



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

**March 8, 2021, 3:00 P.M.  
VIRTUAL MEETING**

PRESENT	J. Clayton Y. Minhas E. Friesen K. O’Toole W. Pilat D. Bressey C. Thiessen C. Blackburn	Mayor Councillor Councillor Councillor Councillor Councillor Councillor Councillor
ALSO PRESENT	H. Galanti S. Bourke B. Glavin  A. Miller C. Manuel S. Hibbert J. Johnson A. Karbashewski	City Manager Corporate Services Director Infrastructure & Economic Development Director Community Services Director Protective & Social Services Director Operational Support Supervisor Planning & Development Manager City Clerk

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

**2. NATIONAL ANTHEM**

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

3.1 City Council Meeting

**MOVED** by Y. Minhas

Council adopt the minutes of the City Council meeting held Monday, February 22, 2021, as presented.

**CARRIED (7 to 0)**

**4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MOVED** by D. Bressey

Council adopt the Agenda with the addition of Item 6.1 - Public Member Appointments.

**CARRIED (7 to 0)**

## 5. OPEN DELEGATIONS

### 5.1 Community Foundation of Northwestern Alberta

Laura LaValley and April Weavell, representatives of the Community Foundation of Northwestern Alberta, were present to request funding in the amount of \$20,000.00 for Northwestern Alberta's Vital Signs 2021 Project. Highlights were provided on the current impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic and the challenges communities face with making future decisions and planning for a recovery.

## 6. REPORTS

### 6.1 Public Member Appointments

**MOVED by Y. Minhas**

Council appoint Linda Murphy to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board for a three-year term ending December 31, 2023.

**CARRIED (8 to 0)**

## 7. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

### 7.1 Community Services Committee

**MOVED by D. Bressey**

Council adopt the minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held Tuesday, March 2, 2021, as presented.

**CARRIED (8 to 0)**

#### 7.1.1 Grant Funding

**MOVED by D. Bressey**

Council approve allocation of the 2021 Large Scale Tourism Grant Funding in the amount of \$50,000.00 to the 2021 Grande Prairie BuckWild PBR event.

**CARRIED (8 to 0)**

**MOVED by D. Bressey**

Council approve allocation of Arts Development Festival Funding in the amount of \$10,000.00 to the Centre for Creative Arts for Alberta Culture Days.

**CARRIED (8 to 0)**

#### 7.1.2 Meeting Highlights

Councillor Bressey provided Council with highlights from the Community Services Committee meeting.

7.2 Corporate Services Committee

**MOVED by Y. Minhas**

Council adopt the minutes of the Corporate Services Committee meeting held Tuesday, March 2, 2021, as presented.

**CARRIED (8 to 0)**

7.2.1 Meeting Highlights

Councillor Minhas provided Council with highlights from the Corporate Services Committee meeting.

7.3 Infrastructure & Economic Development Committee

**MOVED by D. Bressey**

Council adopt the minutes of the Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee meeting held Tuesday, March 2, 2021, as presented.

**CARRIED (8 to 0)**

7.3.1 Meeting Highlights

Councillor Bressey provided Council with highlights from the Infrastructure & Economic Development Committee meeting.

7.4 Protective & Social Services Committee

**MOVED by W. Pilat**

Council adopt the minutes of the Protective and Social Services Committee meeting held Tuesday, March 2, 2021, as presented.

**CARRIED (8 to 0)**

7.4.1 Vehicle for Hire Bylaw C-1394

**MOVED by W. Pilat**

Council give first reading to Bylaw C-1394, being the Vehicle for Hire Bylaw.

**CARRIED (8 to 0)**

Bylaw C-1394 was read for the first time.

**MOVED by W. Pilat**

Council give second reading to Bylaw C-1394.

**MOVED by D. Bressey**

Council amend the bylaw to add Section 8(1)(d) to insert "allow for electronic payment."

**CARRIED (8 to 0)**

**MOVED by W. Pilat**

Council amend the bylaw to add Section 5(1)(d) to insert "payment, rates, methods and terms unless pre-arranged."

**CARRIED (8 to 0)**

**MOVED by D. Bressey**

Council amend the bylaw to add Section 21(1)(c) to strike "the City" and insert "the Grande Prairie region."

**CARRIED (8 to 0)**

**VOTE ON MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED.**

**CARRIED (8 to 0)**

Bylaw C-1394 was read for the second time.

**MOVED by D. Bressey**

Council direct Administration to draft amendments to Bylaw C-1394 to require the use of GPS and digital recording equipment by taxis and bring back to a future Committee meeting.

For: (4): Mayor J. Clayton, E. Friesen, D. Bressey, and C. Thiessen

Opposed: (4): Y. Minhas, K. O'Toole, W. Pilat, and C. Blackburn

**DEFEATED (4 to 4)**

**MOVED by D. Bressey**

Council direct Administration to draft amendments to Bylaw C-1394 to require the use of GPS by taxis and bring back to a future Committee meeting.

For: (5): Mayor J. Clayton, E. Friesen, D. Bressey, C. Thiessen, and C. Blackburn

Opposed: (3): Y. Minhas, K. O'Toole, and W. Pilat

**CARRIED (5 to 3)**

**MOVED by W. Pilat**

Council have third reading of Bylaw C-1394 at this meeting.

For: (5): Y. Minhas, K. O'Toole, W. Pilat, C. Thiessen, and C. Blackburn

Opposed: (3): Mayor J. Clayton, E. Friesen, and D. Bressey

**DEFEATED (5 to 3)**

**MOVED by W. Pilat**

Council give first reading to Bylaw C-1395E, being an amendment to the Fees, Rates and Charges Bylaw.

**CARRIED (8 to 0)**

Bylaw C-1395E was read for the first time.

**MOVED by W. Pilat**  
Council give second reading to Bylaw C-1395E.

**CARRIED (8 to 0)**

Bylaw C-1395E was read for the second time.

**MOVED by W. Pilat**  
Council have third reading of Bylaw C-1395E at this meeting.

**CARRIED (8 to 0)**

**MOVED by W. Pilat**  
Council give third reading to Bylaw C-1395E, being an amendment to the Fees, Rates and Charges Bylaw.

**CARRIED (8 to 0)**

Bylaw C-1395E was read for the third time and finally passed.

**MOVED by W. Pilat**  
Council approve amendments to Policy 804, being the Vehicle for Hire Licence and Permitting Policy.

**CARRIED (8 to 0)**

**MOVED by D. Bressey**  
Council direct Administration to bring forward this policy for potential repeal to a future Council meeting.

**CARRIED (8 to 0)**

7.4.2 Meeting Highlights

Councillor Pilat provided Council with highlights from the Protective & Social Services Committee meeting.

**8. CORRESPONDENCE**

8.1 Grande Prairie Public Library

Mayor Clayton introduced the correspondence received from the GP Library.

8.2 Minister of Municipal Affairs

**MOVED by C. Thiessen**  
Council receive these correspondence items for information.

**CARRIED (8 to 0)**

**9. DELEGATION BUSINESS**

9.1 Community Foundation of Northwestern Alberta

**MOVED by C. Thiessen**

Council approve funding in the amount of \$20,000.00 to the delegation.

**CARRIED (8 to 0)**

**10. NOTICE OF MOTION**

**11. RECESS**

Council recessed the meeting until 6:00 pm.

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

12.1 Youth Advisory Council

Kieran Nicolson and Avarie Atkins, representatives of the Youth Advisory Council, were present to provide Council with an update on their efforts to date. Youth Week is scheduled for May this year and the Youth Advisory Council is taking a active role in making this event successful. The Council plans to participate in the Municipal Election by engaging in a Mayor/Council candidate forum prior to Election Day.

**13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

13.1 Borrowing Bylaw C-1430

**MOVED by Y. Minhas**

Council give second reading to Bylaw C-1430, being a Borrowing Bylaw.

**CARRIED (8 to 0)**

Bylaw C-1430 was read for the second time.

**MOVED by Y. Minhas**

Council give third reading to Bylaw C-1430, being a Borrowing Bylaw.

**CARRIED (8 to 0)**

Bylaw C-1430 was read for the third time and finally passed.

13.2 2021 BIA Budget Review

**MOVED by K. O'Toole**

Council approve the 2021 Business Improvement Area (BIA) Budget as presented.

**CARRIED (8 to 0)**

**14. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

14.1 Kensington Outline Plan Amendment Bylaw C-1344C and Land Use Bylaw Amendment Bylaw C-1260-134

14.1.1 Call to Order

Mayor Clayton called the public hearing to order at 6:20 p.m.

14.1.2 Introduction by Administration

J. Johnson, Planning and Development Manager presented a proposed amendment to the Kensington Outline Plan, Bylaw C-1344C. The proposed amendment will redesignate the subject area from general residential (RG) to a mix of combined residential (RC) and a new direct control (DC) land district.

14.1.3 Presentations/ Submissions

Scott Roessler, representative of Helix Engineering, was present to speak in support of the proposed amendments.

14.1.4 Close Public Hearing

Mayor Clayton closed the public hearing at 7:07 p.m.

