

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Wednesday March 4, 2015

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

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	D. Allin
CORPORATE OFFICER	D. Heinrich
DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER	S. Winton
CORPORATE ADMIN ASSISTANT	D. Popoff
MANAGER OF DEVELOPMENT AND ENGINEERING	S. Bird
MANAGER OF BUILDING AND BYLAW SERVICES	W. Kopan
GALLERY	

CALL TO ORDER

a) The Mayor called the meeting to order at 10:11 am

ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA

a) Adopt Agenda
March 4th, 2015, Special Meeting Agenda
Amended agenda

MOTION: BUTLER / THOMPSON

RESOLVED THAT Council determines to allow individuals representing the MAAPS Project the opportunity to speak.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION: THOMPSON / KROG

RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the March 4th, 2015, Special Meeting agenda as presented.

CARRIED.

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Development & Engineering/Corporate Services - MAAPS (Multi Agency Accommodation Project)

a) Development & Engineering/Corporate Services- Multi Agency Accommodation Project (MAAPS)

At the February 23rd Regular Meeting, Council directed Staff to provide more information with regard to the MAAP project and to provide other options that would meet the needs of the project.

The Chief Administrative Officer provided background information regarding the project.

Council discussed:

- Sunset clause on lease
- Inclusion of waterfront property in development showcase
- Strategic planning
- Best use of prime riverfront property
- Input from the community
- A permanent location

The Chief Administrative Officer spoke with regard to the sunset clause included in the initial lease with the MAAP group.

Council discussed:

- Alternative options for the lease.
- Minister requiring a longer lease
- Time frame
- Grants

Staff SGT. Harrison advised the group was offered \$100,000 from BC Housing for the project with a condition of a minimum 10year lease. The Homeless Partnering Strategy requested a proposal regarding the project by March 6th.

Council discussed the offer of \$100,000, based on three transitional housing units.

Rick Friesen, Habitat for Humanity advised that:

- The Ministry of Housing is looking for a 10 yr. lease
- Funding not provincial

There was discussion regarding:

- Current location
- Concern with stigmatization of putting assisted housing in that area
- Use of riverfront property

- Office space
- Potential to split the two facilities (restore & Habitat offices)
- Importance of keeping the partners together
- Development of a walkable downtown and providing businesses that people will use - higher density, smart growth
- Transitional housing providing supportive mechanisms that marginalized individuals need to thrive
- Appearance of ReStore
- Existing lease
- Foot traffic
- Seasonal operation of BETHS
- Safety issues along river front and in river front park
- Success of the program opportunity for groups to stop requesting support from the City.
- BETHS has a three phase strategic plan, and building a year round shelter is part of this plan
- MAAPS currently employs 6 people year round, and this could increase
- More Habitat houses could be built once the project is in a low lease situation.

MOTION: THOMPSON / BUTLER

RESOLVED THAT Council receives the chronological information with regard to the Multi Agency Accommodation Project (MAAPS).

CARRIED.

b) MAAPS

There was discussion regarding the motion, and meeting the legislative obligations of the organization.

City staff will write a letter of support with regard to the MAAPs Project.

MOTION: KROG / ROSS

RESOLVED THAT Council determines to proceed with the request from MAAPS to potentially extend the lease from five years to ten years, AND FURTHER that the request is contingent on funding and public notice.

CARRIED.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS

REQUESTS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

BYLAWS

LATE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: ROSS

RESOLVED THAT Council adjourn the meeting at 11:57am.

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MAYOR FRANK KONRAD


DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER - SARAH
WINTON