

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS**  
**Monday, July 20, 2015 – 6:00 PM**  
**7217 4th Street, City Hall**

**PUBLIC HEARING MEETING OF COUNCIL**

**PRESENT:**           MAYOR FRANK KONRAD  
                          COUNCILLOR JULIA BUTLER  
                          COUNCILLOR CHRIS HAMMETT  
                          COUNCILLOR COLLEEN ROSS  
                          COUNCILLOR CHRISTINE THOMPSON

                          CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER                           D. Allin  
                          CORPORATE OFFICER   D. Heinrich

GALLERY

ABSENT: COUNCILLOR NEIL KROG  
          COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WIRISCHAGIN

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**PRESENTATIONS**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

- a)     The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm
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**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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**MINUTES**

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**REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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**REPORT FROM COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY**

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## **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS**

**a) Manager of Development & Engineering**

To amend the current Zoning Bylaw by rezoning the property legally described as Lot D, District Lot 534, SDYD, Plan KAP 9707 from the current R-1 (Single & Two Family Residential) Zone, to the R-4 (Rural Residential) Zone.

The Mayor declared the public hearing open at 6:00 PM, and advised that this Public Hearing was being convened pursuant to Section 890 of the Local Government Act to consider Bylaw No. 1606-A3, "City of Grand Forks Zoning Bylaw Amendment No. 1606-A3, 2015". He advised that the bylaw is intended to amend the City of Grand Forks' Zoning Bylaw No. 1606, 1999, by rezoning the property located at 832-64th Avenue, legally described as Lot D, District Lot 534, SDYD, Plan KAP 9707 from the current R-1 (Single & Two Family Residential) Zone, to the R-4 (Rural Residential) Zone.

He commented that at this Hearing, any person present who believes that his or her interest in properties within the boundaries of the City are affected by the proposed bylaw, shall be given the opportunity to be heard on matters contained in the bylaw. Further, he stated that it is important that all who speak at this Hearing restrict their remarks to matters contained in the bylaw and it is the Mayor's responsibility as Chair of the meeting, to ensure that all remarks are so restricted.

He advised that those persons who wish to speak concerning the proposed bylaw should, at the appropriate time, commence their address to the Council and the meeting by clearly stating their name and address, and then they may give Council the benefits of their views concerning the proposed bylaw.

Members of Council, may, if they so wish, ask questions of speakers following their presentation; but added that is it the main function of council members at this Hearing, to listen to the views of the public. Further the Mayor added that it is not the function of Council, at this hearing, to debate the merits of the proposed bylaw with individual citizens, or with each other.

The Mayor added that everyone who deems his or her interest in the property to be affected by the bylaw shall be given the opportunity to be heard at this Hearing, and that no one will be, or should feel discouraged or prevented from making their views known.

After this Hearing is concluded, the Council may, without further notice, give whatever effect council deems proper to the representations made at this Hearing.

The Mayor commented that during the course of a Public Hearing, people sometimes tend to become too enthusiastic or emotional. Regardless of whether they are in favour or oppose any particular application or argument, and to please refrain from applause or other expressions of emotion. Restraint enables other whose views may or may not coincide with your own, to exercise their right to express their views and enables all views expressed to be heard in as impartial a forum as possible.

The Mayor thanked those present, for their patience and cooperation, and advised that the Hearing would proceed.

The Mayor asked if anyone here wished to speak;

Gregory Cherrington-Kelly who lives at Gabriola Island, but owns the property known as 820-64th Avenue close by the proponent, advised that he is opposed to the rezoning from R-1 to R-4.

Bujour Tanansescu - 6420 Como Street - Advised that if the proposed property is allowed to be re-zoned, it would likely compromise his intentions for his own property that is close by, as it is bringing agriculture into the City. He asked if Council could make a decision so that he can deal with his own property.

Tim Bleiler, who resides at 829 - 64th Avenue, advised that he moved to Grand Forks for the peace and quiet. He advised that he talked to his neighbour who is considering purchasing Lot 4, right beside Mr. Bleiler. He advised that if the zoning is changed to R-4, there would be no consideration to purchase the property. He commented that Mr. Wagner plans to raise chickens, grow hay and run a market garden. Mr. Bleiler advised that he is opposed for the application. He advised that he has letters from some of the other neighbours, and advised that they are all opposed to the re-zoning.

Mr. Bleiler stated that he has five neighbours who adjoin Mr. Wagner's property who are all opposed.

Councillor Ross spoke with regard to European areas where chickens and food are grown in towns. She advised that it is limite to a number of chickens that he can have.

Councillor Hammett feel she doesn't see that by re-zoning would detract from the property value.

The Mayor called a recess at 6:32 pm. The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 6:34 pm

Councillor Thompson asked if anyone has any new information that Council would like to hear. Mr. Tanansescu spoke to the compliance of the existing properties.

After hearing from the public, the Mayor declared the Public Hearing Closed at 6:40 pm

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**REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE**

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**INFORMATION ITEMS**

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**BYLAWS**

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**LATE ITEMS**

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**QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

a) The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 PM

MOTION: THOMPSON

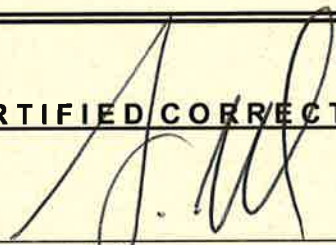
**RESOLVED THAT Public Hearing Meeting be adjourned at 6:43 pm**

CARRIED.

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**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

  
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MAYOR FRANK KONRAD

  
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CORPORATE OFFICER - DIANE HEINRICH