



**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF GRANDE PRAIRIE  
COUNCIL MEETING**

**May 31, 2021, 3:00 P.M.  
VIRTUAL MEETING**

PRESENT	J. Clayton	Mayor
	Y. Minhas	Councillor
	E. Friesen	Councillor
	K. O'Toole	Councillor
	W. Pilat	Councillor
	D. Bressey	Councillor
	C. Thiessen	Councillor
ALSO PRESENT	H. Galanti	City Manager
	S. Bourke	Corporate Services Director
	B. Glavin	Infrastructure & Economic Development Director
	A. Miller	Community Services Director
	C. Manuel	Protective & Social Services Director
	A. Karbashewski	City Clerk
	G. Halliday	Land Officer
	R. Leigh	Economic Development Manager
	D. Whelton	Senior Planner

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

**2. NATIONAL ANTHEM**

**3. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**3.1 City Council Meeting**

**MOVED by K. O'Toole**

Council adopt the minutes of the City Council meeting held Monday, May 17, 2021, as presented.

**CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MOVED by Y. Minhas**

Council adopt the Agenda as presented.

**CARRIED (7 to 0)**

## 5. OPEN DELEGATIONS

### 5.1 Grande Prairie & Area Safe Communities

Cindy Blinston and Sif Hansen, representatives of Grande Prairie & Area Safe Communities, were present to provide Council with an update on their programs, as well as their recent successes and challenges.

### 5.2 Big Brothers Big Sisters Grande Prairie

Erika Gilroy, representative of Big Brother Big Sisters Grande Prairie, was present to provide Council with an update on their programs, as well as how mentoring impacts the lives of at-risk children and youth in our community.

### 5.3 South Peace Regional Archives

Alyssa Currie and Jan Shields, representatives of the South Peace Regional Archives, were present to provide Council with an update on their planned move to Centre 2000, along with a request for additional funding for expenses related to the move.

## 6. REPORTS

### 6.1 Standing Committee / Board Member Updates

Mayor Clayton introduced the updated Boards and Committees schedule.

**MOVED by C. Thiessen**

Council approve the Council member appointments to the Boards and Committees schedule as presented.

**CARRIED (7 to 0)**

### 6.2 Licence to Occupy City Land - Peace Airshed Zone Association (PAZA)

G. Halliday, Land Officer, presented Council with information regarding a Licence to Occupy agreement between PAZA and the City. PAZA currently operates an air monitoring station known as the Henry Pirker Station in Muskoseepi Park.

**MOVED by K. O'Toole**

Council approve a twenty-five (25) year term for a Licence to Occupy Agreement between the City of Grande Prairie and the Peace Airshed Zone Association for the Henry Pirker Monitoring Station within Muskoseepi Park.

**CARRIED (7 to 0)**

### 6.3 Economic Recovery Program - Dining with Dignity

R. Leigh, Economic Development Manager, presented Council with information regarding a joint initiative between the Swan City Rotary Club and the Grande Prairie & District Chamber of Commerce. The Dining with Dignity Campaign is in support of the Salvation Army Hamper Program and aims to leverage sponsorship and grant funding to support local restaurants by purchasing gift certificates and including them in hampers distributed to local clients.

Tanya Oliver, representative of the Grande Prairie & District Chamber of Commerce, was present to provide additional information and answer questions from Council.

**MOVED by D. Bressey**

Council approve \$5,000.00 from the Economic Recovery Capital budget as a grant towards the Swan City Rotary Club and the Grande Prairie & District Chamber of Commerce for the Dining with Dignity Campaign.

**CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**7. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**7.1 Protective & Social Services Committee**

**MOVED by K. O'Toole**

Council adopt the minutes of the Protective and Social Services Committee meeting held Tuesday, May 25, 2021, as presented.

**CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**7.1.1 Meeting Highlights**

Councillor O'Toole presented Council with highlights from this meeting.

Mayor Clayton declared a conflict of interest on the Community Care Campus Initiative and noted that she will declare her conflict each time the matter is discussed. She designated Councillor Dylan Bressey as the spokesperson on this topic moving forward.

**7.2 Corporate Services Committee**

**MOVED by Y. Minhas**

Council adopt the minutes of the Corporate Services Committee meeting held Tuesday, May 25, 2021, as presented.

**CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**7.2.1 Meeting Highlights**

Councillor Minhas presented Council with highlights from this meeting.

**7.3 Community Services Committee**

**MOVED by C. Thiessen**

Council adopt the minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held Tuesday, May 25, 2021, as presented.

**CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**7.3.1 Meeting Highlights**

Councillor Thiessen presented Council with highlights from this meeting.

7.4 Infrastructure & Economic Development Committee

**MOVED by D. Bressey**

Council adopt the minutes of the Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee meeting held Tuesday, May 25, 2021, as presented.

**CARRIED (7 to 0)**

7.4.1 Meeting Highlights

Councillor Bressey presented Council with highlights from this meeting.

**8. CORRESPONDENCE**

8.1 Inclusion Grande Prairie

Mayor Clayton introduced correspondence received from Inclusion Grande Prairie thanking the City for a letter of support on behalf of their Family Resource Centre project.

**MOVED by D. Bressey**

Council receive this for information.

**CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**9. DELEGATION BUSINESS**

9.1 Grande Prairie & Area Safe Communities

**MOVED by C. Thiessen**

Council receive this for information.

**CARRIED (7 to 0)**

9.2 Big Brothers Big Sisters Grande Prairie

**MOVED by C. Thiessen**

Council receive this for information.

**CARRIED (7 to 0)**

9.3 South Peace Regional Archives

**MOVED by C. Thiessen**

Council receive this for information.

**CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**10. NOTICE OF MOTION**

**11. RECESS**

The meeting recessed from 4:18 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**12. SCHEDULED DELEGATIONS (6:00 PM)**

**13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

13.1 Bylaw C-1299B - Amendment to the Procedure Bylaw - Third Reading

**MOVED by Y. Minhas**

Council give third reading to Bylaw C-1299B, being an amendment to the Procedure Bylaw.

**MOVED by D. Bressey**

Council strike the maximum of 6 committee and 6 council meetings via remote access per year.

For: (2): E. Friesen, and D. Bressey

Opposed: (5): Mayor J. Clayton, Y. Minhas, K. O'Toole, W. Pilat, and C. Thiessen

**DEFEATED (2 to 5)**

**MOVED by D. Bressey**

Council add the word "days" after the word "Committee".

**CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**MOVED by K. O'Toole**

Council add subsection (e) "Exemptions to the maximum outlined in (d) will be authorized by the Mayor at their discretion."

For: (3): Mayor J. Clayton, Y. Minhas, and K. O'Toole

Opposed: (4): E. Friesen, W. Pilat, D. Bressey, and C. Thiessen

**DEFEATED (3 to 4)**

**Vote on Main Motion as Amended.**

**CARRIED (7 to 0)**

Bylaw C-1299B, as amended, was read for the third time and finally passed.

**14. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

14.1 Land Use Bylaw Amendment C-1260-139

14.1.1 Call to Order

The Public Hearing was called to order at 6:27 p.m.

14.1.2 Introduction by Administration

D. Whelton, Senior Planner, presented Council with amendments to the Land Use Bylaw. The proposed amendments remove the requirement for using newspaper advertising for public notice of development permit decisions. This amendment is intended to be an immediate change to address the Daily Herald Tribune ceasing publication.

14.1.3 Presentations/ Submissions

No one was present to speak on this matter.

14.1.4 Close Public Hearing

The Public Hearing closed at 6:42 p.m.

14.1.5 Business Arising from the Hearing

**MOVED by Y. Minhas**

Council give first reading to Bylaw C-1260-139, being an amendment to the Land Use Bylaw.

**CARRIED (7 to 0)**

Bylaw C-1260-139 was read for the first time.

**MOVED by Y. Minhas**

Council give second reading to Bylaw C-1260-139.

**CARRIED (7 to 0)**

Bylaw C-1260-139 was read for the second time.

**MOVED by Y. Minhas**

Council have third reading of Bylaw C-1260-139 at this meeting.

**CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**MOVED by Y. Minhas**

Council give third reading to Bylaw C-1260-139, being an amendment to the Land Use Bylaw.

**CARRIED (7 to 0)**

Bylaw C-1260-139 was read for the third time and finally passed.

14.2 Southwest ASP Amendment Bylaw C-1066-13; Stone Ridge OP Amendment Bylaw C-1383A; Land Use Bylaw Amendment C-1260-137

14.2.1 Call to Order

The Public Hearing was called to order at 6:45 p.m.

14.2.2 Introduction by Administration

D. Whelton, Senior Planner, presented Council with amendments to the Southwest ASP Bylaw, Stone Ridge OP Bylaw, and Land Use Bylaw. The proposed amendments are to facilitate development of a professional / medical office building.

14.2.3 Presentations/ Submissions

Scott Roessler, representative of the applicant, was present to speak in favour of the proposed amendments.

14.2.4 Close Public Hearing

The Public Hearing closed at 7:07 p.m.

14.2.5 Business Arising from the Hearing

**MOVED by K. O'Toole**

Council give first reading to Bylaw C-1066-13, being an amendment to the Southwest Area Structure Plan.

**CARRIED (7 to 0)**

Bylaw C-1066-13 was read for the first time.

**MOVED by K. O'Toole**

Council give second reading to Bylaw C-1066-13.

For: (6): Mayor J. Clayton, Y. Minhas, E. Friesen, K. O'Toole, W. Pilat, and C. Thiessen

Opposed: (1): D. Bressey

**CARRIED (6 to 1)**

Bylaw C-1066-13 was read for the second time.

**MOVED by K. O'Toole**

Council give first reading to Bylaw C-1383A, being an amendment to the Stone Ridge Outline Plan.

**CARRIED (7 to 0)**

Bylaw C-1383A was read for the first time.

**MOVED by K. O'Toole**

Council give second reading to Bylaw C-1383A.

For: (6): Mayor J. Clayton, Y. Minhas, E. Friesen, K. O'Toole, W. Pilat, and C. Thiessen

Opposed: (1): D. Bressey

**CARRIED (6 to 1)**

Bylaw C-1383A was read for the second time.

**MOVED by K. O'Toole**

Council give first reading to Bylaw C-1260-137, being an amendment to the Land Use Bylaw.

**CARRIED (7 to 0)**

Bylaw C-1260-137 was read for the first time.

**MOVED by K. O'Toole**

Council give second reading to Bylaw C-1260-137.

For: (6): Mayor J. Clayton, Y. Minhas, E. Friesen, K. O'Toole, W. Pilat, and C. Thiessen

Opposed: (1): D. Bressey

**CARRIED (6 to 1)**

Bylaw C-1260-137 was read for the second time.

**15. DELEGATION BUSINESS**

**16. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

Councillor Bressey attended the Grande Prairie Sport Connection Annual General Meeting, along with Assessment Review Board refresher training. He wanted to acknowledge the recent events that have taken place regarding residential schools.

Councillor O'Toole reported on the Combative Sports Commission's recent activities. There was discussion of an event possibly taking place this year. He attended a meeting of the Grande Prairie Accessibility Committee, along with this week's online FCM Conference sessions.

Councillor Thiessen attended a meeting of the Peace Library Systems where they received population numbers from the province. This generated a call to write letters to the province to clarify the numbers. Nitehawk is negotiating for a T-Bar for the hill for the next season. He asked that people come to City Hall for the 8:00 pm candle-light vigil in support of the recent events regarding the residential school in Kamloops.

Councillor Friesen has taken advantage of the weather to get outside and walk the reservoir perimeter. She would like to congratulate Alyssa Currie on accepting a new position and wish her the best.

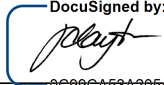
Mayor Clayton attended an election issues workshop for candidates to prepare for the municipal election. She attended a call with Minister Toews, an Economic Developers of Alberta virtual conference, and a Mid-Sized Cities Mayors Caucus. Council met with the Downtown BIA to discuss plans they are working on. Community Foundations GP is ramping up to roll out their annual survey.


Councillor Pilat attended a GP Storm Board meeting and is excited to announce that Ryan Carter is the new Team Manager.

Mayor Clayton would like to clarify that the DHT is not ceasing all operations - they are ceasing paper publication but will continue to publish electronically.

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

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