

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF GRANDE PRAIRIE
INFRASTRUCTURE & ECONOMIC DEV. COMMITTEE**

**September 13, 2022, 9:45 A.M.
Council Chambers, City Hall**

PRESENT	M. O'Connor	Committee Chair
	G. Blackmore	Councillor
	W. Bosch	Councillor
	J. Clayton	Mayor
ALSO PRESENT	G. Berg	Councillor
	D. Bressey	Councillor
	K. O'Toole	Councillor
	C. Thiessen	Councillor
	R. Nicolay	City Manager
	A. Miller	Deputy City Manager
	B. Glavin	Infrastructure & Economic Development Director
	D. Lemieux	Community Services Director
	D. Whiteway	Corporate Services Director, Interim
	A. Van Beekveld	Council Committee Coordinator
	K. Donnelly	Engineering Services Manager
	D. Tennant	Development Officer
	K. Brock	Development Officer II
	R. Carroll	Transportation & Parks Manager

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m.

2. DELEGATIONS

3. REPORTS

3.1 Director's Service Area Report

B. Glavin, Infrastructure & Economic Development Director, presented Committee with an update on the current and projected activities planned throughout the service area:

- Economic Development - Since the last meeting, 15 new businesses have started up. There have been 13 employers approved under the Rural Renewal Stream Program to date. Administration is continuing to receive applications and work with employers towards applications. A letter of endorsement, which is the last step of the program, has been issued to 1 candidate from the City.
- Engineering Services - Current focus is on winding up construction for the year.

- Transportation - Administration has been working to modify signal timings to assist in traffic movement through construction zones. The last round of line painting for the year is underway. LED streetlight upgrades are ongoing.
- Parks - Tree planting is ongoing, including the final phase of tree planting for the Hillside Area Redevelopment Plan. Integrated Pest Management noxious weed control programs are continuing with late summer applications of weed control.

3.2 Subdivision Authority Officer Appointment

K. Donnelly, Engineering Services Manager, presented Committee with information regarding the appointment of Subdivision Authority Officers. This is consistent with legislated requirements and efficient for the delivery of subdivision services.

MOVED by W. Bosch

Committee recommend Council appoint Olayemi Babalola and Alison Downing as Subdivision Authority Officers to exercise subdivision powers, duties and functions on behalf of the City.

CARRIED (4 to 0)

3.3 Development Permit Application PL220279; Fascia Signs with Variance at 11633-100 Street

D. Tennant, Development Officer, presented Committee with Development Permit PL220279 for fascia signs with variance. While the variances requested are large, Administration notes that the signs provide a high standard of appearance, will not affect the adjacent property owners, will not affect traffic safety and will provide the primary means of identification of the property.

David Marriott, representative of the Applicant, was present to provide additional information and speak in favour of this Development Permit.

Robert Sherman, representative of Holloway Lodging Corporation, was present to speak in opposition of this Development Permit.

Marc Ouellet, representative of Armco Capital, was present to speak in opposition of this Development Permit.

MOVED by G. Blackmore

Committee approve Development Permit PL220279 for two fascia signs with variances for the following reasons:

- The proposed signs will not negatively impact adjacent properties;
- The proposed signs show a high standard of appearance and design;
- The proposed signs do not cause a traffic safety concern; and
- The applicant intends to remove both freestanding signs from their property so that the fascia signs will be the primary means of identification for the Hotel.

CARRIED (4 to 0)

3.4 Request for Waiver of Fees - D-Coy Armouries Building Addition/Project

K. Brock, Development Officer II, presented Committee with a request for a waiver of fees under Policy 607.

MOVED by W. Bosch

Committee approve the request to waive the fees for the D-Coy Armouries Building Addition/Project as the project meets the intent of Policy 607, Request for Waiver of Fees, Levies and Securities.

CARRIED (4 to 0)

3.5 Snow & Ice Control Services for 2023 Budget Referral

R. Carroll, Transportation & Parks Manager, presented Committee with information regarding the review of the City's Snow & Ice Control service levels on roads and active transportation network. A public consultation was held to gauge public opinion on various possible service enhancements.

MOVED by W. Bosch

Committee recommend Council refer the following enhanced Snow & Ice Control services to the 2023 budget deliberations:

- increase the funding for contracted residential snow removal by \$250,000 to include up to 6 rotations triggered by a minimum of 7.5cm; and
- increase the funding for transit stops by \$75,000 to reflect a service standard for defined Priority 1 (P1) and Priority 2 (P2) transit stops to be cleared within one business day for P1 and two business days for P2 after snowfall ending.

CARRIED (4 to 0)

4. IN CAMERA

4.1 FOIP Act Section 16 - Business Interests of a Third Party

MOVED by W. Bosch

Committee move In Camera.

CARRIED (4 to 0)

MOVED by W. Bosch

Committee meeting resume.

CARRIED (4 to 0)

5. CORRESPONDENCE

6. OTHER BUSINESS

7. BYLAW & POLICY REVIEW

8. OUTSTANDING ITEMS LIST

The Committee reviewed the Infrastructure & Economic Development Committee Outstanding Items List for September 13, 2022.

MOVED by W. Bosch

Committee receive the September 13, 2022 Outstanding Items List, as amended, for information.

CARRIED (4 to 0)

9. ADJOURN

The meeting ended at 12:34 p.m.

Chair

City Clerk