



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

February 27, 2023

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 Ron Polillo
Councillor Cori Ramsay
Councillor Kyle Sampson
Councillor Susan Scott
Councillor Brian Skakun <via Zoom>

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. Walter Babicz, City Manager
Mr. Wil Wedel, Manager of Development Services/Acting Director of Planning and Development
Mr. Kris Dalio, Director of Finance and IT Services
Mr. Andy Beesley, Director of Civic Facilities and Events
Mr. Adam Davey, Director of Public Safety
Mr. Blake McIntosh, Director of Civic Operations
Ms. Maureen Connelly, Corporate Officer/Manager of Legislative Services
Ms. Leslie Kellett, Deputy Corporate Officer

A. FREEDOM OF THE CITY PRESENTATION

A special presentation was held to confer the Freedom of the City on former mayor, Lyn Hall.

Mayor Yu called a recess of the Regular Council Meeting at 6:10 p.m.

The Regular Council Meeting reconvened at 6:21 p.m.

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

B. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Scott

That the agenda for the regular meeting of Council scheduled for February 27, 2023, BE ADOPTED.

Carried Unanimously

C. MINUTES

C.1 Adoption of Budget Council Meeting Minutes - January 30 and February 1, 2023, and Regular Council Meeting Minutes - February 6, 2023

Moved By Councillor Polillo

Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That the minutes of the Regular Council Budget Meetings held January 30, 2023 and February 1, 2023, and the Regular Council Meeting held February 6, 2023, BE ADOPTED as read on this day and that such minutes as read set out all of the business before Council at those meetings and fully and properly record all of the resolutions passed by Council at those meetings.

Carried Unanimously

D. DELEGATION

D.1 Tourism Prince George and Northern BC Tourism Association

Mr. Colin Carson, Chief Executive Officer, Tourism Prince George Society, and Mr. Clint Fraser, Chief Executive Officer, Northern BC Tourism Association, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the 2023 BC Tourism and Hospitality Conference scheduled to be held in Prince George from March 1 to 3, 2023.

Discussion commenced. Mr. Fraser and Mr. Carson responded to questions of Council.

E. CONSENT AGENDA (FOR INFORMATION)

Councillor Frizzell requested further consideration of agenda item E.3.

Councillor Sampson requested further consideration of agenda item E.4.

E.1 2022 Q4 Consultant Spending Report

E.2 2022 Q4 Delegated Authority Report

E.3 Building Permit Statistics and Development Services Summary

Discussion commenced and W. Wedel, Manager of Development Services/Acting Director of Planning and Development, responded to questions of Council.

E.4 Campaign Financing Disclosure Statements for 2022 General Local Election - Failure to File

Discussion commenced and M. Connelly, Manager of Legislative Services/Corporate Officer (Chief Election Officer), responded to questions of Council.

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION Consent Agenda items E.1 to E.4.

Carried Unanimously

F. REPORTS

DIRECTOR OF CIVIC FACILITIES AND EVENTS – ANDY BEESLEY

F.1 Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Application for Elksentre Arena Refrigeration, Heat Recovery & Dehumidification Upgrades Project

Discussion commenced. A. Beesley, Director of Civic Facilities and Events, and K. Dalio, Director of Finance and IT Services, responded to questions of Council.

Moved By Councillor Polillo

Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council:

- a. *DIRECTS Administration to submit a grant funding application for the Elksentre Arena Refrigeration, Heat Recovery & Dehumidification Upgrade project through the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings (GICB) program; and*
- b. *AUTHORIZES the City of Prince George Financial Officer and City Manager to sign grant application documents and any resulting contract documents should grant approval be received.*

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – DEANNA WASNIK

F.2 City of Prince George Approving Officer Appointments

Discussion commenced. W. Wedel, Manager of Development Services/Acting Director of Planning and Development, and W. Babicz, City Manager, responded to questions of Council.

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council:

1. *RESCINDS the appointment of Ms. Natalie Payne, Supervisor of Subdivision and Building Inspection, as Approving Officer; and*
2. *APPOINTS Ms. Mandy Stanker, Supervisor of Subdivision and Building Inspection, as Approving Officer.*

Carried Unanimously

F.3 Rezoning Amendment Application No. RZ100780 (Bylaw No. 9373)

Applicant: Hayer R. Construction Firm Inc., Inc. No. BC0905719

Location: 2718 Sanderson Road

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "Rezoning Amendment Application No. RZ100780 (Bylaw No. 9373)" included:

- Staff report dated February 1, 2023 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Rezoning Amendment Application No. RZ100780 (Bylaw No. 9373)";
- Location and Existing Zoning Map; and
- Appendix "A" to Bylaw No. 9373.

Discussion commenced and W. Wedel, Manager of Development Services/Acting Director of Planning and Development, responded to questions of Council.

City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9373, 2023

Moved By Councillor Bennett

Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council GIVES FIRST AND SECOND READING of “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9373, 2023”.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Ramsay

Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council PERMITS that consideration of Final Reading of proposed Bylaw No. 9373 BE WITHHELD until the following requirements have been met to the satisfaction of administration:

- a. *Registration of a Section 219 Covenant on the legal title of Lot 31, Block B, District Lot 8182, Cariboo District, Plan 9266 that restricts symmetrical facades on two-unit housing.*

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

Carried Unanimously

F.4 Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100636

Applicant: Kenneth Watson and Deanna Watson

Location: 2626 Marleau Road

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100636" included:

- Staff report dated February 1, 2023 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100636";
- Location and Zoning Map;
- Exhibit "A" to VP100636;
- Exhibit "B" to VP100636;
- Supporting Documents:
 - Rationale Letter; and
 - Letters of Support and Associated Map.

Discussion commenced.

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council APPROVES Development Variance Permit No. VP100636 to vary "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007" for the property legally described Lot A, District Lot 754, Cariboo District, Plan PGP42304 as follows:

- a. *Vary Section 10.2.6 1. by increasing the maximum total combined gross floor area of accessory buildings and structures from 90.0 m² to 112.0 m², as shown on Exhibit "A" to VP100636; and*
- b. *Vary Section 10.2.6 2. by increasing the maximum height of an accessory building from 5.0 metres to 6.9 metres, as shown on Exhibit "B" to VP100636.*

Carried Unanimously

G. BYLAWS – FINAL READING AND ADOPTION

G.1 City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9275, 2021

Councillor Skakun and Councillor Frizzell declared a pecuniary conflict of interest due to receipt of 2022 general local election campaign contributions from the applicant and left the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Bennett
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9275, 2021."

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Skakun rejoined the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Councillor Frizzell entered Council Chambers at 7:13 p.m.

G.2 City of Prince George 3701 McLarty Crescent Road Closure Bylaw No. 9346, 2022

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION to " City of Prince George 3701 McLarty Crescent Road Closure Bylaw No. 9346, 2022."

Carried Unanimously

G.3 City of Prince George Purchasing Bylaw No. 8841, 2017, Amendment Bylaw No. 9378, 2023

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION to "City of Prince George Purchasing Bylaw No. 8841, 2017, Amendment Bylaw No. 9378, 2023."

Carried Unanimously

G.4 City of Prince George Canada Community-Building Fund Reserve Fund Establishment Bylaw No. 9379, 2023

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION to "City of Prince George Canada Community-Building Fund Reserve Fund Establishment Bylaw No. 9379, 2023."

Carried Unanimously

G.5 City of Prince George Lease-In-Lease-Out Legacy Reserve Fund Establishment Bylaw No. 9380, 2023

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION to "City of Prince George Lease-In-Lease-Out Legacy Reserve Fund Establishment Bylaw No. 9380, 2023."

Carried Unanimously

G.6 City of Prince George Climate Action Reserve Fund Establishment Bylaw No. 9206, 2021, Amendment Bylaw No. 9381, 2023

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION to "City of Prince George Climate Action Reserve Fund Establishment Bylaw No. 9206, 2021, Amendment Bylaw No. 9381, 2023."

Carried Unanimously

G.7 Downtown District Energy System Reserve Fund Establishment Bylaw No. 9385, 2023

Moved By Councillor Bennett
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION to "Downtown District Energy System Reserve Fund Establishment Bylaw No. 9385, 2023."

Carried Unanimously

G.8 City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9340, 2022

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION to "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9340, 2022."

Carried Unanimously

H. CORRESPONDENCE

Councillor Scott requested further consideration of correspondence item H.1.

Councillor Skakun requested further consideration of correspondence items H.2 and H.3.

- H.1 Correspondence dated February 1, 2023 from Nicole Bryant, Chief Executive Officer, Northern Regional Construction Association: Request for a Resolution in Support of a Grant Application to Northern Development Initiative Trust**

Discussion commenced.

Moved By Councillor Scott

Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That the City of Prince George SUPPORTS the application to Northern Development Initiative Trust from the Northern Regional Construction Association for a grant of up to \$20,000 to support marketing of the association.

Carried Unanimously

- H.2 Correspondence dated February 3, 2023 from Kathy Lewis, President, Outdoor Ice Oval Society of Prince George: Request for a Resolution in Support of a Grant Application to Northern Development Initiative Trust**

Discussion commenced.

Moved By Councillor Skakun

Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That the City of Prince George SUPPORTS the application to Northern Development Initiative Trust from the Outdoor Ice Oval Society of Prince George for a grant up to \$100,000 towards the purchase of a water truck and spray system.

Carried Unanimously

- H.3 Correspondence dated February 7, 2023 from Bret Hutchinson, Pidherny Director, Prince George Cycling Club: Request for a Resolution in Support of a Grant Application to Northern Development Initiative Trust**

Moved By Councillor Skakun

Seconded By Councillor Sampson

The City of Prince George SUPPORTS the Prince George Cycling Club's application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust for a grant of up to \$100,000 to upgrade existing trails to make them suitable for adaptive cyclists at Pidherny Recreation Site under the Recreation Infrastructure program.

Carried Unanimously

- H.4 Correspondence dated February 1, 2023 from Mayor Simon Yu to the Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport: Prince George Cycling Club Application to the BC Destination Development Fund for Trail Revitalization of 5 Trails**

- H.5 Correspondence dated February 3, 2023 from Mayor Simon Yu to Pacific Salmon Foundation: Spruce City Wildlife Association's Application to the Pacific Salmon Foundation Community Salmon Program for a Pacific Ocean Touch Tank Display**

- H.6 Correspondence dated February 3, 2023 from Mayor Simon Yu to Pacific Salmon Foundation: Spruce City Wildlife Association's Application to the Pacific Salmon Foundation Community Salmon Program for a Habitat Assessment/Restoration Project**

- H.7 Correspondence dated February 7, 2023 from Mayor Simon Yu to Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport: Letter of Support for the Prince George Backcountry Recreation Society's Grant Application to rebuild the Grizzly Den Cabin**

- H.8 Correspondence dated January 19, 2023 from Heather Smith: Request for Installation of Two Garbage Containers Between 5th Avenue and Tabor Boulevard Intersection and Anderson Street

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION Correspondence items H.4 to H.8.

Carried Unanimously

I. 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 7:20 P.M.

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