in February 2021.



## OTHER ITEMS COVERED

Council also reviewed other items throughout their regular and COTW meetings such as; Bylaw enforcement policies, Electrical Vehicle Chargers policy, COVID-19 return to work Policy, and the 2020 Tax Sale recommendations. More information on any of these items can be found online at [www.GrandForks.ca](http://www.GrandForks.ca)

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