14.1.5 Business Arising from the Hearing

**MOVED** by Y. Minhas

Council give first reading to Bylaw C-1344C, being an amendment to the Kensington Outline Plan.

**CARRIED (8 to 0)**

Bylaw C-1344C was read for the first time.

**MOVED** by Y. Minhas

Council give second reading to Bylaw C-1344C.

For: (5): Mayor J. Clayton, Y. Minhas, E. Friesen, K. O'Toole, and W. Pilat

Opposed: (3): D. Bressey, C. Thiessen, and C. Blackburn

**CARRIED (5 to 3)**

Bylaw C-1344C was read for the second time.

**MOVED** by Y. Minhas

Council have third reading of Bylaw C-1344C at this meeting.

**CARRIED (8 to 0)**

**MOVED** by Y. Minhas

Council give third reading to Bylaw C-1344C, being an amendment to the Kensington Outline Plan.

For: (5): Mayor J. Clayton, Y. Minhas, E. Friesen, K. O'Toole, and W. Pilat

Opposed: (3): D. Bressey, C. Thiessen, and C. Blackburn

**CARRIED (5 to 3)**

Bylaw C-1344C was read for the third time and finally passed.

**MOVED by Y. Minhas**

Council give first reading to Bylaw C-1260-134, being an amendment to the Land Use Bylaw.

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

Opposed: (2): D. Bressey, and C. Thiessen

**CARRIED (6 to 2)**

Bylaw C-1260-134 was read for the first time.

**MOVED by Y. Minhas**

Council give second reading to Bylaw C-1260-134.

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

Opposed: (2): D. Bressey, and C. Blackburn

**CARRIED (6 to 2)**

Bylaw C-1260-134 was read for the second time.

**MOVED by Y. Minhas**

Council have third reading of Bylaw C-1260-134 at this meeting.

**CARRIED (8 to 0)**

**MOVED by Y. Minhas**

Council give third reading to Bylaw C-1260-134, being an amendment to the Land Use Bylaw.

For: (5): Mayor J. Clayton, Y. Minhas, E. Friesen, K. O'Toole, and W. Pilat

Opposed: (3): D. Bressey, C. Thiessen, and C. Blackburn

**CARRIED (5 to 3)**

Bylaw C-1260-134 was read for the third time and finally passed.

## **15. DELEGATION BUSINESS**

### **15.1 Youth Advisory Council**

**MOVED by E. Friesen**

Council receive this for information.

**CARRIED (8 to 0)**

## **16. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

Councillor Thiessen attended a meeting of the Nitehawk board, where updates were provided on the hill recovery program. A \$10K donation was received from M. Bowes to help with the recovery. Nitehawk has been taking classroom bookings for schools, and lessons are sold out for March. The AGM of the Downtown Association was well attended. CABH met and received a pre-budget on what grant funding from the Province looks like for 2021. Grande Spirit Foundation Management Committee met to discuss potential housing projects in GP. Peace Library Systems met to update policies and procedures to address the pandemic response.

Councillor Pilat attended a meeting of the Economic Development Subcommittee; recommendations will be coming forward to Council shortly. Developers coming into GP from Edmonton - conversation was optimistic. Thanks to Councillor Bressey for facilitating a geothermal chat.

Councillor Bressey attended the final orientation meeting for the Police Advisory Committee. There was a Premier/panel discussion around Life Without Diagnosis. He also attended the AUMA International Women's Day event.

Councillor Friesen attended the South Peace Regional Archives meeting - highlights include reduced expenses due to covid restrictions and a \$10K donation from a community member. Historical footage is being reviewed of the Tepee Creek Stampede. She attended the Women of Influence Awards, and MLA Tracy Allard's post budget meeting. The Municipal Policing Advisory Committee orientation was very interesting to attend. Health Advisory Council met; these are grassroots volunteers that come together to address concerns and gaps in our health care system.

Councillor Blackburn highlighted the Police Advisory Committee orientation meeting - thanks to the staff members who helped members understand their roles and Councillor Bressey for chairing the meeting. The Downtown Association remote AGM was extremely well done. The Women of Influence awards had a great turn out.

Councillor Clayton attended 2 different classrooms to talk about government, the Downtown Association AGM, and the Women of Influence awards. She met with many local community members and businesses. She attended the zoom meeting with MLA Allard, the International Women's Day event, and was a guest speaker at the MNP event.

Councillor O'Toole attended the Alberta Municipal Combative Sports Commission; they are moving forward and bringing the commissions across the country to work together to address issues and solve problems. Upcoming meetings include Community Futures and the Alberta Bilingual Municipalities Association.

## **17. ADJOURNMENT**

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk