

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 Monday, July 8, 2013, at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Her Worship Mayor Shari Green – Chairperson

Councillor Everitt
Councillor Frizzell
Councillor Hall
Councillor Koehler
Councillor Krause
Councillor Skakun
Councillor Stolz
Councillor Wilbur

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms. **James**, City Manager; Mr. **Babicz**, Director of Legislative Services; **Gaal**, Superintendent of Operations; **Wells**, Director of Planning and Development; and **Whitwham**, Director of Public Safety and Civic Facilities; and Ms. **Soltis**, Director of Corporate Services; **Van Mook**, Director of Community Services; **Nordin**, Manager of Policy Initiatives; and **Dery**, Legislative Support Clerk.

A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Frizzell, seconded by Councillor Skakun, that the unfinished business on the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of July 8, 2013, BE ADOPTED.

Carried Unanimously

E. REPORTS

CITY MANAGER

- E4. Staff Report dated June 24, 2013, from Beth James, City Manager, regarding Core Services Review Implementation Plan.

Moved by Councillor Wilbur, seconded by Councillor Krause:

3.34 Road Cut Fees

That Administration return a bylaw establishing a varying rate structure for companies or entities that do work that disturbs municipal paved roadways, with a rate structure based on age of asphalt combined with the square metres of disturbed asphalt.

Carried Unanimously

Moved by Councillor Krause, seconded by Councillor Frizzell:

3.35 Water Metering

- A. That Administration proceed with the initiative to charge for new water meters at the time of development.

Carried Unanimously

Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Stolz:

3.35 Water Metering

- B. That Administration continue the current practice regarding water shut-offs/turn-ons.

Carried Unanimously

Moved by Councillor Stolz, seconded by Councillor Koehler:

3.36 Hydrant User Fees

That Administration return a bylaw increasing the cost of Private Use of Fire Hydrants from \$100 to \$200 for the annual Permit Fee and from \$10 to \$25 for the Daily Charge effective January 1, 2014.

Carried Unanimously

Moved by Councillor Krause, seconded by Councillor Stolz:

3.37 Planning and Development Services Professional Fees

That Administration return a bylaw increasing Planning and Development fees, as set out in Subsection 3.37, Table 3, effective January 1, 2014.

Carried Unanimously

Moved by Councillor Stolz, seconded by Councillor Wilbur:

3.38 Grants, Leases, and Permissive Tax Exemptions

- A. That Administration charge rent to the City's non-profit tenants and recreational user groups of at least \$1,000 per year, to take effect upon the renewal of their leases.

Carried

Councillors Krause and Skakun were recorded opposed.

Moved by Councillor Krause, seconded by Councillor Frizzell:

3.38 Grants, Leases, and Permissive Tax Exemptions

- B. That Administration leave the City's Permissive Tax Exemption Policy and Procedure unchanged until the effect of the implementation of the Stormwater Utility user fee on non-profit organizations is known.

Carried Unanimously

Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Wilbur:

3.38 Grants, Leases, and Permissive Tax Exemptions

- C. That Administration, in 2014, combine the funding available for social, cultural, and community enhancement grants into one fund called the myPG Social Development Fund.

Carried Unanimously

Moved by Councillor Skakun, seconded by Councillor Hall:

3.39 Corporate Taxes

That Council acknowledge that it has no legislated authority regarding corporate taxes.

Carried Unanimously

Moved by Councillor Krause, seconded by Councillor Everitt:

3.40 Local Vehicle Tax

That Council acknowledge that it has no legislated authority regarding the implementation of a local vehicle tax.

Carried Unanimously

Moved by Councillor Stolz, seconded by Councillor Koehler:

3.41 Public Transit Fees

That Administration return a bylaw increasing transit rates, as set out in Subsection 3.41, Table 4 of the report, effective January 1, 2014.

Carried Unanimously

Moved by Councillor Stolz, seconded by Councillor Koehler:

3.42 Criminal Records Check Fees

That Administration return a bylaw increasing criminal records check fees to \$62, effective January 1, 2014.

Carried Unanimously

Moved by Councillor Wilbur, seconded by Councillor Frizzell:

3.43 RCMP Fleet Fuel

That Administration implement the RCMP Fleet Fuel Initiative.

Carried Unanimously

Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Krause:

3.44 Active Living Guide

- A. That Administration continue the current practice of production and distribution of the Active Living Guide door to door; and
- B. That Administration proceed with a 10% increase to the cost of advertising in the Active Living Guide annually for the next 3 years effective January 1, 2014.

Carried Unanimously

Moved by Councillor Frizzell, seconded by Councillor Stolz:

3.45 Building Inspection Enforcement

That Administration review, revise and update the current Building Bylaw No. 5912, 1993 to deal with building enforcement issues related to non-compliance and stop work orders through the implementation of fines and various other mechanisms such as security deposits.

Carried Unanimously

Moved by Councillor Koehler, seconded by Councillor Everitt:

3.46 Bylaw Enforcement Service Levels

That Administration conduct periodic reviews to ensure that bylaw officers are available during periods of highest complaints.

Carried Unanimously

Moved by Councillor Krause, seconded by Councillor Hall:

3.47 On-street Parking Bans

That Administration enforce existing Highways Bylaw No. 8065, 2008 requirements regarding vehicles impeding snow clearing operations.

Carried Unanimously

Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Wilbur:

3.48 Paramedic Services

That Council acknowledge that it has no legislated authority regarding paramedic services.

Carried Unanimously

Moved by Councillor Frizzell, seconded by Councillor Hall:

3.49 Mutual Aid Agreements

That Council take no further action regarding mutual aid agreements.

Carried Unanimously

Moved by Councillor Everitt, seconded by Councillor Stolz:

3.50 Asphalt Procurement

A. That Administration continue discussions with the Ministry of Transportation to combine the City asphalt tender with the local Provincial tender.

Carried Unanimously

Moved by Councillor Wilbur, seconded by Councillor Hall:

30.5 Asphalt Procurement

B. That Administration procure a gravel supply that would provide a cost effective source of gravel for the production of asphalt.

Carried Unanimously

D. HEARINGS – COMMENCING AT 7:00 P.M.

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL ADJOURNED TO
THE HEARING AT 7:04 P.M.**

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7:04 P.M.**

D1. Staff Report dated June 12, 2013, from Mandy Stanker, Planner, regarding Development Variance Permit No. VP100310

APPLICANT: Creuzot Homes and Construction Ltd. for Henry Creuzot Holdings Ltd.
LOCATION: 755 Douglas Street

Council considered the following documentation in conjunction with Development Variance Permit No. VP100310:

1. Report dated June 12, 2013, from Mandy Stanker, Planner, recommending approval of the application.

The Director of Planning and Development provided an overview of the application and responded to questions from Council.

Applicant:

The applicant was in gallery attendance and available to respond to questions from Council if requested.

Gallery:

There were no submissions from the gallery.

**THE HEARING ADJOURNED TO
THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:07 P.M.**

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- D1. Staff Report dated June 12, 2013, from Mandy Stanker, Planner, regarding Development Variance Permit No. VP100310

APPLICANT: Creuzot Homes and Construction Ltd. for Henry Creuzot Holdings Ltd.
LOCATION: 755 Douglas Street

Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Skakun, that Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100310 for Parcel C (Being a Consolidation of Lots 5 and 6, See BB1693542), Block 2, District Lot 937, Cariboo District, Plan 752 to vary Table 1, Sections 7.3 and 7.5, of the City of Prince George Subdivision and Servicing Bylaw No. 7652, 2004, BE APPROVED as follows:

- a) Waive the requirements for:

**Asphalt pavement surface for the lane;
Underground electric power distribution, and telecommunication wiring;
Portland cement concrete sidewalks; and
City storm runoff collection system for the road network.**

- b) This variance applies only for the works identified on Exhibit "A" for VP100310

for Subdivision Application No. SD100423.

Carried Unanimously

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL ADJOURNED TO
THE HEARING AT 7:07 P.M.**

**HEARING
7:07 P.M.**

D2. Staff Report dated June 18, 2013, from Mandy Stanker, Planner, regarding Development Variance Permit No. VP100334

APPLICANT: Scheck Construction Ltd. for Leroy and Heather Reitsma
LOCATION: 2857 Austin Road East

Council considered the following documentation in conjunction with Development Variance Permit No. VP100334:

1. Report dated June 18, 2013, from Mandy Stanker, Planner, recommending approval of the application.

The Director of Planning and Development provided an overview of the application.

