



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

**September 6, 2022, 3:00 P.M.
Council Chambers, City Hall**

PRESENT	J. Clayton	Mayor
	G. Berg	Councillor
	G. Blackmore	Councillor
	D. Bressey	Councillor
	K. O'Toole	Councillor
	W. Bosch	Councillor
	M. O'Connor	Councillor
	C. Thiessen	Councillor
ALSO PRESENT	R. Nicolay	City Manager
	A. Miller	Deputy City Manager
	D. Lemieux	Community Services Director
	D. Whiteway	Corporate Services Director, Interim
	B. Glavin	Infrastructure & Economic Development Director
	C. Manuel	Protective & Social Services Director
	A. Van Beekveld	Council Committee Coordinator
	R. Tarant	Communications & Marketing Manager, Interim
	A. Downing	Senior Planner

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. NATIONAL ANTHEM

3. PROCLAMATION

3.1 Welcoming Week

Mayor Clayton declared September 10 - 18, 2022 as Welcoming Week in the City of Grande Prairie.

3.2 Rail Safety Week

Mayor Clayton declared September 19 - 25, 2022 as Rail Safety Week in the City of Grande Prairie.

4. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

4.1 City Council Meeting

MOVED by M. O'Connor

Council adopt the minutes of the City Council meeting held August 22, 2022, as presented.

CARRIED (8 to 0)

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED by G. Blackmore

Council adopt the Agenda with the addition of the following delegations: Item 6.5 - Dione Martin; Item 13.2 - Melissa Badine; and Item 13.3 - Dallas Badine.

CARRIED (8 to 0)

6. OPEN DELEGATIONS

6.1 Grande Prairie & District Chamber of Commerce

Tanya Oliver, representative of the Grande Prairie & District Chamber of Commerce, was present to provide Council with additional information regarding the Regional Workforce Development Strategy.

6.2 Grande Prairie Regional Tourism Association

Ken Loudon and Sandi Neville, representatives of the Grande Prairie Regional Tourism Association, were present to provide Council with an update on the status of tourism within the region, along with an overview of the changes undertaken by the Association over the past year.

6.3 Rick Murray - Ducks Unlimited Canada

Rick Murray and Catherine Brown, representatives of Ducks Unlimited Canada, were present to introduce the Wetland Centre to Council and share plans for an Open House next month.

6.4 Daryl Hewko

Daryl Hewko, resident, was present to speak to Council regarding the recent visit by the Deputy Prime Minister.

6.5 Dione Martin

Dione Martin, resident, was present to speak to Council regarding recovery from the pandemic.

7. REPORTS

8. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

8.1 Community Services Committee

MOVED by C. Thiessen

Council adopt the minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held August 30, 2022, as presented.

CARRIED (8 to 0)

8.1.1 Twin Ice Arena Naming Rights

Councillor O'Connor was absent for this motion.

MOVED by C. Thiessen

Council award the naming rights opportunity for the Twin Ice Arena located at #6 Knowledge Way to Design Works Engineering.

CARRIED (7 to 0)

8.1.2 Meeting Highlights

Councillor Thiessen provided Council with highlights from this meeting.

8.2 Protective & Social Services Committee

MOVED by K. O'Toole

Council adopt the minutes of the Protective and Social Services Committee meeting held August 30, 2022, as presented.

CARRIED (8 to 0)

8.2.1 Meeting Highlights

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

8.3 Infrastructure & Economic Development Committee

MOVED by M. O'Connor

Council adopt the minutes of the Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee meeting held August 30, 2022, as presented.

CARRIED (8 to 0)

8.3.1 Water North Coalition

MOVED by M. O'Connor

Council support the appointment of a member of Council to the Water North Coalition, with a member of Administration acting in a supporting role.

CARRIED (8 to 0)

8.3.2 Stormwater Utility

MOVED by M. O'Connor

Council proceed with the implementation of a Stormwater Utility that is structured on an impervious surface area fee model.

CARRIED (8 to 0)

8.3.3 Meeting Highlights

Councillor O'Connor provided Council with highlights from this meeting.

Council chose to move Correspondence to the evening session of the meeting.

9. DELEGATION BUSINESS

9.1 Grande Prairie & District Chamber of Commerce

MOVED by C. Thiessen

Council receive this report for information.

For: (5): Mayor J. Clayton, G. Berg, G. Blackmore, W. Bosch, and C. Thiessen

Opposed: (3): D. Bressey, K. O'Toole, and M. O'Connor

CARRIED (5 to 3)

MOVED by D. Bressey

Council direct Administration to include consideration of the Regional Workforce Development Strategy in the fall budget deliberations.

For: (6): Mayor J. Clayton, G. Berg, D. Bressey, K. O'Toole, W. Bosch, and M. O'Connor

Opposed: (2): G. Blackmore, and C. Thiessen

CARRIED (6 to 2)

9.2 Grande Prairie Regional Tourism Association

MOVED by C. Thiessen

Council receive this presentation for information.

CARRIED (8 to 0)

9.3 Ducks Unlimited Canada

MOVED by C. Thiessen

Council receive this presentation for information.

CARRIED (8 to 0)

9.4 Daryl Hewko

MOVED by D. Bressey
Council receive this presentation for information.

CARRIED (8 to 0)

9.5 Dione Martin

MOVED by C. Thiessen
Council receive this presentation for information.

CARRIED (8 to 0)

10. NOTICE OF MOTION

11. RECESS

The meeting recessed from 5:22 p.m. to 6:02 p.m.

12. SCHEDULED DELEGATIONS (6:00 PM)

12.1 Beth Endreson

Beth Endreson and Chelsey Rothwell, residents, were present to discuss concerns relating to the spread of noxious and common weeds in certain areas of the City.

12.2 Melissa Badine

Melissa Badine, resident, was present to discuss concerns relating to the mental health of children, as well as long term effects from some community measures.

12.3 Dallas Badine

Dallas Badine, resident, was present to discuss the upcoming Caribou Land Expansion and its potential effects to the region.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. PUBLIC HEARINGS

14.1 Bear Creek North Area Structure Plan Amendment C-1372A

14.1.1 Call to Order

The Public Hearing was called to order at 6:39 p.m.

14.1.2 Introduction by Administration

A. Downing, Senior Planner, presented Council with amendments to the Bear Creek North Area Structure Plan. The proposed amendments would move the location of a future intersection, in order to align it with a future access coming from the east in the County.

14.1.3 Presentations/ Submissions

Scott Roessler, representative of the applicant, was present to provide additional information and answer questions from Council.

14.1.4 Close Public Hearing

The Public Hearing closed at 6:50 p.m.

14.1.5 Business Arising from the Hearing

MOVED by D. Bressey

Council give first reading to Bylaw C-1372A, being an amendment to the Bear Creek Area Structure Plan.

CARRIED (8 to 0)

Bylaw C-1372A was read for the first time.

MOVED by D. Bressey

Council give second reading to Bylaw C-1372A.

CARRIED (8 to 0)

Bylaw C-1372A was read for the second time.

MOVED by D. Bressey

Council have third reading of Bylaw C-1372A at this meeting.

CARRIED (8 to 0)

MOVED by D. Bressey

Council give third reading to Bylaw C-1372A, being an amendment to the Bear Creek Area Structure Plan.

CARRIED (8 to 0)

Bylaw C-1372A was read for the third time and finally passed.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

15.1 City Resident - Verbal

Mayor Clayton introduced correspondence received from a resident of the City, with thanks for the urban beekeeping program that has been allowed to occur.

16. DELEGATION BUSINESS

16.1 Beth Endreson

Councillor Bressey declared a conflict of interest on this item, as his company does weed removal.

MOVED by C. Thiessen

Council direct Administration to bring back a report on how to curtail foxtail, along with potential enforcement actions.

CARRIED (7 to 0)

16.2 Melissa Badine

MOVED by C. Thiessen

Council receive this presentation for information.

CARRIED (8 to 0)

16.3 Dallas Badine

MOVED by K. O'Toole

Council receive this presentation for information.

CARRIED (8 to 0)

17. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councillor Thiessen highlighted a meeting of the Grande Spirit Foundation. The Foundation will be appointing a representative to the Alberta Seniors Communities & Housing Association. A need was identified for a Procurement Policy, and a letter of support was submitted for Highway 40X. The Foundation will also be appointing a member to a task force regarding rural housing and security. A full overview of the organization will occur in the near future. The Experience Grande Prairie event was a great event and well attended.

Councillor Bosch attended a Snow & Ice Consultation; Administration is taking an in-depth look at this and are looking for improvements. The Ukrainian Independence Day flag raising was a great event. The latest Youth Advisory Council meeting was held at the Grande Prairie Art Gallery. The Experience Grande Prairie event had a good turnout. The Centre for Creative Arts was selected as a feature celebration site to host the kickoff for Alberta Culture Days; there are many free events being held this month.

Councillor Bressey noted that the turnout for the Experience Grande Prairie event was much better than he expected, as it was a first-time event. He also attended a candlelight vigil on Overdose Awareness Day. He has spent a lot of time on the road lately with Alberta Municipalities and Rural Municipalities of Alberta and has got the chance to attend meetings at many member municipalities.

Councillor O'Connor attended a meeting between the Chamber of Commerce and City Council, a Snow & Ice Workshop, a Budget Workshop, and the Alberta Culture Days kickoff events. He attended a tour of the Blossoming Garden of Hope; they received a donation of trees, and the garden looks fantastic. He attended a tour with the County regarding the creation of wetland and was happy to receive compliments from a resident regarding the number of parks, etc. in the area.

Councillor O'Toole attended many events already mention. He also took part in a discussion regarding Accessibility in the province and will have a full report coming after review of the draft proposal. Currently, Alberta is one of the few provinces that doesn't have legislation on this topic. The Grande Prairie Regional Hospital celebration was a great event; the Canadian Coasters Car Club stopped in along their tour. He attended the Punjabi Virsa East Indian live concert and enjoyed the theatre full of people singing and dancing.

Councillor Blackmore attended a meeting of the Grande Prairie Downtown Association and was excited to inform Council about the Gift Card Program being launched. She noted that there will be a different approach to Halloween and the Santa Clause Parade this year; the City and Downtown Association will work together on these events. Experience Grande Prairie was a wonderful event with great attendance. She brought greetings to the Alberta Culture Days kickoff

at the Centre for Creative Arts; there will be special events and free workshops available this month to celebrate. She attended the grand opening of the Grande Prairie Regional Hospital as a tour guide. The Blossoming Garden of Hope is beautiful. She also brought greetings to the provincial conference of the Alberta Rural Municipal Administrators' Association. Thoughts are going out to all people affected by the wildfires.

Councillor Berg emceed the grand opening of the hospital; there was a wonderful turnout to the event. Experience Grande Prairie was a great event; kudos to all City staff who put the event together. He attended the Budget Workshop, which was a great learning curve. He also attended the Snow & Ice Consultation. The Blossoming Garden of Hope will hold a soft opening later this year, and their grand opening next year. Alberta Culture Days is now a full month instead of one weekend; he encourages everyone to go see the different events going on around the City.

Mayor Clayton attended many of the events already mentioned. She toured the Aquatera Wastewater & Water Treatment Facility with Minister Whitney Isaac, along with many other representatives from the region. She had the privilege of bringing greetings at the Experience Grande Prairie event and would like to extend kudos to all departments involved. She attended the Friends of Rotary event, the Builders and Developers Golf Tournament, and a meeting with CAO Nicolay and the CEO of Mustard Seed.

18. ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk