



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

**February 6, 2023, 3:00 P.M.
Council Chambers, City Hall**

PRESENT	J. Clayton (virtual)	Mayor
	G. Berg (virtual)	Councillor
	W. Bosch (virtual)	Councillor
	M. O'Connor (virtual)	Councillor
	K. O'Toole (virtual)	Councillor
	G. Blackmore	Councillor
	D. Bressey (virtual)	Councillor
	C. Thiessen (virtual)	Councillor
	W. Pilat (virtual)	Councillor
ALSO PRESENT	R. Nicolay	City Manager
	A. Miller	Deputy City Manager
	D. Whiteway	Chief Financial Officer
	J. Harrop	Chief Investment Officer
	B. Glavin	Chief Operating Officer
	D. Lemieux	Chief Public & Protective Services Officer
	J. MacEachern	Chief of Staff
	J. Freeman	City Solicitor
	L. Hanson	City Clerk
	S. Cajolais	Recreation & Culture Executive Director
	J. Johnson	Planning & Development Director
	A. Downing	Senior Planner
	K. Brock	Development Officer II
	Y. Babalola	Senior Planner

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

MOVED by D. Bressey

Whereas Section 10 of Schedule C of the Procedure Bylaw enables Council to consider requests for exceptions to the procedures contained within Schedule C, it is hereby moved that Section 2(c) of Schedule C of the Procedure Bylaw is temporarily suspended for the entirety of this meeting.

CARRIED (9 to 0)

2. NATIONAL ANTHEM

3. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

3.1 City Council Meeting

MOVED by W. Bosch

Council adopt the minutes of the City Council meeting held January 23, 2023, as presented.

CARRIED (9 to 0)

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED by C. Thiessen

Council adopt the Agenda as presented.

CARRIED (9 to 0)

5. DELEGATIONS

5.1 Salvation Army

Peter Kim, representative of the Salvation Army, was present to provide Council with additional information on the request made at the fall budget deliberations.

5.2 Jen England

Jen England, resident, was present to provide Council with information regarding a Symposium for Live Theatre playwrights, directors, and actors coming up in May.

6. REPORTS

6.1 Council Member Appointments

MOVED by M. O'Connor

Council appoint Mayor Clayton and Councillors Bressey and Pilat to the Intermunicipal Development Planning Committee.

CARRIED (9 to 0)

7. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

7.1 Operational Services Committee

MOVED by W. Bosch

Council adopt the minutes of the Operational Services Committee meeting held January 31, 2023, as presented.

CARRIED (9 to 0)

7.1.1 Meeting Highlights

Councillor Bosch provided Council with highlights from the Operational Services Committee meeting.

7.2 Strategy & Communication Services Committee

MOVED by G. Berg

Council adopt the minutes of the Strategy & Communication Services Committee meeting held January 31, 2023, as presented.

CARRIED (9 to 0)

7.2.1 Meeting Highlights

Councillor Berg provided Council with highlights from the Strategy & Communication Services Committee meeting.

7.3 Financial & Administrative Services Committee

MOVED by G. Blackmore

Council adopt the minutes of the Financial & Administrative Services Committee meeting held January 31, 2023, as presented.

CARRIED (9 to 0)

7.3.1 2023 Business Improvement Area Budget Review

W. Bosch declared a conflict on this item, as Executive Director of the Downtown Association.

MOVED by G. Blackmore

Council:

1. Review and approve the 2023 Business Improvement Area (BIA) budget in Council Chambers on Monday March 6, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. as presented; and
2. Direct Administration to notify the businesses within the BIA, of the above date, by letter, accompanied by a copy of the proposed 2023 BIA budget.

CARRIED (8 to 0)

7.3.2 Meeting Highlights

Councillor Blackmore provided Council with highlights from the Financial & Administrative Services Committee meeting.

7.4 Invest GP Committee

MOVED by W. Pilat

Council adopt the minutes of the Invest GP Committee meeting held January 31, 2023, as presented.

CARRIED (9 to 0)

7.4.1 Meeting Highlights

Councillor Pilat provided Council with highlights from the Invest GP Committee meeting.

7.5 Public & Protective Services Committee

MOVED by D. Bressey

Council adopt the minutes of the Public & Protective Services Committee meeting held January 31, 2023, as presented.

CARRIED (9 to 0)

7.5.1 2024 National Aboriginal Hockey Championships

MOVED by D. Bressey

Council:

1. Approve the \$1,500 bid fee for the 2024 National Aboriginal Hockey Championship, to be funded from the Arctic Winter Games Legacy Fund;
2. Direct Administration to submit a "Letter of Intent" to bid; and
3. Direct Administration to complete the Bid Submission Form to host the 2024 National Aboriginal Hockey Championship.

CARRIED (9 to 0)

7.5.2 City Events Strategy

MOVED by D. Bressey

Council adopt the City Events Strategy as presented

CARRIED (9 to 0)

MOVED by D. Bressey

Council approve the amendment of the Parade Float Fee for non-profit organizations from \$10.00 per float (GST applicable) to Free.

CARRIED (9 to 0)

MOVED by K. O'Toole

Council approve the amendment of the Parade Float Fee for for-profit organizations from \$100.00 per float (GST applicable) to \$50.00 per float (GST applicable).

MOVED by W. Bosch

Council amend the motion to delete "\$50.00 per float (GST applicable)" and insert "free".

For: (3): W. Bosch, G. Blackmore, and D. Bressey

Opposed: (6): Mayor J. Clayton, G. Berg, M. O'Connor, K. O'Toole, C. Thiessen, and W. Pilat

DEFEATED (3 to 6)

Vote on Main Motion as Presented.

For: (7): Mayor J. Clayton, G. Berg, W. Bosch, K. O'Toole, G. Blackmore, D. Bressey, and W. Pilat

Opposed: (2): M. O'Connor, and C. Thiessen

CARRIED (7 to 2)

MOVED by D. Bressey

Council direct Administration to prepare amendments to the Fees, Rates & Charges Bylaw to reflect these changes.

CARRIED (9 to 0)

7.5.3 Land Options for Proposed Soccer Facility

MOVED by Mayor J. Clayton

Council move In Camera to discuss matters protected under Section 24 of the FOIP Act.

CARRIED (9 to 0)

MOVED by D. Bressey

Council meeting resume.

CARRIED (9 to 0)

MOVED by D. Bressey

Council direct Administration to refer this item back to the appropriate Standing Committee for further discussion.

CARRIED (9 to 0)

7.5.4 Meeting Highlights

Councillor Bressey provided Council with highlights from the Public & Protective Services Committee meeting.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

9. DELEGATION BUSINESS

9.1 Salvation Army

MOVED by W. Bosch

Council receive this presentation for information.

CARRIED (9 to 0)

9.2 Jen England

MOVED by D. Bressey

Council direct the Mayor to identify appropriate support for this event.

CARRIED (9 to 0)

10. NOTICE OF MOTION

11. RECESS

The meeting recessed from 5:21 p.m. to 6:01 p.m.

12. DELEGATIONS (6:00 PM)

12.1 Laura Grey

Laura Grey and Kevin Chrenek, residents, were present to speak to Council regarding zoning and an Apartel in the Grande Banks neighbourhood.

12.2 Clarence Bidne

Clarence Bidne, resident, was present to request that he be permitted to have a therapy rooster at his house.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. PUBLIC HEARINGS

14.1 Land Use Bylaw Amendment C-1260-167

14.1.1 Call to Order

The Public Hearing was called to order at 6:26 p.m.

14.1.2 Introduction by Administration

A. Downing, Senior Planner, and K. Brock, Development Officer II, presented Committee with amendments to the Land Use Bylaw. The proposed amendments would add additional uses and change the development authority for uses within the “Cairn” mixed-use apartment building.

14.1.3 Presentations/ Submissions

Brad Cameron, owner of Cairn on the Boulevard, was present to speak in favour of the proposed amendments.

Tracy Hudson, resident, was present to speak in favour of the proposed amendments.

Norma Barber, resident, was present to speak in opposition of the proposed amendments.

14.1.4 Close Public Hearing

The Public Hearing closed at 6:47 p.m.

14.1.5 Business Arising from the Hearing

MOVED by C. Thiessen

Council give first reading to Bylaw C-1260-167, being an amendment to the Land Use Bylaw.

CARRIED (9 to 0)

Bylaw C-1260-167 was read for the first time.

MOVED by C. Thiessen

Council give second reading to Bylaw C-1260-167.

MOVED by D. Bressey

Council amend the bylaw to strike "Liquor Store" from Discretionary Uses.

CARRIED (9 to 0)

Vote on Main Motion as Amended.

CARRIED (9 to 0)

Bylaw C-1260-167 was read for the second time, as amended.

MOVED by C. Thiessen

Council have third reading of Bylaw C-1260-167, as amended, at this meeting.

CARRIED (9 to 0)

MOVED by C. Thiessen

Council give third reading to Bylaw C-1260-167, being an amendment to the Land Use Bylaw, as amended.

CARRIED (9 to 0)

Bylaw C-1260-167 was read for the third time, as amended, and finally passed.

14.2 Land Use Bylaw Amendment C-1260-168

14.2.1 Call to Order

The Public Hearing was called to order at 6:56 p.m.

14.2.2 Introduction by Administration

Y. Babalola, Senior Planner, presented Council with amendments to the Land Use Bylaw. The proposed amendments would facilitate the development of low-medium density housing in the area under a site-specific controlled district while still maintaining the proposed condominium plan.

14.2.3 Presentations/ Submissions

Scott Roessler and Jonathan Phillips, representatives of the applicant, were present to speak in favour of the proposed amendments.

14.2.4 Close Public Hearing

The Public Hearing closed at 7:37 p.m.

14.2.5 Business Arising from the Hearing

MOVED by W. Pilat

Council give first reading to Bylaw C-1260-168, being an amendment to the Land Use Bylaw.

CARRIED (9 to 0)

Bylaw C-1260-168 was read for the first time.

MOVED by W. Pilat

Council give second reading to Bylaw C-1260-168.

For: (8): Mayor J. Clayton, G. Berg, W. Bosch, M. O'Connor, K. O'Toole, G. Blackmore, D. Bressey, and W. Pilat

Opposed: (1): C. Thiessen

CARRIED (8 to 1)

Bylaw C-1260-168 was read for the second time.

MOVED by W. Pilat

Council have third reading of Bylaw C-1260-168 at this meeting.

CARRIED (9 to 0)

MOVED by W. Pilat

Council give third reading to Bylaw C-1260-168, being an amendment to the Land Use Bylaw.

For: (8): Mayor J. Clayton, G. Berg, W. Bosch, M. O'Connor, K. O'Toole, G. Blackmore, D. Bressey, and W. Pilat

Opposed: (1): C. Thiessen

CARRIED (8 to 1)

Bylaw C-1260-168 was read for the third time and finally passed.

15. DELEGATION BUSINESS

15.1 Laura Grey

MOVED by D. Bressey

Council direct Administration to report back to the appropriate Standing Committee with opportunities to regulate Apartels in the City and information regarding the development referenced by the delegation.

CARRIED (9 to 0)

15.2 Clarence Bidne

MOVED by D. Bressey

Council receive this presentation for information.

CARRIED (9 to 0)

16. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councillor Blackmore attended a meeting of the Peace Health Advisory Council, where they received a report from AHS regarding attraction and retention of doctors in the City; various new medical professionals will be coming to Grande Prairie soon.

Councillor Berg, as a new member of the Peace Library System Board, received a tour of their building and systems. He attended a business cocktail event with Edmonton Airport administration, where they discussed getting more flights to Edmonton.

Councillor Pilat attended the International Council of Shopping Centres Conference in Whistler and noted that it's nice to see businesses excited about the market again and there is a good buzz regarding Grande Prairie.

Councillor Thiessen attended a meeting of the Grande Spirit Foundation, where they discussed updating policies, the review and compensation of the General Manager, and the pet policy/visitation guidelines. There was correspondence from the MD of Greenview regarding land available for a future seniors build in Grovedale. The Alberta Seniors Community & Housing Association conference is upcoming. The Mighty Peace Watershed Alliance is reviewing their technical and nominations committees and discussion is underway regarding the board retreat. Next week there will be a conference on water management in the Alberta Boreal Forest.

Councillor Bosch enjoyed the meeting between City and County Councils to discuss regional priorities and building relationships. She attended a streetlight workshop, which was very interesting. She is looking forward to the Growing the North Conference.

Councillor O'Connor attended many of the events already mentioned.

Councillor O'Toole attended the Chamber of Commerce budget discussion and the meeting between City and County Councils. He attended a meeting of the Combative Sports Commission and noted that there will be a request coming for amendments to the bylaw. The Rotary Club donated \$10K to buy a power wheelchair for soccer; only two more chairs are needed now. The Accessibility Advisory Committee's Chair Leaders event will be held virtually, with past recipients discussing challenges.

Councillor Bressey attended an Alberta Municipalities board meeting and appreciated the time they had with Minister Schulz. He met with top leadership from EMS in the province and noted that he is optimistic for changes coming soon. Preparations are underway for the President's Summit, which will discuss municipal collaboration. He attended a Youth Advisory Council meeting where a Chair and other executive positions were appointed.

Mayor Clayton attended many events already mentioned. She had the opportunity to read at some local schools during Literacy Week. She met with Minister Milliken and members of his staff regarding mental health and what can be done collaboratively. She attended the event hosted by the Edmonton International Airport event and also had a chance to meet with their CEO, which resulted in a detailed conversation about opportunities for air travel. The Edmonton Chamber Ball was a great opportunity to talk to many people. She attended an Aquatera shareholders meeting, a meeting with CN Rail, and a meeting with the Chair of the Youth Advisory Council. A Mid-Sized Cities Mayors Caucus Summit is being planned for January 2024 and will be an opportunity for Councillors to receive a lot of good information. She also attended a meeting with Maskwa stakeholders, where positive conversation was held regarding health care attraction and training of doctors.

17. ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk