



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

April 24, 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
Ms. Elisha Leclair, Legislative Services Assistant

A. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

M.Connelly, Manager of Legislative Services/Corporate Officer advised that agenda Item E.4 regarding "Development Permit with Variance Application No. DP100807" was withdrawn from the April 24, 2023 regular Council meeting agenda, at the request of the Planning and Development Department.

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That the agenda for the regular meeting of Council scheduled for April 24, 2023 BE ADOPTED.

Carried Unanimously

B. MINUTES

B.1 Adoption of the Regular Council Meeting Minutes – April 12, 2023

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That the minutes of the regular Council meeting held April 12, 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 Save Your Skin Foundation

Ms. Kathy Barnard, Founder, Save Your Skin Foundation, provided a presentation regarding skin cancer early detection and awareness including information on cancer statistics, signs and symptoms of skin cancer, melanoma, the sunscreen dispenser initiative, and sunshade structures through environmental design.

Discussion commenced and Ms. Barnard responded to questions of Council.

D. CONSENT AGENDA (FOR INFORMATION)

Councillor Frizzell requested further consideration of agenda item D.2.

D.1 2023 Q1 Consultant Spending Report

D.2 2023 Q1 Delegated Authority Report

Discussion commenced and K. Dalio, Director of Finance and IT Services, responded to questions of Council.

D.3 2023 Q1 Procurement Report

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION consent agenda items D.1 to D.3.

Carried Unanimously

E. REPORTS

CITY MANAGER – WALTER BABICZ

E.1 Corporate Work Plan Update and Reporting

Discussion commenced. W. Babicz, City Manager, D. Wasnik, Director of Planning and Development, and C. Bone, Senior Manager of Civic Initiatives and Partnerships, responded to questions of Council.

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION 2023-2024 Corporate Work Plan as attached to the report dated April 14, 2023 from the City Manager, titled “Corporate Work Plan Update and Reporting”.

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF CIVIC FACILITIES AND EVENTS – ANDY BEESLEY

E.2 BC Fairs Festivals and Events Fund Grants to City of Prince George

Councillor Sampson declared a conflict of interest as his employer is the sponsor of the Cariboo Rocks the North event and exited Council Chambers at 6:23 p.m.

Discussion commenced. A. Beesley, Director of Civic Facilities and Events, W. Babicz, City Manager, M. Connelly, Manager of Legislative Services/Corporate Officer, and K. Dalio, Director of Finance and IT Services, responded to questions of Council.

Moved By Councillor Skakun
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council DIRECTS Administration to return a report to Council on the financial matters of Cariboo Rocks the North past events breaking down the total cost, total revenue and total tickets given away.

Carried

Councillors Polillo, Ramsay and Scott opposed.

Moved By Councillor Bennett
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council AUTHORIZES the Director of Civic Facilities and Events to sign an agreement to accept a grant of \$69,400 from the BC Fairs Festivals and Events Fund as detailed in the report dated April 24, 2023 from the Director of Civic Facilities and Events titled “BC Fairs Festivals and Events Fund Grant to City of Prince George.”

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Sampson returned to Council Chambers at 6:56 p.m.

Mayor Yu called a recess of the Regular Council Meeting at 6:56 p.m.

The Regular Council Meeting reconvened at 7:03 p.m.

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

H. PUBLIC HEARING

The Regular Council Meeting adjourned to the Public Hearing at 7:04 p.m.

H.1 Official Community Plan Amendment No. CP100179 (Bylaw No. 9334) and Rezoning Application No. RZ100745 (Bylaw No. 9335)

Applicant: L&M Engineering Ltd. on behalf of Ellora Enterprises Ltd., Inc. No. 132652 and City of Prince George

Location: 4443 and 4505 Ospika Boulevard

Documents for Council's Consideration regarding "Official Community Plan Amendment No. CP100179 (Bylaw No. 9334) and Rezoning Application No. RZ100745 (Bylaw No. 9335)" include:

- Staff report dated April 6, 2023 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Consultation for Official Community Plan Amendment Application No. CP100179 (Bylaw No. 9334, 2022)";
- Distribution area Map (Exhibit "A" to CP100179);

- Requests for Comment Letters;

- Newspaper Notice;
- Facebook Notice;
- Correspondence Received;
- L&M Engineering Ltd. Consultation Summary;
- Traffic Impact Study;
- Previously submitted staff report dated July 20, 2022 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Official Community Plan Amendment No. CP100179 (Bylaw No. 9334) and Rezoning Application No. RZ100745 (Bylaw No. 9335)" (Considered at the August 15, 2022 regular council meeting);
- Location and Zoning Map;
- Appendix "A" to Bylaw No. 9334;
- Appendix "A" to Bylaw No. 9335;
- Exhibit "A" to CP100179;
- Public Consultation Summary Report;
- PowerPoint presentation received April 18, 2023 from Ashley Thandi, Community Planner, L&M Engineering Ltd. (Applicant), in support of the application;
- Handout: Correspondence dated April 19, 2023 from Andrea Maurice noting concerns regarding the application;
- Handout: Correspondence dated April 20, 2023 from Geoffrey Kerbrat in opposition to the application;
- Handout: Correspondence dated April 20, 2023 from Dorothy Kerbrat in opposition to the application;
- Handout: Correspondence dated April 23, 2023 from Mark and Julie Shrimpton in opposition to the application;
- Handout: Correspondence dated April 23, 2023 from Chantelle Grafton in opposition to the application; and
- Handout: Correspondence dated April 23, 2023 from Andrew Adams noting concerns regarding the application.

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

Applicant:

Ms. Ashley Thandi, Community Planner, and Mr. Tanner Fjellstrom, Professional Engineer, L&M Engineering Ltd., attended Centre Table and provided a PowerPoint presentation in support of the application including information on the subject property, University Heights Neighbourhood Plan, land acquisition/land swap, existing and proposed zoning and Official Community Plan amendments, public consultation, traffic impact study, and servicing brief.

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

Representations from Members of the Public:

Mr. Andrew Adams, 3286 Maurice Drive, attended Centre Table and spoke in opposition to the application noting concerns regarding the impact of possible land and soil erosion resulting from a clearcut of the subject property and significance of the greenspace area.

Mr. James Steidle (unknown address) attended Centre Table and spoke in opposition to the application noting concerns regarding the proposed 30% reduction of

greenspace the City will own as a result of the proposed land acquisition/land swap, questions regarding costs for road installation, considerations on impacts to wildlife habitat, reforestation, and the lack of mixed use and community space in the subject area.

Ms. Jenn Mathews (unknown address) attended Centre Table and spoke in opposition to the application noting concerns with the cumulative effects of ongoing Official Community Plan and Zoning amendments, land slide and erosion concerns with tree clearing, and the lack of walkability considerations in the proposed development.

Ms. Suzanne Weber (unknown address) attended Centre Table and spoke in opposition to the application noting concern regarding “flat over steep” landslides that occur on potentially unstable slopes caused through the removal of vegetation and destabilizing the escarpment.

Ms. Zoe Meletis (unknown address) attended Centre Table and spoke in opposition to the application noting concerns at the removal of greenspace while not encouraging build to the maximum allowable density of the proposed zone.

Ms. Thandi and Mr. Fjellstrom, L&M Engineering Ltd., returned to Centre Table and responded to questions of Council noting that a geotechnical investigation will be completed at the subdivision stage of the proposal.

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That the Public Hearing regarding “Official Community Plan Amendment No. CP100179 (Bylaw No. 9334) and Rezoning Application No. RZ100745 (Bylaw No. 9335)”, BE CLOSED.

Carried Unanimously

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

City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9334, 2022

City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9335, 2022

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated April 6, 2023, from the Director of Planning and Development, titled “Consultation for Official Community Plan Amendment Application No. CP100179 (Bylaw No. 9334, 2022)”.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council GIVES THIRD READING to “City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9334, 2022.”

Carried

Councillor Skakun opposed.

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council GIVES THIRD READING of “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9335, 2022.”

Carried

Councillor Klassen and Councillor Skakun opposed.

DIRECTOR OF CIVIC OPERATIONS – BLAKE MCINTOSH

E.3 Northwest Invasive Plant Council - Funding Request

Discussion commenced. B. McIntosh, Director of Civic Operations, and K. Dalio, Director of Finance and IT Services, responded to questions of Council.

Councillor Polillo declared a non-pecuniary conflict of interest as the subject report may impact his employer and exited Council Chambers at 8:20 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council APPROVES funding invasive plant mitigation provided by the Northwest Invasive Plant Council in the amount of \$18,300 from Council Contingency in 2023.

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council AMENDS the main motion by adding “and DIRECTS Administration to build this program funding into future budget cycles.”

Carried Unanimously

Main motion as amended.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Polillo returned to Council Chambers at 8:29 p.m.

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – DEANNA WASNIK

E.4 Application Removed at the Request of the Planning and Development Department

Subject: Development Permit with Variance Application No. DP100807
Applicant: EFG Architects Inc. for 1253545 B.C. Ltd., Inc. No. BC1253545
Location: 1177 Foothills Boulevard

Item withdrawn from the April 24, 2023 regular Council meeting agenda, at the request of the Planning and Development Department and not considered by Council.

E.5 Modification to Section 219 Restrictive Covenant Registered as Land Title Office Document No. CA9074075 to Allow for Development Permit Application No. DP100832

Applicant: The Hub Collection for 1268628 BC Ltd., Inc. No. BC1268628
Location: 4500 Ospika Blvd

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "Modification to Section 219 Restrictive Covenant Registered as Land Title Office Document No. CA9074075 to Allow for Development Permit Application No. DP100832" include:

- Staff report dated April 5, 2023 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Modification to Section 219 restrictive covenant registered as Land Title Office Document No. CA9074075 to allow for Development Permit Application No. DP100832";
- Location and Existing Zoning Map;

- Development Permit No. DP100832;
- Exhibit "A" to DP100832;
- Section 219 Covenant (Land Title Office Document No. CA9074075);
- Modification to Section 291 Covenant CA9074075 (Land Title Office Document No. CA9428022); and
- Supporting Documents.

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

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council POSTPONES consideration of agenda item E.5 regarding "Modification to Section 219 Restrictive Covenant Registered as Land Title Office Document No. CA9074075 to Allow for Development Permit Application No. DP100832" to the May 8, 2023 regular Council meeting and DIRECTS Administration to request from the Applicant the CB Richard Ellis Feasibility Study as referenced in their letter attached to the report dated April 5, 2023 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Modification to Section 219 restrictive covenant registered as Land Title Office Document No. CA9074075 to allow for Development Permit Application No. DP100832.

Carried

Mayor Yu, Councillor Klassen, and Councillor Skakun opposed.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND IT SERVICES – KRIS DALIO

E.6 2023 - 2027 Financial Plan Bylaw and 2023 Tax Rates Bylaw

City of Prince George 5-Year Operating and Capital Financial Plans Bylaw No. 9395, 2023

City of Prince George Tax Rates Bylaw No. 9396, 2023

Moved By Councillor Bennett
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council GIVES FIRST THREE READINGS of "City of Prince George 5 – Year Operating and Capital Financial Plans Bylaw No. 9395, 2023."

Carried

Councillor Sampson and Councillor Skakun opposed.

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council GIVES FIRST THREE READINGS of "City of Prince George Tax Rates Bylaw No. 9396, 2023."

Carried

Councillor Sampson and Councillor Skakun opposed.

F. BYLAWS – FINAL READING AND ADOPTION

F.1 City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9362, 2023

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9362, 2023."

Carried Unanimously

G. CORRESPONDENCE

Councillor Frizzell requested further consideration of correspondence item G.2.

G.1 Correspondence dated April 17, 2023 from Mayor Simon Yu to the First Peoples' Cultural Council: Letter of Support for the Carrier Sekani Family Services Grant Application

G.2 Correspondence dated April 18, 2023 from Kevin Pettersen, Chair of Competitions, Caledonia Nordic Ski Club: Request for a Resolution in Support of a Northern Development Initiative Trust Grant Application

Discussion commenced.

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That the City of Prince George SUPPORTS the application to Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) from the Caledonia Nordic Ski Club for a grant of up to \$20,000 to support marketing of the 2024 Para Biathlon World Championships and 2024 Para Nordic World Cup Finals from the NDIT Marketing Initiative Account.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION Correspondence item G.1.

Carried Unanimously

I. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

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

Carried Unanimously

THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 8:40 P.M.

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