

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of the City of Prince George, held in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 1100 Patricia Boulevard, Prince George, BC, on March 2, 2015 at 6:18 p.m.

PRESENT:

His Worship Mayor Lyn Hall – Chairperson

Councillor Everitt
Councillor Frizzell
Councillor Koehler
Councillor Krause
Councillor McConnachie
Councillor Merrick
Councillor Scott
Councillor Skakun <6:18 p.m. – 8:35 p.m.>

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms. **Soltis**, Acting City Manager; Mr. **Babicz**, Director of Legal and Regulatory Services; Mr. **Dalio**, Deputy Financial Officer; Mr. **Dyer**, Acting Director of Public Works; Mr. **Wells**, Director of Planning and Development; Mr. **Whitwham**, Director of Recreation and Cultural Services; and Ms. **Ward**, Legislative Assistant.

A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

Moved by Councillor Scott, seconded by Councillor Skakun, that the agenda for the Regular Council Meeting scheduled for March 2, 2015 at 6:00 p.m., BE ADOPTED.

Carried Unanimously

B. MINUTES

B.1 Report dated February 10, 2015 from Walter Babicz, Director of Legal and Regulatory Services regarding: Adoption of Minutes

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

Moved by Councillor Merrick, seconded by Councillor Frizzell, that:

1. The attached minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held February 2, 2015, BE ADOPTED, as read on this day and that such minutes as read set out all the business before Council at that meeting and fully and properly record all of the resolutions and bylaws passed and adopted by Council at that meeting.
2. The attached minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held February 10, 2015, BE ADOPTED, as read on this day and that such minutes as read set out all the business before Council at that meeting and fully and properly record all of the resolutions and bylaws passed and adopted by Council at that meeting.

Carried Unanimously

C. DELEGATIONS

C.1 The Salvation Army

Presenter Captain Neil Wilkinson came to Centre Table.

Captain Wilkinson provided an overview of the services that the Salvation Army provides to residents of Prince George, in addition to acting as a distribution hub for other communities. The Salvation Army in Prince George opened in 1920 and offers services such as a food bank, emergency disaster services and recycling.

C.2 Central BC Railway and Forestry Museum Society

Presenters Ranjit Gill and Lorna Wendling came to Centre Table.

Ms. Gill provided an overview of the programming at the Central BC Railway and Forestry Museum, as well as some of the major events, including the 100th Anniversary of Train Transportation, the History of Indo-Canadians in the Forest Industry and the initiation of the Urban Orchard Project.

Mayor Hall called an eight minute recess at 6:52 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance was the same as at the time recess was called.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

D.1 Report dated February 16, 2015 from Walter Babicz, Director of Legal and Regulatory Services regarding: Prince George Heritage Commission Appointments

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

Moved by Councillor Frizzell, seconded by Councillor Scott, that Item D.1, BE RECEIVED.

Carried Unanimously

E. FORMAL PUBLIC HEARINGS – COMMENCING AT 7:00 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of Council adjourned to the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m.

Public Hearing for City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 8597, 2015 (7:00 p.m.)

E.1 City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 8597, 2015

Council considered the following documentation in conjunction with City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 8597, 2015:

1. Previously received Staff Report dated January 21, 2015 from Ian Wells, Director of Planning and Development, regarding Rezoning Application No. RZ100470.
2. Letter dated February 23, 2015 from Dr. Firas Mansour, President of University Mountain View Estates Ltd. in opposition to the application.

Applicant:

Ashley Elliott and Jason Boyes of L&M Engineering Ltd. came to Centre Table and provided an overview of the application.

Ms. Elliott and Mr. Boyes returned to the gallery.

Gallery:

Dr. Firas Mansour and Chris Morgan of Radloff & Associates Inc. came to Centre Table and spoke in opposition to the application.

Dr. Mansour provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining access concerns he has with the site, due to the density of an RM3 zone, and stated that he would like further transportation studies completed.

Ms. Elliott and Mr. Boyes returned to Centre Table and stated that a traffic impact study was completed in 2009 and recommends that another study should be completed when 420 units have been built.

Dr. Mansour, Mr. Morgan, Ms. Ellisott and Mr. Boyes returned to the gallery.

Art Brauman, a resident of the subject area, came to Centre Table and spoke in opposition to the application. Mr. Brauman stated that he does not believe that this application is consistent with the neighbourhood character he experienced and researched when he bought his property.

Mr. Brauman returned to the gallery.

Dave Bakker of the Northern Bear Awareness Society came to Centre Table and spoke to concerns about bear attractants on the berm situated on the subject property. Mr. Bakker stated that the berm has been seeded with clover which is a bear attractant and could cause an increased number of bears crossing Tyner Boulevard.

Mr. Bakker returned to the gallery.

Ms. Elliott returned to Centre Table and stated that the applicant is working to create a transition from single family to multiple residential in order to preserve the neighbourhood character and has worked closely with the City on the application. She indicated that although there has been clearcutting in the area, it was completed to solve drainage issues and remediation will be initiated after construction.

Ms. Elliott returned to the gallery.

Mr. Brauman returned to Centre Table and spoke of concerns related to previous rezonings in the subject area in addition to the proposed rezoning.

Mr. Brauman returned to the gallery.

Bryan Strom, a resident of the subject area, came to Centre Table and spoke in opposition to the application. Mr. Strom was under the impression that there would not be any multi-family as part of the development and indicated that he has seen a lot of disagreeable changes in the neighbourhood in the last two years.

Mr. Strom returned to the gallery.

Dr. Mansour returned to Centre Table and spoke to concerns of the public notification, in particular, the signage.

Dr. Mansour returned to the gallery.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

Moved by Councillor Skakun, seconded by Councillor Everitt, that the Public Hearing regarding City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 8597, 2015, BE ADJOURNED, to BE RESUMED on March 30, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of City Hall.

Carried Unanimously

The Public Hearing adjourned to the Regular Meeting of Council at 8:13 p.m.

Regular Meeting of Council (8:13 p.m.)

E.2 City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 8597, 2015

F. REPORTS

MAYOR

- F.1 Report dated February 17, 2015 from Mayor Hall regarding:
2015 Canada Winter Games Host Society – City of Prince George Representative

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

Moved by Councillor Scott, seconded by Councillor Koehler, that Kathleen Soltis, Acting City Manager, BE APPOINTED as the City of Prince George representative on the Canada Winter Games Host Society Board.

Carried Unanimously

COMMITTEES

- F.2 Report dated February 20, 2015 from Councillor Brian Skakun, Chair of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Resolutions regarding: Updates to Terms of Reference

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

Moved by Councillor Skakun, seconded by Councillor Frizzell, that the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Resolutions Terms of Reference attached as Schedule “A, BE APPROVED.

Carried Unanimously

- F.3 Report dated February 25, 2015 from Councillor Murry Krause, Chair of the Select Committee on Prince George’s 100th Anniversary Celebration regarding: 100th Anniversary Grant Allocations

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

Moved by Councillor Koehler, seconded by Councillor McConnachie, that the recommendations for the 100th Anniversary community grants, BE APPROVED, as set out in the report.

Carried Unanimously

ACTING CITY MANAGER

- F.4 Report dated February 16, 2015 from Kathleen Soltis, Acting City Manager regarding:
Housing Need and Demand Study and Housing Strategy Framework

Marlene Morris and Greg Halseth came to Centre Table and provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining the Prince George Housing Need and Demand Study and Housing Strategy Framework.

Ms. Morris and Mr. Halseth answered questions from Council.

Councillor Skakun exited Council Chambers at 8:35 p.m.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

Moved by Councillor Krause, seconded by Councillor Everitt, that the reports BE RECEIVED for information.

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

- F.5 Report dated February 12, 2015 from Ian Wells, Director of Planning and Development regarding:
Application No. AR100024

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

Moved by Councillor Frizzell, seconded by Councillor Merrick, that the proposed non- farm use and placement of fill on the subject property, 4918 Highway 16 West, BE SUPPORTED and that Administration BE DIRECTED to forward that response to the Agricultural Land Commission.

Carried Unanimously

- F.6 Report dated February 16, 2015 from Ian Wells, Director of Planning and Development regarding:
1617 Victoria Street Lane Closure Bylaw No. 8634, 2015

- F.7 1617 Victoria Street Lane Closure Bylaw No. 8634, 2015

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

Moved by Councillor Frizzell, seconded by Councillor Krause, that 1617 Victoria Street Lane Closure Bylaw No. 8634, 2015, BE GRANTED FIRST AND SECOND READING.

Carried Unanimously

- F.8 Report dated February 19, 2015 from Ian Wells, Director of Planning and Development regarding:
Recreation Place North Road Closure Bylaw No. 8640, 2015

- F.9 Recreation Place North Road Closure Bylaw No. 8640, 2015

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

Moved by Councillor Frizzell, seconded by Councillor Koehler, that Recreation Place North Road Closure Bylaw No. 8640, 2015, BE GRANTED FIRST AND SECOND READING.

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF LEGAL & REGULATORY SERVICES

- F.10 Report dated February 24, 2015 from Walter Babicz, Director of Legal & Regulatory Services regarding:
Proposal P14-10 Asphaltic Concrete Rehabilitation and Related Works

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

Moved by Councillor Frizzell, seconded by Councillor Krause, that a one (1) year contract extension for the provision of Asphaltic Concrete Rehabilitation and Related Works in 2015, BE AWARDED, to Pittman Asphalt, a Division of YCS Holdings Ltd., as described in the report, with a \$3.20 per tonne reduction in the price for supply and placement of hot mix asphaltic concrete pavement.

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES

Councillor Merrick declared a non-pecuniary conflict of interest on item F.11, as she is affiliated with one of the projects recommended to receive myPG Social Development funding.

Councillor Merrick exited Council Chambers at 9:15 p.m.

- F.11** Report dated February 20, 2015 from Rob Whitwham, Director of Recreation and Cultural Services regarding: myPG Social Development Fund Allocations

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

Moved by Councillor Koehler, seconded by Councillor Everitt, that:

1. The recommended 2015 myPG Social Development Fund allocations, BE APPROVED, as set out in the report; and
2. Administration BE DIRECTED to enter into new multi-year funding agreements with the Multicultural Heritage Society, Le Cercle des Canadiens Francais, Prince George Conservatory of Music, Canadian Mental Health Association and St. Vincent de Paul.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Merrick returned to Council Chambers at 9:23 p.m.

G. BYLAWS – FINAL READING AND ADOPTION

- G.1** 746 PG Pulpmill Rd Road Closure Bylaw No. 8639, 2014

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

Moved by Councillor Frizzell, seconded by Councillor Everitt, that 746 PG Pulpmill Rd Road Closure Bylaw No. 8639, 2014, BE GRANTED FINAL READING AND ADOPTION.

Carried Unanimously

H. CORRESPONDENCE

Councillor Koehler requested that Correspondence Item H.6 be given separate consideration.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

Moved by Councillor Everitt, seconded by Councillor Frizzell, that Correspondence Items H.1 – H.5, H.7 & H.8, BE RECEIVED.

Carried Unanimously

- H.1** Union of BC Municipalities – “The Compass” – February 4, 2015
- H.2** Union of BC Municipalities – “The Compass” – February 11, 2015
- H.3** Union of BC Municipalities – “The Compass” – February 18, 2015
- H.4** Union of BC Municipalities – “The Compass” – February 25, 2015
- H.5** Jennifer Rice, MLA – Rural and Northern Health

H.6 City of Port Moody – Declaration of the Right to a Healthy Environment

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

Moved by Councillor Koehler, seconded by Councillor Frizzell, that Correspondence Item H.6, BE RECEIVED.

Carried Unanimously

H.7 Prince George Red Cross – Thank You

H.8 Terry Webster – Moratorium to Allow BCUC to Review Proposed Site C Project

ADJOURNMENT

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

Moved by Councillor Koehler, seconded by Councillor McConnachie, that there being no further business, the Regular Meeting of Council, BE ADJOURNED.

Carried Unanimously

THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 9:28 P.M.

CHAIRPERSON

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