



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

April 12, 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 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 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. ADOPTION OF THE AMENDED AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That the agenda for the regular meeting of Council scheduled for April 12, 2023 be amended by adding nine (9) new items of correspondence to agenda item E.3 and twenty-three (23) new items of correspondence as agenda items G.5 to G.27, and that the agenda, BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

Carried Unanimously

B. MINUTES

B.1 Adoption of the Regular Council Meeting Minutes – March 27, 2023

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

Moved By Councillor Scott

Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That the minutes of the regular Council meeting held March 27, 2023, BE ADOPTED as read on this day and that such minutes as read set out all of the business before Council at that meeting and fully and properly record all of the resolutions passed by Council at that meeting.

Carried Unanimously

C. DELEGATION

C.1 Prince George Humane Society

Ms. Angela McLaren, Executive Director, Prince George Humane Society, and Ms. Joanna Koehler, Manager, Westwinds Mobile Veterinary Services, provided a presentation regarding the need for increased veterinary care in the Prince George region including information on their program mandate and services and a request of Council to donate or lease land to the Prince George Humane Society for the establishment of an animal shelter and veterinary care facility.

Discussion commenced. W. Babicz, City Manager, M. Connelly, Manager of Legislative Services/Corporate Officer, Ms. McLaren, and Ms. Koehler, responded to questions of Council.

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council REFERS the request from the Prince George Humane Society to the Planning and Development department for review and a report back to Council, should suitable land be identified that would meet the request of the presenters.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council AMENDS the agenda by moving agenda item E.6 and E.3 to immediately follow agenda item D.

Carried Unanimously

D. CONSENT AGENDA (FOR INFORMATION)

E. REPORTS

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – DEANNA WASNIK

E.6 Lower Patricia Encampment: Enhanced Security Options and Supporting the Province’s new “Homes for People” Action Plan to Close Encampments

Discussion commenced. A. Davey, Director of Public Safety, B. McIntosh, Director of Civic Operations, M. Connelly, Manager of Legislative Services/Corporate Officer, and W. Babicz, City Manager, responded to questions of Council.

Moved By Councillor Skakun
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council POSTPONES consideration of final reading and adoption of proposed “City of Prince George Parks and Open Space Bylaw No. 7370, 2002, Amendment Bylaw No. 9389, 2023” to a future regional Council meeting, following Council’s direction to Administration regarding the enhanced security options.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council ENDORSES the Province’s new “Homes for People” action plan that includes “more homes to support people experiencing homelessness” and “new actions to close encampments” by offering Prince George to serve as a pilot community to implement the new Provincial response teams and housing as soon as possible.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council DIRECTS Administration to return a report to Council at the time “Parks and Open Space Bylaw No. 7370, 2002, Amendment Bylaw No. 9389, 2023” returns to Council for final reading and adoption regarding enhanced or additional security options including consideration of increased hours for bylaw services.

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council AMENDS the main motion by adding the words “and utilizing RCMP enhancement funds to increase overtime of the RCMP for patrols in the Lower Patricia area.”

Carried

Councillor Bennett and Councillor Klassen opposed.

Main motion as amended.

Carried

Councillor Bennett and Councillor Klassen opposed.

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council POSTPONES consideration of the security options described in the report dated April 4, 2023, entitled, “Lower Patricia encampment: Enhanced security options & supporting the Province’s new “Homes For People” action plan, to close encampments,” from the Director of Public Safety.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council AUTHORIZES Administration to install No-Post concrete barriers along the accessway at Lower Patricia to ensure emergency vehicle access, as described in the report dated April 4, 2023, entitled, “Lower Patricia Encampment: Enhanced Security Options and Supporting the Province’s New “Homes For People” Action Plan to Close Encampments,” from the Director of Public Safety.

Carried Unanimously

Mayor Yu called a recess of the Regular Council Meeting at 7:38 p.m.

The Regular Council Meeting reconvened at 7:45 p.m.

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

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – DEANNA WASNIK

E.3 Rezoning Application No. RZ100778 (Bylaw No. 9370)

Applicant: L&M Engineering Ltd. For Westcan Property Ltd., Inc. No. BC1036637
 Location: 9153 Twinberry Drive

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "Rezoning Application No. RZ100778 (Bylaw No. 9370)" included:

- Previously submitted staff report dated March 1, 2023 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Rezoning Application No. RZ100778 (Bylaw No. 9370)";
- Location and Zoning Map;
- Appendix “A” to Bylaw No. 9370;
- Correspondence dated March 17, 2023 from Kalyn Broster in opposition to the application;
- Correspondence dated March 20, 2023 from Rebekah Gorham in opposition to the application;
- Correspondence dated March 20, 2023 from Daniel Smith in opposition to the application;
- Correspondence dated March 20, 2023 from Rita and Shayne Chadwick in opposition to the application;
- Correspondence dated March 18, 2023 from Richard and Tina Gorham in opposition to the application;
- Correspondence dated March 21, 2023 from Tina Gorham in opposition to the application;
- Correspondence dated March 23, 2023 from Chantel, Riku, Anya, and Katie Mae Saario in opposition to the application;
- Correspondence dated March 17, 2023 from Caleb and Melissa Sargent in opposition to the application;
- Correspondence dated March 23, 2023 from Ashley Thandi, Community Planner, L&M Engineering Ltd. (Applicant), in support of the application;
- Correspondence dated March 23, 2023 from Lauren Ray in opposition to the application;
- Correspondence dated March 23, 2023 from Megan and Chris Duperron in opposition to the application;
- Correspondence dated March 27, 2023 from Katie Bellefeuille in opposition to the application;

- Correspondence dated March 27, 2023 from Casey Bockus and Family in opposition to the application;
- Correspondence dated March 27, 2023 from Hannah Schmaus in opposition to the application;
- Correspondence dated March 27, 2023 from Ryan and Dian MacLean in opposition to the application;
- Correspondence dated March 27, 2023 from Heidi and Giles Palmer in opposition to the application;
- Correspondence dated March 27, 2023 from Lauren Sheedy and Tyson Russell in opposition to the application;
- Correspondence dated March 27, 2023 from Mike and Tracy Gough in opposition to the application;
- Correspondence dated April 3, 2023 from Marilyn Lichacz in support of the application;
- Correspondence dated April 2, 2023 from Dan and Melina Smith in opposition to the application;
- Correspondence dated March 31, 2023 from Christopher Wiebe in support of the application;
- Correspondence dated April 4, 2023 from Kalyn Broster in opposition to the application;
- Correspondence dated April 3, 2023 from Dorothy Janse in support of the application;
- Correspondence dated April 4, 2023 from Kathy Janse in support of the application;
- Correspondence dated March 30, 2023 from Ashley Thandi, Planner, L&M Engineering Ltd. (Applicant), in support of the application;
- Correspondence dated April 6, 2023 from Melissa and Caleb Sargent in opposition to the application;
- Correspondence received April 9, 2023 from Sydney Schmode in opposition to the application;
- Correspondence dated April 10, 2023 from Mike Gough in opposition to the application;
- Correspondence dated April 11, 2023 from Alexander Bellefeuille in opposition to the application;
- Correspondence dated April 10, 2023 from Casey and Brittney Bockus in opposition to the application;
- Correspondence received April 11, 2023 from Joe Postnikoff in support of the application;
- Correspondence dated April 11, 2023 from Hannah Schmaus in opposition to the application;
- Correspondence dated April 12, 2023 from Heidi Palmer in opposition to the application; and
- Correspondence dated April 12, 2023 from Chris and Megan Duperron in opposition to the application.

Discussion commenced. D. Wasnik, Director of Planning and Development, and M. Connelly, Manager of Legislative Services/Corporate Officer, responded to questions of Council.

City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9370, 2023

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council GIVES THIRD READING of "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9370, 2023."

Defeated

Mayor Yu and Councillors Bennett, Frizzell, Klassen, Polillo, Sampson, Scott, and Skakun opposed.

MAYOR SIMON YU

E.1 Proposed Resolution to Prioritize Municipal Input in Future RCMP Contract Policing Decisions

Discussion commenced.

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council ENDORSES the proposed resolution that is attached to the report dated April 5, 2023 from the Mayor, titled "Proposed Resolution to Prioritize Municipal Input in Future RCMP Contract Policing Decisions", in support of the City of Prince George joining the Federation of Canadian Municipalities in calling on the federal government to commit to ensuring that local governments are meaningfully consulted, fully informed, and at the table on issues related to policing costs given the municipal role in keeping our communities safe.

Carried Unanimously

CITY MANAGER – WALTER BABICZ

E.2 Council Code of Conduct

Discussion commenced. M. Connelly, Manager of Legislative Services/Corporate Officer, and W. Babicz, City Manager, responded to questions of Council.

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council, after considering the prescribed principles for codes of conduct set out in the Principles for Codes of Conduct Regulation 136/2022, DIRECTS Administration to undertake a review of the existing Council Code of Conduct Policy, as attached to the report dated March 17, 2023 from the City Manager, titled "Council Code of Conduct" and to report back to Council with recommendations.

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – DEANNA WASNIK

E.4 Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100637

Applicant: L&M Engineering Ltd. for Prince George Global Logistics Park Inc., Inc.
No. 0743999

Location: 1595 Torpy Road and O Boundary Road

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100637" included:

- Staff report dated March 15, 2023 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100637";
- Location and Zoning Map;
- Development Variance Permit No. VP100637; and
- Exhibit "A" to VP100637.

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

Councillor Scott exited Council Chambers at 8:47 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council APPROVES Development Variance Permit No. VP100637 to vary Table 1 of "City of Prince George Subdivision and Development Servicing Bylaw No. 8618, 2014" for the properties legally described as Lot 1, District Lot 748, Cariboo District Plan 11713, Except Parts in Plans EPP6474 and EPP59528 (PID 007-863-420), and Lot A, District Lot 746, Cariboo District, Plan 11017, Except Plan EPP6475 (PID 012-583-049) as follows:

- a. Vary Table 1 Section 7.3 by waiving the requirement for Portland Cement Concrete Sidewalks along Boundary Road;*
- b. Vary Table 1 Section 7.3 by waiving the requirement for Highway Works;*
- c. Vary Table 1 Section 7.4 by waiving the requirement for Sewage Collection and Disposal system, including service laterals;*
- d. Vary Table 1 Section 7.5 by waiving the requirement for Drainage and Storm Runoff Collection system, including service laterals; and*
- e. Vary Table 1 Section 7.6 by waiving the requirement for Waterworks system, including service laterals and fire hydrant collection.*

This variance only applies to Variance Areas 1 and 2 identified on Exhibit "A" to VP100637.

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF CIVIC FACILITIES AND EVENTS – ANDY BEESLEY

E.5 Engage Sport North – Partnership Proposal

Councillor Scott returned to Council Chambers at 8:49 p.m.

Discussion commenced. W. Babicz, City Manager, and A. Beesley, Director of Civic Facilities and Events, responded to questions of Council.

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council APPROVES the request from Engage Sport North for registered targeted athletes to be provided free access to the Prince George Aquatic Centre as described in the report dated April 12, 2023 from the Director of Civic Facilities and Events titled "Engage Sport North - Partnership Proposal".

Carried Unanimously

MANAGER OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES/CORPORATE OFFICER – MAUREEN CONNELLY

E.7 Results of Alternative Approval Process for Equipment Financing Bylaw No. 9382, 2023

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the Certificate of Insufficiency attached as Appendix “A” to the report dated March 31, 2023 from the Manager of Legislative Services/Corporate Officer titled “Results of Alternative Approval Process for Equipment Financing Bylaw No. 9382, 2023.”

Carried Unanimously

F. BYLAWS – FINAL READING AND ADOPTION

F.1 City of Prince George Equipment Financing Bylaw No. 9382, 2023

Moved By Councillor Bennett
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of "City of Prince George Equipment Financing Bylaw No. 9382, 2023."

Carried Unanimously

F.2 Parks and Open Space Bylaw No. 7370, 2002, Amendment Bylaw No. 9389, 2023

Consideration of this item was postponed by resolution of Council at agenda item E.6.

F.3 City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9352, 2023

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION to "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9352, 2023."

Carried Unanimously

F.4 City of Prince George BC Growing Communities Reserve Fund Establishment Bylaw No. 9392, 2023

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION to "City of Prince George BC Growing Communities Reserve Fund Establishment Bylaw No. 9392, 2023."

Carried Unanimously

G. CORRESPONDENCE

G.1 Correspondence dated March 31, 2023 from Mayor Simon Yu to the Department of Canadian Heritage: Letter of Support for the Carrier Sekani Family Services Grant Application

G.2 Correspondence dated March 31, 2023 from Mayor Simon Yu to the First Peoples' Cultural Council: Letter of Support for the Carrier Sekani Family Services Grant Application

- G.3 Correspondence dated March 12, 2023 from Alissa Nyheim-Rivet: Lower Patricia Encampment
- G.4 Correspondence dated April 2, 2023 from Margot Kupper: Miller Addition Residence Response to Moccasin Flats
- G.5 Correspondence dated April 10, 2023 from Corey Hardeman: Parks and Open Space Bylaw No. 7370, 2002, Amendment Bylaw No. 9389, 2023
- G.6 Correspondence dated April 10, 2023 from Shannon Williams: Parks and Open Space Bylaw No. 7370, 2002, Amendment Bylaw No. 9389, 2023
- G.7 Correspondence dated April 10, 2023 from Kelly Gladstone: Parks and Open Space Bylaw No. 7370, 2002, Amendment Bylaw No. 9389, 2023
- G.8 Correspondence dated April 9, 2023 from Julian Legere: Parks and Open Space Bylaw No. 7370, 2002, Amendment Bylaw No. 9389, 2023
- G.9 Correspondence dated April 10, 2023 from Cyan LeMoal: Parks and Open Space Bylaw No. 7370, 2002, Amendment Bylaw No. 9389, 2023
- G.10 Correspondence dated April 11, 2023 from Mackenzie Stewart: Parks and Open Space Bylaw No. 7370, 2002, Amendment Bylaw No. 9389, 2023
- G.11 Correspondence dated April 11, 2023 from Mairi Broadbent: Parks and Open Space Bylaw No. 7370, 2002, Amendment Bylaw No. 9389, 2023
- G.12 Correspondence dated April 11, 2023 from Emilee Wells: Parks and Open Space Bylaw No. 7370, 2002, Amendment Bylaw No. 9389, 2023
- G.13 Correspondence dated April 11, 2023 from Lexie MacPherson: Parks and Open Space Bylaw No. 7370, 2002, Amendment Bylaw No. 9389, 2023
- G.14 Correspondence dated April 10, 2023 from Emma vanDinter: Parks and Open Space Bylaw No. 7370, 2002, Amendment Bylaw No. 9389, 2023
- G.15 Correspondence dated April 11, 2023 from Laura and Danny Johnston: Lower Patricia Encampment
- G.16 Correspondence dated April 11, 2023 from Eduard Hausot: Lower Patricia Encampment
- G.17 Correspondence dated April 11, 2023 from Nini and Eric Long: Lower Patricia Encampment
- G.18 Correspondence dated April 11, 2023 from Emma Crowley: Parks and Open Space Bylaw No. 7370, 2002, Amendment Bylaw No. 9389, 2023
- G.19 Correspondence dated April 11, 2023 from Melissa Grounds: Parks and Open Space Bylaw No. 7370, 2002, Amendment Bylaw No. 9389, 2023
- G.20 Correspondence dated April 10, 2023 from Kelly Hurley: Parks and Open Space Bylaw No. 7370, 2002, Amendment Bylaw No. 9389, 2023
- G.21 Correspondence dated April 9, 2023 from Kelly Prosser: Homeless Solution
- G.22 Correspondence dated April 11, 2023 from Anne Rushton: Parks and Open Space Bylaw No. 7370, 2002, Amendment Bylaw No. 9389, 2023
- G.23 Correspondence dated April 12, 2023 from Kyla MacDonald: Encampment

- G.24 Correspondence dated April 11, 2023 from Debra Yorston: Parks and Open Space Bylaw No. 7370, 2002, Amendment Bylaw No. 9389, 2023
- G.25 Correspondence dated April 11, 2023 from Kerrie and Scott Roberts: Lower Patricia Encampment
- G.26 Correspondence dated April 12, 2023 from Shailen Quarengi: Parks and Open Space Bylaw No. 7370, 2002, Amendment Bylaw No. 9389, 2023
- G.27 Correspondence dated April 12, 2023 from Torie Beram: Parks and Open Space Bylaw No. 7370, 2002, Amendment Bylaw No. 9389, 2023

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION Correspondence items G.1 to G.27.

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 9:04 P.M.

 CHAIRPERSON

 CERTIFIED CORRECT