Applicant:

The applicant was in gallery attendance and available to respond to questions from Council if requested.

Gallery:

There were no submissions from the gallery.

**THE HEARING ADJOURNED TO
THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:08 P.M.**

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7:08 P.M.**

D2. Staff Report dated June 18, 2013, from Mandy Stanker, Planner, regarding Development Variance Permit No. VP100334

APPLICANT: Scheck Construction Ltd. for Leroy and Heather Reitsma
LOCATION: 2857 Austin Road East

Moved by Councillor Wilbur, seconded by Councillor Everitt, that Development Variance Application No. VP100334 for Lot 8, District Lot 4028, Cariboo District, Plan 24401 to vary Schedule “A”, Special Condition 1(a) of Land Use Contract Bylaw No. 3095, 1977 (Land Title Office Document No. N17871), BE APPROVED as follows:

- a) Reduce the interior side yard requirement from 30.0 feet to 7 feet 8 inches;
- b) Reduce the rear yard requirement from 30.0 to 20.0 feet; and
- c) This variance applies only to the interior side yard and rear side yard setbacks for the proposed garage addition identified on Exhibit “A”.

Carried Unanimously

E. REPORTS

CITY MANAGER (Cont’d)

- E4. Staff Report dated June 24, 2013, from Beth James, City Manager, regarding Core Services Review Implementation Plan

Moved by Councillor Krause, seconded by Councillor Hall:

3.51 RS4 Zoning

That Administration prepare a bylaw for the expansion of RS4: Single Residential zoning.

Carried Unanimously

Moved by Councillor Koehler, seconded by Councillor Wilbur:

3.52 OCP Review

That Administration undertake an annual review in accordance with Section 1.1 of the Official Community Plan.

Carried Unanimously

F. BYLAWS – FINAL READING AND ADOPTION

- F1. 8516 – 5 – year Operating and Capital Financial Plans Bylaw No. 8421, 2012, Amendment Bylaw No. 8516, 2013

Moved by Councillor Krause, seconded by Councillor Frizzell, that 5 – year Operating and Capital Financial Plans Bylaw No. 8421, 2012, Amendment Bylaw No. 8516, 2013, BE GRANTED FINAL READING AND ADOPTION.

Carried

Councillor Koehler was recorded opposed.

G. CORRESPONDENCE

Councillor Frizzell requested that Correspondence Items G3. and G6. be considered separately.

Councillor Koehler requested that Correspondence Item G2. be considered separately.

Moved by Councillor Krause, seconded by Councillor Skakun, that Correspondence Items G1., G4. – G5., and G7. – G10., BE RECEIVED.

Carried Unanimously

G1. Letter from Mayor Green to Mayor Watts, City of Surrey – Appreciation for Assistance with Crime Task Force

G2. Emile Begin – Fluoride Referendum

Moved by Councillor Koehler, seconded by Councillor Krause, that Correspondence Item G2., BE RECEIVED.

Carried Unanimously

G3. James and Ellen Loughery – Ferguson Lake Nature Reserve Vandalism

Moved by Councillor Frizzell, seconded by Councillor Kohler, that Correspondence Item G3., BE RECEIVED.

Carried Unanimously

G4. Letter of Response from Mayor Green to Wendy Barteluk – Fireworks in the Park

G5. Corporation of the City of North Vancouver – Support of a Genetically Engineered Free Zone in the City of North Vancouver

G6. Letter from Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Prince George Community Energy Project

Moved by Councillor Frizzell, seconded by Councillor Everitt, that Correspondence Item G6., BE RECEIVED.

Carried Unanimously

- G7. Union of British Columbia Municipalities – Publication: The Compass, June 19, 2013
- G8. Northern British Columbia Tourism Association – October 7, 2013 Regional Meeting
- G9. Initiatives Prince George – Publication: On The Move, June 2013
- G10. Carrier Sekani Tribal Council – 2013 Annual General Assembly - Donations

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Councillor Krause, seconded by Her Worship Mayor Green, that there being no further business, the Regular Council Meeting BE ADJOURNED.

Carried Unanimously

THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:24 P.M.

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CHAIRPERSON