



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

November 20, 2023

6:00 pm

Council Chambers of City Hall

1100 Patricia Boulevard, Prince George, BC

PRESENT: Mayor Simon Yu <Chair>
Councillor Garth Frizzell
Councillor Trudy Klassen
Councillor Ron Polillo
Councillor Cori Ramsay <via Zoom>
Councillor Kyle Sampson
Councillor Susan Scott
Councillor Brian Skakun

IN ATTENDANCE: Walter Babicz, City Manager
Deanna Wasnik, Director of Planning and Development
Kris Dalio, Director of Finance and IT Services
Andy Beesley, Director of Civic Facilities and Events
Adam Davey, Director of Public Safety
Blake McIntosh, Director of Civic Operations
Leslie Kellett, Deputy Corporate Officer
Elisha Leclair, Legislative Services Assistant

A. FREEDOM OF THE CITY

Council presented Freedom of the City to Trelle Morrow for his distinguished and honourable service, hard work, and dedication to our community.

Mayor Yu called a recess of the Regular Council Meeting at 6:24 p.m.

The Regular Council Meeting reconvened at 6:30 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 Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That the agenda for the regular meeting of Council scheduled for November 20, 2023, be amended by adding forty (40) new items of correspondence to agenda item F.10, adding two (2) new items of correspondence to agenda item F.12, and by moving agenda item F.10 to be considered immediately following agenda item C.1, and that the agenda, BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

Carried Unanimously

C. MINUTES

C.1 Adoption of the Regular Council Meeting Minutes – October 30, 2023

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That the minutes of the regular Council meeting held October 30, 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

F. REPORTS

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT - DEANNA WASNIK

F.10 Temporary Use Permit Application No. TU000086

Applicant: Andrew Middleton for MPI Magnolia Properties Inc., Inc. No. A0128674
Location: 4321 Grouse Road

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "Temporary Use Permit Application No. TU000086" included:

- Staff report dated October 25, 2023 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Temporary Use Permit Application No. TU000086";
- Location and Existing Zoning Map;
- Temporary Use Permit No. TU000086;
- Supporting Document;
- Handout: Correspondence dated November 17, 2023 from Dennis Ableson in opposition to the application;
- Handout: Correspondence dated November 18, 2023 from Karla and Gowan Armstrong in opposition to the application;
- Handout: Correspondence dated November 20, 2023 from Loren Berg in opposition to the application;
- Handout: Correspondence dated November 19, 2023 from Matt Chechak in opposition to the application;
- Handout: Correspondence dated November 17, 2023 from Ralph and Tracy Chretien in opposition to the application;
- Handout: Correspondence dated November 19, 2023 from Bev Collier in opposition to the application;
- Handout: Correspondence dated November 16, 2023 from Ray Mycock and Brenda Daly in opposition to the application;
- Handout: Correspondence dated November 18, 2023 from Josh Derhouseoff in opposition to the application;
- Handout: Correspondence dated November 20, 2023 from Brian Grosas and Jill Donnelly in opposition to the application;
- Handout: Correspondence dated November 16, 2023 from Tamara Fennell in opposition to the application;
- Handout: Correspondence dated November 19, 2023 from Peter Goudal in opposition to the application;
- Handout: Correspondence dated November 18, 2023 from Garnet Graham in opposition to the application;
- Handout: Correspondence dated November 15, 2023 from Carol Helland in opposition to the application;

- Handout: Correspondence dated November 20, 2023 from Eric Hillen in opposition to the application;
- Handout: Correspondence dated November 17, 2023 from Noel Hopper in opposition to the application;
- Handout: Correspondence dated November 20, 2023 from Kirstin Houghtaling in opposition to the application;
- Handout: Correspondence dated November 18, 2023 from Laura and Ivan Jagodnik in opposition to the application;
- Handout: Correspondence dated November 19, 2023 from Gordon Johnson in opposition to the application;
- Handout: Correspondence dated November 19, 2023 from Dan and Marie McInnes in opposition to the application;
- Handout: Correspondence dated November 16, 2023 from Debra and Dave McMinn in opposition to the application;
- Handout: Correspondence dated November 16, 2023 from Kathy Mercedes in opposition to the application;
- Handout: Correspondence dated November 16, 2023 from Dejan Pesic in opposition to the application;
- Handout: Correspondence dated November 19, 2023 from Dan Peters in opposition to the application;
- Handout: Correspondence dated November 18, 2023 from Jennifer Petrovic in opposition to the application;
- Handout: Correspondence dated November 17, 2023 from Geraldine Pettersen in opposition to the application;
- Handout: Correspondence dated November 19, 2023 from Jenny Plouffe in support to the application;
- Handout: Correspondence dated November 20, 2023 from Jas Raju in opposition to the application;
- Handout: Correspondence dated November 18, 2023 from Romas and Mary Elizabeth Ramanciauskas in opposition to the application;
- Handout: Correspondence dated November 20, 2023 from Tiffany Rebinsky in opposition to the application;
- Handout: Correspondence dated November 19, 2023 from Amy Reichenbach-Matijevic in opposition to the application;
- Handout: Correspondence dated November 20, 2023 from Jan Sevin in opposition to the application;
- Handout: Correspondence dated November 18, 2023 from Byron Silver in opposition to the application;
- Handout: Correspondence dated November 20, 2023 from Sheldon Slugoski in opposition to the application;
- Handout: Correspondence dated November 17, 2023 from Travis Smaaslet in opposition to the application;
- Handout: Correspondence dated November 17, 2023 from Travis Smaaslet in opposition to the application;
- Handout: Correspondence dated November 16, 2023 from Hubert Stephen in support to the application;
- Handout: Correspondence dated November 19, 2023 from Len and Sarah Stratton in opposition to the application;
- Handout: Correspondence dated November 19, 2023 from Daryl Tinney in opposition to the application;
- Handout: Correspondence dated November 19, 2023 from Shirley Wilson and Paul Whaley in opposition to the application; and

- Handout: Petition dated November 18, 2023 from in opposition to the application.

Discussion commenced. M. Stanker, Acting Manager of Development Services/Supervisor of Subdivision and Building Inspection, D. Wasnik, Director of Planning and Development, W. Babicz, City Manager, and L. Kellett, Deputy Corporate Officer, responded to questions of Council.

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council APPROVES Temporary Use Permit No. TU000086 for one year on the property legally described as Lot 3, District Lot 1597, Cariboo District, Plan 25922.

Carried

Mayor Yu, and Councillors Sampson and Skakun opposed.

Mayor Yu called a recess of the Regular Council Meeting at 7:23 p.m.

The Regular Council Meeting reconvened at 7:32 p.m.

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

J. PUBLIC HEARING(S)

The Regular Council Meeting adjourned to the Public Hearing at 7:32 p.m.

J.1 Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100795 (Bylaw No. 9427)

Applicant: Canna Northwest Enterprise for Blanleil Cranbrook Holdings Ltd., Inc.
No. BC0826729

Location: 2591 Vance Road

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100795 (Bylaw No. 9427)" included:

- Previously submitted staff report dated September 20, 2023 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100795 (Bylaw No. 9427)" (Considered at the October 16, 2023 regular council meeting);
- Location and Existing Zoning Map;
- Appendix "A" to Bylaw No. 9427; and
- Supporting Document.

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

Applicant:

The applicant was in attendance via telephone and provided a verbal overview of the application.

Representations from Members of the Public:

One woman who resides near Peden Hill attended Centre Table and spoke in opposition to the application due to the proximity of the subject property to that of another property also zoned for cannabis retail use.

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

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That the Public Hearing regarding “Zoning Amendment Application No. RZ100795 (Bylaw No. 9427)”, BE CLOSED.

Carried Unanimously

The Public Hearing adjourned to the Regular Council Meeting at 7:45 p.m.

City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9427, 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. 9427, 2023”.

Carried Unanimously

D. DELEGATION(S)

E. CONSENT AGENDA (FOR INFORMATION)

Councillor Frizzell requested further consideration of consent agenda item E.1.

E.1 Monthly Building Permit and Development Permit Summary (October 2023)

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

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated November 6, 2023, from the Director of Planning and Development, titled “Monthly Building Permit and Development Permit Summary (October 2023)”

Carried Unanimously

F. REPORTS

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY – ADAM DAVEY

F.1 Fire Services Training Site Project Review

Quentin Talbot-Kelly, Partner, Cornerstone Planning Group, Bryan Burleigh, Deputy Fire Chief, and Clayton Sheen, Deputy Fire Chief, attended Centre Table and provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Fire Services Training Site Project review including information on Cornerstone Planning Group team introductions, the project context and process, Prince George Fire Rescue Services’ training assessment, regional training site opportunity, assessment of Fire Halls #2 and #5 and study conclusions.

Discussion commenced. Q. Talbot-Kelly and A. Davey, Director of Public Safety, responded to questions of Council.

Moved By Councillor Skakun
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council AUTHORIZES Administration to submit a one-time enhancement not to exceed \$75,000 for the Budget 2024 deliberations to conduct phase 2 of the Prince George Fire Training Site Feasibility Study in 2024, as described in the report titled “Fire Services Training Site Project Review”, dated November 7, 2023, from the Director of Public Safety.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council SUPPORTS Administration to build a multi-year, multi-phase Fire Training center site plan to comply with the recommendations set forth in the ‘PGFRS Standard of Cover 2022 – Midpoint Review’ for future Council consideration.

Carried Unanimously

STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS – COUNCILLOR GARTH FRIZZELL, CHAIR

F.2 Resolution Regarding Advocacy on Mandatory Holocaust Education in BC

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council APPROVES the resolution attached as Appendix "A" to the report dated November 6, 2023 from the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs titled “Resolution Regarding Advocacy on Mandatory Holocaust Education in British Columbia” to be submitted to the North Central Local Government Association.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Mayor Yu
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council DIRECTS Administration to share with School District No. 57 and private schools the resolution attached as Appendix A to the report dated November 6, 2023 from the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs titled “Resolution regarding Advocacy on Mandatory Holocaust Education in British Columbia.”

Carried Unanimously

CITY MANAGER – WALTER BABICZ

F.3 Appointment of a Council Representative to the Public Library Board

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council NOMINATES and APPOINTS Councillor Garth Frizzell to serve on the Prince George Public Library Board for a one-year term beginning December 1, 2023 and ending November 30, 2024.

Carried Unanimously

F.4 Proposed Amendment to 2023 Council Meeting Calendar

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council AMENDS the 2023 Council Meeting Calendar by adding a Committee of the Whole meeting on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF CIVIC FACILITIES AND EVENTS – ANDY BEESLEY

F.5 Update – Legion Request for Remembrance Day

Discussion commenced. W. Babicz, City Manager, and D. Heywood, Manager of Event Services, responded to questions of Council.

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated November 8, 2023 from the Director of Civic Facilities and Events titled “Update – Legion Request for Remembrance Day”.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Klassen

That Council REFERS to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs a motion to investigate possible actions under a Community Covenant between the City of Prince George and the Veteran Community.

Carried Unanimously

F.6 Arts Hall of Fame

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Klassen

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated November 20, 2023 from the Director of Civic Facilities and Events titled “Arts Hall of Fame”.

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF CIVIC OPERATIONS – BLAKE MCINTOSH

F.7 Solid Waste Services – Curbside Collection Options

Discussion commenced. B. McIntosh, Director of Civic Operations, S. Lebrun, Manager of Parks and Solid Waste, and K. Dalio, Director of Finance, responded to questions of Council.

Councillor Scott exited Council Chambers at 9:05 p.m. and returned at 9:07 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council APPROVES Administration to procure professional services to develop a Solid Waste Management Plan specific to the City of Prince George.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council DIRECTS Administration to coordinate a presentation by Regional District of Fraser-Fort George staff to Mayor and Council to further expand on requirements for diverting recyclables/compostables.

Carried Unanimously

F.8 Canada Day – Application for Federal Funding

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council APPROVES that the City of Prince George submit an application under the Canadian Heritage Celebrate Canada funding program for the 2024 Canada Day in the Park celebration; and AUTHORIZES the Director of Civic Operations to enter into any associated funding agreements.

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – DEANNA WASNIK

F.9 Request for Concurrence – Proposed Rogers Wireless Communications Facility (W6478)

Applicant: Core One Consulting Ltd. for Rogers Communications Inc.
Location: 3051 McGill Crescent

Discussion commenced and M. Stanker, Acting Manager of Development Services/Supervisor of Subdivision and Building Inspection, responded to questions of Council.

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council INSTRUCTS the Corporate Officer to advise Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada in writing that:

- a. *Rogers Communications Inc. (Rogers) has satisfactorily completed its consultation with the City of Prince George;*
- b. *The City of Prince George is satisfied with Rogers public consultation process and does not require any further consultation with the public; and*
- c. *The City of Prince George concurs with Rogers proposal to construct a wireless communications facility provided it be constructed substantially in accordance with the plans submitted to the City of Prince George for a 32.0 m self-supported tower and ancillary equipment at 3051 McGill Crescent (Lot A, District Lot 753, Cariboo District, Plan 20275).*

Carried Unanimously

F.11 Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100662

Applicant: Burleigh Building Ltd. for Emily Olson Colourist Inc. Inc. No.BC1183494
Location: 1751 and 1753 6th Avenue

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100662" included:

- Staff report dated October 25, 2023 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100662";
- Development Variance Permit No. VP100662;
- Location and Existing Zoning Map;
- Exhibit "A" to VP100662; and
- Letter of Support and Associated Map.

Discussion commenced and M. Stanker, Acting Manager of Development Services/Supervisor of Subdivision and Building Inspection, responded to questions of Council.

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council APPROVES Development Variance Permit No. VP100662 to vary "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007" for the property legally described as Lots 7 and 8, Block 176, District Lot 343, Cariboo District, Plan 1268 as follows:

- a. *Vary Section 10.7.5 8. by decreasing the minimum interior side yard setback of principal development from 1.2 m to 0.45 m, as shown on Exhibit "A" to VP100662.*

Carried Unanimously

F.12 Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100663

Applicant: DIALOG for Northern Health Authority
Location: 1475 Edmonton Street

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100663" included:

- Staff report dated November 1, 2023 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100663";
- Location and Existing Zoning Map;
- Development Variance Permit No. VP100663;
- Exhibit "A" to VP100663;
- Exhibit "B" to VP100663;
- Supporting Documents:
 - Rationale Letter;
 - Shadow Study;
- Correspondence dated November 12, 2023 from D. Johnston noting concerns regarding the application;
- Handout: Correspondence dated November 17, 2023 from Sunil Kanamala, Applicant, in response to the application; and
- Handout: Correspondence dated November 20, 2023 from Tina MacLean with concerns to the application.

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council APPROVES Development Variance Permit No. VP100663 to vary “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007” for the property legally described Lot A, District Lot 343, Cariboo District, Plan EPP61360, Except Plan EPP61362, as follows:

- a. *Vary Section 13.3.5 1. by increasing the maximum height from 15.0 m to 32.0 m, as shown on Exhibit “A” to VP100663; and*
- b. *Vary Section 13.3.5 3. by decreasing the minimum front yard setback from 6.0 m to 5.7 m, as shown on Exhibit “A” to VP100663.*

Carried Unanimously

G. BYLAWS – FINAL READING AND ADOPTION

H. NOTICE OF MOTION

COUNCILLOR BRIAN SKAKUN AND COUNCILLOR TRUDY KLASSEN

H.1 Short-Term Rental Accommodation Act Response

In accordance with City of Prince George Council Procedures Bylaw No. 8388, 2011, notice of the proposed motion is provided. The proposed motions will be included on the December 4, 2023 Council Meeting agenda for Council’s consideration.

I. CORRESPONDENCE

Councillor Klassen requested further consideration of correspondence item I.1.

Councillor Scott requested further consideration of correspondence item I.4.

Councillor Polillo requested further consideration of correspondence item I.5.

Councillor Ramsay requested further consideration of correspondence item I.6.

I.1 Correspondence dated October 31, 2023 from Minister Mitzi Dean, Ministry of Children and Family Development: Adoption Awareness Month

Discussion commenced.

I.2 Correspondence dated October 23, 2023 from Cheryl Wehr: Community Tree Grant

I.3 Correspondence dated November 3, 2023 from Joshua Kelly, President, Recycling and Environmental Action Planning Society (REAPS): Request for Financial Support for the Growing Knowledge Community Compost Garden

I.4 Correspondence dated October 27, 2023 from Leanne Heppell, EVP & Chief Ambulance Officer, BC Emergency Health Services: Request for Council's Support of the Creation of a BC Emergency Health Services Multi-Purpose Ambulance Facility in Prince George

Discussion commenced.

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council REQUESTS the Mayor's Office provide a letter on behalf of Council in support of the BC Emergency Health Services' project in Prince George to convert the previous greyhound bus station to a BC Emergency Health Services multi-purpose ambulance facility as detailed in their letter dated October 27, 2023.

Carried Unanimously

- I.5 Correspondence dated November 9, 2023 from Andy Kling, Vice President of Projects, Teralta: Request for a Letter in Support of Hydrogen Production Project Grant Applications to the Provincial and Federal Government Funding Programs**

Discussion commenced.

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Klassen

That Council REQUESTS the Mayor's Office provide a letter on behalf of Council in support of Teralta's grant applications to the provincial and federal government funding programs as detailed in their letter dated November 9, 2023.

Carried Unanimously

- I.6 Correspondence dated November 10, 2023 from Dan Domes, President, Association of Caledonia TrailBuilders: Request for a Letter of Support for Establishment of Non-Motorized Trails on Tabor Mountain**

Discussion commenced.

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council REQUESTS the Mayor's Office provide a letter on behalf of Council in support of the Association of Caledonia TrailBuilders' request for the establishment of non-motorized trails on Tabor Mountain as detailed in their letter dated November 10, 2023.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION Correspondence items I.1 to I.6.

Carried Unanimously

K. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

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

Carried Unanimously

THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 9:31 P.M.

CHAIRPERSON

CERTIFIED CORRECT