



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

December 5, 2022

6:00 pm

Council Chambers of City Hall

1100 Patricia Boulevard, Prince George, BC

PRESENT: Mayor Simon Yu
Councillor Tim Bennett
Councillor Garth Frizzell
Councillor Trudy Klassen
Councillor Ron Polillo
Councillor Cori Ramsay
Councillor Kyle Sampson
Councillor Susan Scott
Councillor Brian Skakun

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. Walter Babicz, City Manager
Ms. Deanna Wasnik, Director of Planning and Development
Mr. Kris Dalio, Director of Finance
Mr. Andy Beesley, Director of Recreation and Events
Mr. Adam Davey, Director of Public Safety
Mr. Blake McIntosh, Director of Civic Operations
Ms. Leslie Kellett, Deputy Corporate Officer

A. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That the agenda for the regular meeting of Council scheduled for December 5, 2022, BE ADOPTED.

Carried Unanimously

B. DELEGATIONS

B.1 ENVS 230: Introduction to Environmental Policy Class, Environmental and Sustainability Studies, University of Northern British Columbia

Students of the ENVS 230: Introduction to Environmental Policy Class, Environmental and Sustainability Studies, University of Northern British Columbia, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the City of Prince George Tree Protection Bylaw No. 6343, 1995 Rational and Recommendations for Updates including information on sustainable cities and urban trees, purpose and language used within the bylaw, expansion of the city's protected area, tree replacement, retention and care, urban livability, comparison to other community profiles, and recommendations for action.

Discussion commenced. W. Babicz, City Manager, D. Wasnik, Director of Planning and Development, and the presenters responded to questions of Council.

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council DIRECTS Administration to review the City of Prince George Tree Protection Bylaw No. 6343, 1995 in conjunction with their review of the Official Community Plan.

Carried Unanimously

B.2 ENV5 210: Environmental Perspectives Class, Environmental and Sustainability Studies, University of Northern British Columbia

Dr. Annie Booth, Professor, and students of the ENV5 210: Environmental Perspectives Class, Environmental and Sustainability Studies, University of Northern British Columbia, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Value of Nature: Understanding the Values of green and Natural Space and Green Space in the City of Prince George including information on the project conducted by her students, recommendations for consideration pertaining to mixed-use development and availability of affordable housing, ecological services, the value of aesthetically-pleasing greenspace and impacts of feeding wildlife, and results of a greenspace survey.

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council REFERS the presentation from the ENV5 210: Environmental Perspectives Class to Administration for analysis and recommendations to Council.

Carried Unanimously

C. CONSENT AGENDA (FOR INFORMATION)

Councillor Ramsay requested further consideration of consent agenda item C.1.

Councillor Sampson requested further consideration of consent agenda item C.2.

C.1 Accessible British Columbia Act - Implications for the City of Prince George

Discussion commenced and W. Babicz, City Manager, responded to questions of Council.

C.2 Provincial Announcements and Local Government Implications

Discussion commenced and C. Bone, Senior Manager of Civic Initiatives and Partnerships, responded to questions of Council.

Moved By Councillor Skakun
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION Consent Agenda items C.1 and C.2.

Carried Unanimously

Mayor Yu called a recess of the regular council meeting at 7:05 p.m.

The regular council meeting reconvened at 7:09 p.m.

Attendance of Council and Staff was the same as at the time the recess was called.

G. PUBLIC HEARING

Councillor Skakun declared a pecuniary conflict of interest as he received a 2022 local election campaign donation from the applicant and exited Council Chambers at 7:09 p.m.

The Regular Council Meeting adjourned to the Public Hearing at 7:09 p.m.

G.1 Rezoning Application No. RZ100759 (Bylaw No. 9337)

Applicant: A&P Thun Holdings Ltd., Inc. No. #223995 and Suki Holdings Ltd., Inc.
No. #196129

Location: 1724 Strathcona Avenue

Documents for Council's consideration regarding " Rezoning Application No. RZ100759 (Bylaw No. 9337)" included:

- Previously submitted staff report dated August 24, 2022 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Consultation for Official Community Plan Amendment Application No. CP100188 (Amendment Bylaw No. 9323, 2022) (Considered at the September 21, 2022 special council meeting);
- Location and Existing Zoning Map;
- Appendix "A" to Bylaw No. 9337; and
- Letter of Support.

Discussion commenced and D. Wasnik, Director of Planning and Development, responded to questions of Council.

Applicant:

The applicant was in attendance and available for questions.

Representations from Members of the Public:

There were no representations from members of the public.

Discussion commenced and D. Wasnik, Director of Planning and Development, responded to questions of Council.

Moved By Councillor Scott

Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That the Public Hearing regarding "Rezoning Application No. RZ100759 (Bylaw No. 9337)", BE CLOSED.

Carried Unanimously

The Public Hearing adjourned to the Regular Council Meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Discussion commenced.

City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9337, 2022

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council GIVES THIRD READING to "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9337, 2022."

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Skakun returned to Council Chambers at 7:13 p.m.

Mayor Yu called a recess of the Regular Council Meeting at 7:13 p.m.

The Regular Council Meeting reconvened at 7:19 p.m.

Attendance of Council and Staff was the same as at the time the recess was called.

D. REPORTS

COUNCILLOR KYLE SAMPSON

D.1 **Request for Provincial Ministry Meetings and Public Update Regarding Public Safety, Health and Addictions Crisis, and Housing Shortage**

Discussion commenced. W. Babicz, City Manager, and L. Kellett, Deputy Corporate Officers, responded to questions of Council.

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council:

1. *DIRECTS staff to organize a workshop to develop a strategic framework inclusive of current and potential initiatives the City and other community partners have undertaken/identified to present to the following provincial representatives: The Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction, The Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions, The Ministry of Health, The Attorney General and the Minister Responsible for Housing, Northern Health, and BC Housing.*
2. *Formally REQUESTS that representatives from:*
 - a. *The Ministry of Social Development & Poverty Reduction*
 - b. *The Ministry of Mental Health & Addictions*
 - c. *The Ministry of Health*
 - d. *The Attorney General and the Minister Responsible for Housing*
 - e. *Northern Health*
 - f. *BC Housing*

come to the City to Prince George to engage in meetings with Council for an opportunity for the Ministries to inform Council, City staff, and the public of what steps and initiatives the Provincial Government is and will be taking to address the crisis our community is facing with respect to homelessness and the encampments, as well as with our severe addictions and mental health crisis; and for the City to further emphasize the increasing challenges our community is experiencing. And, that information surrounding the Provincial Governments plans to address prolific offenders, including how the recently developed independent BC Prolific Offenders Report will be used to support policing and law enforcement in our community, as well as the impacts the report will have on the provincial court system and how charges are/are not recommended to crown; and

3. *DIRECTS Administration to develop a meeting format with input from Council and Ministry Staff that would allow for fulsome discussion, information gathering, potential site visits, as well as for participation from our locally elected provincial, federal, first nations, regional district representatives, and relevant City staff personnel.*

Discussion commenced.

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council REFERS the report dated October 7, 2022 from Councillor Sampson titled “Request for Provincial Ministry Meetings and Public Update Regarding Public Safety, Health and Addictions Crisis, and Housing Shortage” to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs.

Discussion commenced.

The subsidiary motion was withdrawn at the request of the movers and with the consent of Council.

Discussion commenced and W. Babicz, City Manager, responded to questions of Council.

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council AMENDS the main motion by:

- 1. adding “the Ministry of Municipal Affairs” as a provincial representative to recommendation 1 and 2;*
- 2. adding “REFERS the report dated October 7, 2022 from Councillor Sampson titled “Request for Provincial Ministry Meetings and Public Update Regarding Public Safety, Health and Addictions Crisis, and Housing Shortage” to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs for review and comment” as recommendation 4; and*
- 3. acknowledges that the names of the provincial representatives may be updated in accordance with any updates made to the provincial cabinet.*

Discussion commenced.

Moved By Councillor Polillo

Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That the question on the amended motion be called.

Carried Unanimously

Main motion as amended.

Carried

Mayor Yu and Councillor Klassen opposed.

CITY MANAGER – WALTER BABICZ

D.2 Interior Universities Research Coalition (IURC) Request for Letter of Support

Discussion commenced and C. Bone, Senior Manager of Civic Initiatives and Partnerships, responded to questions of Council.

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council APPROVES Administration providing a letter of support for the Interior Universities Research Coalition's grant application to the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, as described in the report dated November 29, 2022 from the City Manager, titled "Interior Universities Research Coalition (IURC) Request for Letter of Support".

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF CIVIC OPERATIONS – BLAKE MCINTOSH

D.3 2022 Road and Sidewalk Capital Projects

Discussion commenced and B. McIntosh, Director of Civic Operations, responded to questions of Council.

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated November 18, 2022 from the Director of Civic Operations titled "2022 Road and Sidewalk Capital Projects Review."

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND IT SERVICES – KRIS DALIO

D.4 2022 Financial Report on Significant Capital Projects

Discussion commenced. T. Schaeffer, Manager of Capital Program Management Office, and C. Bone, Senior Manager of Civic Initiatives and Partnerships, responded to questions of Council.

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION, the report dated November 29, 2022 from the Director of Finance and IT Services titled "2022 Financial Report on Significant Capital Projects".

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – DEANNA WASNIK

D.5 Rezoning Application No. RZ100760 (Bylaw No. 9338)

Applicant: L&M Engineering Ltd. for Comet Investments Ltd., Inc. No. 69349 and P.G. Realty & Insurance Agency Ltd., Inc. No. 63919
Location: 5570 Hartway Drive and 6116 Monterey Road

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "Rezoning Application No. RZ100760 (Bylaw No. 9338)" included:

- Previously submitted staff report dated October 26, 2022 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Rezoning Application No. RZ100760 (Bylaw No. 9338)" (Considered at the November 28, 2022 regular council meeting);
- Location and Existing Zoning Map; and
- Appendix "A" to Bylaw No. 9338.

City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9338, 2022

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council GIVES THIRD READING of “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9338, 2022.”

Carried Unanimously

D.6 Rezoning Application No. RZ100762 (Bylaw No. 9347)

Applicant: Camille Cote
Location: 7468 Giscome Road

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "Rezoning Application No. RZ100762 (Bylaw No. 9347)" included:

- Previously submitted staff report dated November 2, 2022 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Rezoning Application No. RZ100762 (Bylaw No. 9347)" (Considered at the November 28, 2022 regular council meeting);
- Location and Existing Zoning Map; and
- Appendix "A" to Bylaw No. 9347.

City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9347, 2022

Moved By Councillor Bennett
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council GIVES THIRD READING of “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9347, 2022.”

Carried Unanimously

D.7 Rezoning Application No. RZ100764 (Bylaw No. 9349)

Applicant: L&M Engineering Ltd. For 0961279 B.C. Ltd., Inc. No. BC0961279
Location: 1050 and 1082 20th Avenue

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "Rezoning Application No. RZ100764 (Bylaw No. 9349)" included:

- Previously submitted staff report dated October 26, 2022 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Rezoning Application No. RZ100764 (Bylaw No. 9349)" (Considered at the November 28, 2022 regular council meeting);
- Location and Existing Zoning Map; and
- Appendix "A" to Bylaw No. 9349.

City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9349, 2022

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council GIVES THIRD READING of “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9349, 2022.”

Carried Unanimously

D.8 Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100632

Applicant: Jaswinder Raju and Rupinder Raju
Location: 8956 Haldi Road

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100632" included:

- Staff report dated November 9, 2022 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100632";
- Location and Existing Zoning Map;
- Development Variance Permit No. VP100632;
- Exhibit "A" to VP100626; and
- Exhibit "B" to VP100626.

Discussion commenced and D. Wasnik, Director of Planning and Development, responded to questions of Council.

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council APPROVES Development Variance Permit No. VP100632 to vary "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007" for the property legally described Lot 3, District Lot 1593, Cariboo District, Plan 13606 as follows:

- a. *Vary Section 9.4.6 2. by increasing the maximum height of an accessory building from 6.0 m to 8.0 m, as shown on Exhibits "A" and "B" to VP100632.*

Carried Unanimously

D.9 Official Community Plan Amendment Application No. CP100192 (Bylaw No. 9341) and Rezoning Amendment Application No. RZ100746 (Bylaw No. 9342)

Applicant: 446065 B.C. Ltd., Inc. No. 446065
Location: 145 Brunswick Street

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "Rezoning Amendment Application No. RZ100735 (Bylaw No. 9283)" included:

- Staff report dated October 26, 2022 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Official Community Plan Amendment Application No. CP100192 (Bylaw No. 9341) and Rezoning Amendment Application No. RZ100746 (Bylaw No. 9342)";
- Location and Existing Zoning Map; and
- Appendix "A" to Bylaw No. 9341;
- Appendix "A" to Bylaw No. 9342;
- Exhibit "A" to Application No. CP100192; and
- Supporting Documents.

Discussion commenced. D. Wasnik, Director of Planning and Development, W. Babicz, City Manager, and L. Kellett, Deputy Corporate Officer, responded to questions of Council.

City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9341, 2022

City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9342, 2022

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council GIVES FIRST READING of “City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9341, 2022”.

Carried

Councillor Klassen and Councillor Skakun opposed.

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council CONSIDERS “City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9341, 2022”, in conjunction with the current Financial Plan and confirm there are no issues.

Carried

Councillor Klassen and Councillor Skakun opposed.

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council CONSIDERS “City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9341, 2022”, in conjunction with the current Regional District of Fraser Fort-George Solid Waste Management Plan and confirm there are no issues.

Carried

Councillor Klassen and Councillor Skakun opposed.

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council CONSIDERS “City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9341, 2022”, in conjunction with City of Prince George Strategic Framework for a Sustainable Prince George and confirm there are no issues.

Carried

Councillor Klassen opposed.

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council GIVES SECOND READING of “City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9341, 2022”.

Carried

Councillor Klassen opposed.

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council APPROVES the following public consultation process to fulfill the requirements of Section 475 of the Local Government Act:

- a. Request for written comment from properties identified on Exhibit “A” to CP100192

Carried

Councillor Klassen opposed.

Moved By Councillor Ramsay

Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council GIVES FIRST AND SECOND READING to “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9342, 2022.

Carried

Councillor Klassen opposed.

Moved By Councillor Polillo

Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council PERMITS the Public Hearing for proposed Bylaw No. 9341 and Bylaw No. 9342 BE WITHHELD until the following requirements have been met to the satisfaction of Administration:

- a. Receipt of a Landscaping Plan and security in the amount of 120% of the cost of the landscaping works identified on the Landscaping Plan;
- b. Receipt of a Paving and Parking Plan, and security in the amount of 120% of the cost of the paving works identified on the Paving and Parking Plan; and
- c. Receipt of a Traffic Impact Analysis.

Carried

Councillor Klassen and Councillor Skakun opposed.

Moved By Councillor Polillo

Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council PERMITS that consideration of Final Reading for proposed Bylaw No. 9341 and Bylaw No. 9342 BE WITHHELD until the following requirements have been met to the satisfaction of Administration:

- a. Receipt of confirmation that Lots 5-9, Block 19, District Lot 343, Cariboo District, Plan 1268 have been consolidated; and
- b. Receipt of a Section 219 Restrictive Covenant that restricts land use on the subject property to “warehousing” only.

In addition, any recommendations presented in the preceding items must be addressed to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning and Development.

Carried

Councillor Klassen opposed.

E. BYLAWS – FINAL READING AND ADOPTION

There were no bylaws scheduled for final reading and adoption.

F. CORRESPONDENCE

Councillor Skakun requested further consideration of correspondence item F.1.

Councillor Bennett requested further consideration of correspondence item F.2.

F.1 Correspondence dated November 22, 2022 from Dan Domes, President, Association of Caledonia Trail Builders and Les Szerencsi, Vice President, Tabor Mountain Recreation Society: Request for a Resolution in Support of Two Grant Applications to the BC Destination Development Fund

Discussion commenced.

Moved By Councillor Skakun
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council PROVIDES letters to the Association of Caledonia Trail Builders and the Tabor Mountain Recreation Society in support of their grant applications to the BC Destination Development Fund.

Carried Unanimously

F.2 Correspondence dated November 22, 2022 from Minister Katrina Chen, Ministry of Education and Child Care: Response to the Meeting Held at the 2022 Union of BC Municipalities Convention

Discussion commenced.

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION Correspondence items F.1 and F.2.

Carried Unanimously

H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That there being no further business the Regular Council Meeting, BE ADJOURNED.

Carried Unanimously

THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 9:13 P.M.

CHAIRPERSON

CERTIFIED CORRECT