



MINUTES OF THE CITY OF GRANDE PRAIRIE
COUNCIL MEETING

October 21, 2024, 3:00 P.M.
Council Chambers, City Hall

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 3:23 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

2.1 City Council Meeting

MOVED by M. O'Connor

Council adopt the minutes of the City Council meeting held October 7, as presented.

CARRIED (6 to 0)

2.2 City/County Joint Council Meeting

MOVED by D. Bressey

Council adopt the minutes of the City/County Joint Council Meeting held October 15, as presented.

CARRIED (6 to 0)

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED by M. O'Connor
Council adopt the Agenda as presented.

CARRIED (6 to 0)

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1 Jenny Stegmeier

Jenny Stegmeier, resident, was present to discuss the indoor recreation facility proposed for the City.

5. REPORTS

5.1 Upcoming Meetings

MOVED by M. O'Connor
Council approve Standing Committee meetings to take place on October 29 at 9:00 a.m., and a City Council meeting to take place on November 4 at 3:00 p.m.

CARRIED (6 to 0)

6. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

6.1 Council Committee of the Whole Meeting

MOVED by D. Bressey
Council adopt the minutes of the Council Committee of the Whole meeting held October 9, as presented.

CARRIED (6 to 0)

6.2 Strategy & Communication Services Committee

MOVED by C. Thiessen
Council adopt the minutes of the Strategy & Communication Services Committee meeting held October 15, as presented.

CARRIED (6 to 0)

6.2.1 Meeting Highlights

Councillor Thiessen provided highlights from the Strategy & Communication Services Committee meeting.

6.3 Financial & Administrative Services Committee

MOVED by M. O'Connor
Council adopt the minutes of the Financial & Administrative Services Committee meeting held October 15, as presented.

CARRIED (6 to 0)

6.3.1 Appointment of External Auditor

MOVED by M. O'Connor

Council appoint MNP LLP as the auditor for the City of Grande Prairie for a term of 5 years, with the option of two one-year extensions.

CARRIED (6 to 0)

6.3.2 Meeting Highlights

Councillor O'Connor provided highlights from the Financial & Administrative Services Committee meeting.

6.4 Invest GP Committee

MOVED by D. Bressey

Council adopt the minutes of the Invest GP Committee meeting held October 15, as presented.

CARRIED (6 to 0)

6.4.1 Meeting Highlights

Councillor Bressey provided highlights from the Invest GP Committee meeting.

6.5 Operational Services Committee

MOVED by C. Thiessen

Council adopt the minutes of the Operational Services Committee meeting held October 15, as presented.

CARRIED (6 to 0)

6.5.1 Meeting Highlights

Councillor Thiessen provided highlights from the Operational Services Committee meeting.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

8. DELEGATION BUSINESS

8.1 Jenny Stegmeier

MOVED by C. Thiessen

Council receive this presentation for information.

CARRIED (6 to 0)

9. NOTICE OF MOTION

10. RECESS

The meeting recessed from 3:55 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

11. DELEGATIONS (6:00 PM)

11.1 Grande Prairie Climbing Association

Christopher Dart and Matthew Vavrek, representatives of the Grande Prairie Climbing Association, were present to discuss the opportunity for a climbing gym in the City.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

13. PUBLIC HEARINGS

13.1 Rezoning from CA - Commercial Arterial to DC-37 Direct Control District

13.1.1 Call to Order

The Public Hearing was called to order at 6:20 p.m.

13.1.2 Introduction by Administration

J. Johnson, Director of Planning & Development, and A. Downing, Senior Planner, presented Council with proposed amendments to The Arbour Hills Area Structure Plan, Trader Ridge Outline Plan, and Land Use Bylaw. The proposed amendments will allow for medium to high-density residential development, including multi-attached dwellings or apartment buildings with a maximum height of 8 storeys.

13.1.3 Presentations/ Submissions

Randy Glenn, representative of the applicant, was present to speak in favour of the proposed amendments.

13.1.4 Close Public Hearing

The Public Hearing closed at 6:36 p.m.

13.1.5 Business Arising from the Hearing

MOVED by C. Thiessen

Council give first reading to Bylaw C-1212I, being an amendment to the Arbour Hills Area Structure Plan.

CARRIED (6 to 0)

Bylaw C-1212I was read for the first time.

MOVED by C. Thiessen

Council give second reading to Bylaw C-1212I.

CARRIED (6 to 0)

Bylaw C-1212I was read for the second time.

MOVED by C. Thiessen

Council have third reading of Bylaw C-1212I at this meeting.

CARRIED (6 to 0)

MOVED by C. Thiessen

Council give third reading to Bylaw C-1212I, being an amendment to the Arbour Hills Area Structure Plan.

CARRIED (6 to 0)

Bylaw C-1212I was read for the third time and finally passed.

MOVED by C. Thiessen

Council give first reading to Bylaw C-1307A, being an amendment to the Trader Ridge Outline Plan.

CARRIED (6 to 0)

Bylaw C-1307A was read for the first time.

MOVED by C. Thiessen

Council give second reading to Bylaw C-1307A.

CARRIED (6 to 0)

Bylaw C-1307A was read for the second time.

MOVED by C. Thiessen

Council have third reading of Bylaw C-1307A at this meeting.

CARRIED (6 to 0)

MOVED by C. Thiessen

Council give third reading to Bylaw C-1307A, being an amendment to the Trader Ridge Outline Plan.

CARRIED (6 to 0)

Bylaw C-1307A was read for the third time and finally passed.

MOVED by C. Thiessen

Council give first reading to Bylaw C-1260-186, being an amendment to the Land Use Bylaw.

CARRIED (6 to 0)

Bylaw C-1260-186 was read for the first time.

MOVED by C. Thiessen

Council give second reading to Bylaw C-1260-186.

CARRIED (6 to 0)

Bylaw C-1260-186 was read for the second time.

MOVED by C. Thiessen

Council have third reading of Bylaw C-1260-186 at this meeting.

CARRIED (6 to 0)

MOVED by C. Thiessen

Council give third reading to Bylaw C-1260-186, being an amendment to the Land Use Bylaw.

CARRIED (6 to 0)

Bylaw C-1260-186 was read for the third time and finally passed.

MOVED by D. Bressey

Council direct Administration to bring report back to the appropriate Standing Committee with budget and schedule impacts on expanding conventional transit into the Trader Ridge neighbourhood.

CARRIED (6 to 0)

14. DELEGATION BUSINESS

14.1 Grande Prairie Climbing Association

MOVED by D. Bressey

Council direct the Mayor to write a letter of support for the Grande Prairie Climbing Association.

CARRIED (6 to 0)

15. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councillor Bressey highlighted a Police Commission Policy & Governance Subcommittee meeting, a Policing Committee meeting, the swearing in of new GPPS Experienced Officers, the City/County IDP Joint Public Hearing, the Intermunicipal Collaboration Committee meeting, and the Recreation Cost Sharing negotiations with the County.

Councillor Bosch highlighted the Invest GP Mixer for Children's Health & Education, the Storm Board meeting, the Sport Connection Board meeting, and the Support the Girls event.

Councillor Thiessen highlighted the CABH meeting, the Invest GP Mixer for Children's Health & Education, the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty event, the Northwestern Polytechnic President's Ball, and the Alberta Seniors & Community Housing Association North Zone meeting.

Councillor Berg highlighted the Invest GP Mixer for Children's Health & Education, an education program hosted by Indigenous Tourism Alberta, and the Northwestern Polytechnic President's Ball.

Councillor O'Connor highlighted the City/County IDP Joint Public Hearing, the Invest GP Mixer for Children's Health and Education, the stakeholder meeting with AltaGas, the Recreation Cost Sharing negotiations with the County, the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty event, and the Northwestern Polytechnic President's Ball.

Mayor Clayton highlighted the Invest GP Mixer for Children's Health & Education, the stakeholder meeting with AltaGas, the CAREERS: The Next Generation event, the Proclamation for Probus month, the update with Maskwa Medical Centre, the Support the Girls event, a meeting with the Northwestern Polytechnic President, the City/County IDP Joint Public Hearing, and interview on the Cross Border Podcast, the Intermunicipal Collaboration Committee meeting, the Recreation Cost Sharing negotiations with the County, the Mid-Sized Cities Mayor's Caucus, the meeting with

Brownlee, a meeting with various Ministers, MLAs, and the Premier, an interview with Print Media, the Northwestern Polytechnic President's Ball, and a call with the Community Rail Advocacy Alliance.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor provided Council with an award in recognition of their commitment to diversity and inclusion during Black History Month.

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk