



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

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

PRESENT	J. Clayton G. Berg W. Bosch M. O'Connor K. O'Toole D. Bressey C. Thiessen	Mayor Councillor Councillor Councillor Councillor Councillor Councillor
ABSENT	G. Blackmore W. Pilat	Councillor Councillor
ALSO PRESENT	S. Bourke A. Miller D. Whiteway B. Glavin D. Lemieux J. MacEachern J. Freeman (virtual) L. Hanson K. Biberdorf J. Johnson A. Downing	City Manager Deputy City Manager Chief Financial Officer Chief Operating Officer Chief Public & Protective Services Officer Chief of Staff City Solicitor City Clerk Director of Sports Development, Wellness & Culture Director of Planning & Development Senior Planner

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. NATIONAL ANTHEM

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

4. PROCLAMATION

4.1 Small Business Week October 15-21

Mayor Clayton proclaimed October 15-21 as Small Business Week in the City of Grande Prairie.

5. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

5.1 City Council Meeting

MOVED by M. O'Connor

Council adopt the minutes of the City Council meeting held September 18, 2023, as presented.

CARRIED (7 to 0)

6. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED by D. Bressey

Council adopt the Agenda with the following amendment: move Council Member Reports prior to the Recess.

CARRIED (7 to 0)

7. DELEGATIONS

8. REPORTS

8.1 Emergency Community Group Funding

K. Biberdorf, Director of Sports Development, Wellness & Culture, presented Council with a request for Emergency Community Group Funding from the Elders Caring Shelter Society. Based on the information provided, the organization has decreased revenue, increasing expenses, and a declining ratio.

Benita Galandy, representative of the Elders Caring Shelter Society, was present to provide additional information and answer questions.

MOVED by D. Bressey

Council approve Emergency Community Group Funding in the amount of \$26,000 to the Elders Caring Shelter Society, from the neighbourhood association operating grant budget.

CARRIED (7 to 0)

9. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

10. CORRESPONDENCE

11. DELEGATION BUSINESS

12. NOTICE OF MOTION

13. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councillor Berg noted that the Alberta Municipalities Conference last week was a great networking event with many interesting sessions. Congratulations to Councillor Bressey on his appointment at this Conference as Vice President of Cities under 500,000. He attended the Chair Extraordinaire event, the Wapiti House and Saint Lawrence Centre Annual Fundraiser Gala, the Art Gallery of Grande Prairie Annual General Meeting (AGM), and the Twin Ice Arena 20 Year Anniversary event.

Councillor Bosch attended a Grande Prairie Storm meeting. The Halloween Spooktacular event will take place on October 28 at Bonnett's Energy Centre. She attended a strategic direction

meeting of the Grande Prairie Sport Connection. The Grande Prairie Regional Recreation Committee meeting had discussions regarding black ice and vacancies, the new brand logo and marketing plan, and policy templates. She attended the stakeholder meeting with UDI and BILD, the Volunteer Organizations Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony, the Art Gallery of Grande Prairie AGM, the Chair Extraordinaire event, the Twin Ice Arena 20 Year Anniversary event and tribute to John Lehnrs, the meeting with the University of Alberta regarding future planning, the Alberta Municipalities Conference, and the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Pipe Ceremony.

Councillor O'Connor attended many events already mentioned. He attended the stakeholder meeting with UDI and BILD, the Volunteer Organizations Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony, the Highland Park Neighbourhood Association meeting, the Wapiti House and Saint Lawrence Centre Annual Fundraiser Gala, the Twin Ice Arena 20 Year Anniversary event and tribute to John Lehnrs, and Nitehawk's Comedy Nite Fundraiser. Kudos to Mayor Clayton on her representation of the City at the Alberta Municipalities Conference, and congratulations to Councillor Bressey on his appointment.

Councillor O'Toole attended meeting of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities Board, the Rising Above fundraiser, the stakeholder meeting with UDI and BILD, and the Volunteer Organizations Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony. The barbecue for staff at the Grande Prairie Regional Hospital was well attended. He attended the Wapiti House and Saint Lawrence Centre Annual Fundraiser Gala, the Twin Ice Arena 20 Year Anniversary event and tribute to John Lehnrs, and Nitehawk's Comedy Nite Fundraiser. Council had a chance to meet with many Ministers and municipal Councillors at the Alberta Municipalities Conference. He noted that the PBR Rodeo was a great event.

Councillor Thiessen had a busy week as Deputy Mayor. The Alberta Municipalities Conference was a great event with many interesting sessions; congratulations to Councillor Bressey on his appointment. He took part in a wetland project at the Pinnacle storm pond and brought greetings at the Tiny Hands of Hope Walk to Remember. He attended the Chair Extraordinaire event, the Twin Ice Arena 20 Year Anniversary event and tribute to John Lehnrs, and the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Pipe Ceremony and 5K Walk. He also emceed the Run for the Cure event.

Councillor Bressey attended many events already mentioned. The tribute to John Lehnrs was a great event. There will be a disc golf event at the Bear Paw Par 3 Golf Course; this event is a fundraiser for the Alberta Winter Games. He attended a tour of the Poundmaker Lodge building, which is an addiction treatment facility.

Mayor Clayton dropped the puck at the Grande Prairie Storm Home Opener. She attended the PBR event at Bonnett's and breakfast with MLA Nolan Dyck regarding current projects in the City. She graduated from the Municipal Leaders Certificate Program. Thanks to everyone who assisted with the panel on Emergency Management at the Alberta Municipalities Conference. The City, County, and MD of Greenview hosted an event at the World Petroleum Congress. Kudos to Rising Above, who exceeded their targeted fundraising goals at a recent telethon. She attended the stakeholder meeting with BILD and UDI, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation 5K Walk, and the Twin Ice Arena 20 Year Anniversary event and tribute to John Lehnrs. She had a great conversation with the Executive Director of Women's Building Futures. She attended the Grande Prairie Kidney Walk, a meeting with the University of Alberta regarding future planning, and a meeting at the Alberta Municipalities Conference regarding advocacy priorities. Congratulations to Councillor Bressey on his appointment.

14. RECESS

The meeting recessed from 3:36 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

15. PUBLIC HEARINGS

15.1 Land Use Bylaw Amendment C-1260-173

15.1.1 Call to Order

The Public Hearing was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

15.1.2 Introduction by Administration

J. Johnson, Director of Planning & Development, and A. Downing, Senior Planner, presented Council with amendments to the Land Use Bylaw. The proposed amendments will rezone the subject property from Arterial Commercial to Rural Industrial.

15.1.3 Presentations/ Submissions

Dustin Andrew, applicant, and Scott Roessler, representative of Helix Engineering, were present to speak in favour of the proposed amendments.

15.1.4 Close Public Hearing

The Public Hearing closed at 6:09 p.m.

15.1.5 Business Arising from the Hearing

MOVED by M. O'Connor

Council give first reading to Bylaw C-1260-173, being an amendment to the Land Use Bylaw.

CARRIED (7 to 0)

Bylaw C-1260-173 was read for the first time.

MOVED by M. O'Connor

Council give second reading to Bylaw C-1260-173.

CARRIED (7 to 0)

Bylaw C-1260-173 was read for the second time.

MOVED by M. O'Connor

Council have third reading of Bylaw C-1260-173 at this meeting.

CARRIED (7 to 0)

MOVED by M. O'Connor

Council give third reading to Bylaw C-1260-173, being an amendment to the Land Use Bylaw.

CARRIED (7 to 0)

Bylaw C-1260-173 was read for the third time and finally passed.

16. DELEGATIONS (6:00 PM)

16.1 Sarah Card

Sarah Card, representative of the Bear Creek Folk Festival, was present to thank the City for their support and provide an update on the 2023 Festival.

16.2 Frank Skolly

Frank Skolly, representative of the Royal Canadian Legion, and Robert Simmons, representative of the Rotary Club of Grande Prairie, were present to request updated signs at the City limits promoting community service groups.

16.3 Debra Gustavson

Debra Gustavson, representative of the Mission Heights Neighbourhood Association, was present to discuss the naturalization in the Mission Heights neighbourhood.

16.4 Brooke Blaikie

Brooke Blaikie, resident, was present to discuss the naturalization in the Mission Heights neighbourhood.

16.5 Dan Schwanke

Dan Schwanke, resident, was present to discuss the naturalization in the Mission Heights neighbourhood.

17. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

18. DELEGATION BUSINESS

18.1 Sarah Card

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

CARRIED (7 to 0)

18.2 Frank Skolly

MOVED by M. O'Connor
Council direct Administration to bring back a report with opportunities for entrance signs featuring community groups.

CARRIED (7 to 0)

18.3 Debra Gustavson

18.4 Brooke Blaikie

18.5 Dan Schwanke

MOVED by D. Bressey
Council receive the presentations regarding naturalization for information.

CARRIED (7 to 0)

19. ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk