



## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BUDGET MEETING OF COUNCIL

January 22, 2024

3:30 pm

Council Chambers of City Hall  
1100 Patricia Boulevard, Prince George, BC

*We respectfully acknowledge the unceded ancestral lands of the Lheidli T'enneh, on whose land we live, work, and play.*

**PRESENT:**

Mayor Simon Yu  
Councillor Tim Bennett  
Councillor Frizzell  
Councillor Trudy Klassen  
Councillor Ron Polillo  
Councillor Ramsay  
Councillor Sampson  
Councillor Scott  
Councillor Skakun

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr. Walter Babicz, City Manager  
Ms. Deanna Wasnik, Acting Director of Planning and Development Services  
Mr. Kris Dalio, Director of Finance  
Mr. Blake McIntosh, Acting Director of Civic Operations  
Mr. Adam Davey, Director of Community Services and Public Safety  
Mr. Andy Beesley, Director of Civic Facilities and Events  
Ms. Elisha Leclair, Legislative Services Assistant  
Mr. Ethan Anderson, Corporate Officer/Manager of Legislative Services

**A. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**Moved By** Councillor Frizzell

**Seconded By** Councillor Scott

*That the agenda for the regular Council budget meeting scheduled for January 22, 2024, be amended by adding two (2) letters of correspondence for item C.2 and the agenda BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**B. 2024 Budget and Finance Reference Guide**

**C. BUDGET OVERVIEW AND PUBLIC CONSULTATION RESULTS**

**C.1 2024 - 2028 Financial Plan and Presentation**

Presenters: K. Dalio, Director of Finance and IT Services, and J. Rogers, Manager, Communications

Mr. Walter Babicz, City Manager, Mr. Kris Dalio, Director of Finance and IT Services, and Ms. Julie Rogers provided a PowerPoint Presentation outlining the proposed 2024 – 2028 Financial Plan including information on the legislative framework, financial overview, and public consultation.

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

**Moved By Mayor Yu**

**Seconded By Councillor Klassen**

*That Council REFERS to the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee the issue of advocacy to the Provincial Auditor General and Finance Minister in regards to a special funding as recognition that Prince George is a regional hub for Public Safety for Northern British Columbia.*

**Carried Unanimously**

Councillor Skakun left Council Chambers from 3:46 p.m. – 3:48 p.m.

Mayor Yu called a recess of the Regular Council Budget Meeting at 5:17 p.m.

The Regular Council Budget Meeting was reconvened at 6:04 p.m.

**C.2 Correspondence Received Regarding the 2024 Budget Deliberations**

- Correspondence dated September 14, 2023 from Clayton Gauthier: Letter of Support for REAPS Financial Request of \$100,000
- Correspondence dated September 15, 2023 from Anne Hogan: Letter of Support for REAPS Financial Request of \$100,000
- Correspondence dated September 14, 2023 from Lori Unger: Letter of Support for REAPS Financial Request of \$100,000
- Correspondence dated September 14, 2023 from Kyle Tapper: Letter of Support for REAPS Financial Request of \$100,000

- Correspondence dated September 14, 2023 from Angelina Joiner: Letter of Support for REAPS Financial Request of \$100,000
- Correspondence dated September 14, 2023 from N. Power: Letter of Support for REAPS Financial Request of \$100,000
- Correspondence dated September 17, 2023 from Shelley Rennick: Letter of Support for REAPS Financial Request of \$100,000
- Correspondence dated September 21, 2023 from Paul Sanborn: Support for REAPS' Relocation of Facilities
- Correspondence dated September 15, 2023 from Annie Booth, Letter of Support for REAPS Financial Request of \$100,000
- Correspondence dated September 14, 2023 from Kris Engler: Letter of Support for REAPS Financial Request of \$100,000
- Correspondence dated September 16, 2023 from Alex Rowan, Letter of Support for REAPS' Request for Financial Support
- Correspondence dated September 19, 2023 from David Claus, Letter of Support for REAPS Request for Financial Support
- Correspondence dated September 14, 2023 from Janice Butchart: Letter of Support for REAPS Financial Request of \$100,000
- Correspondence dated September 17, 2023 from Linda Naess, Letter of Support for REAPS Financial Request of \$100,000
- Correspondence dated January 8, 2024 from Louise Van der Lans: Letter of Support for Little Prince Train
- Correspondence dated January 22, 2024 from Marco Sabatino: Letter on Budget
- Correspondence dated January 22, 2024 from Dave Banham: Letter on Budget

**Moved By** Councillor Frizzell  
**Seconded By** Councillor Polillo

*That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the Correspondence received regarding the 2024 Budget Deliberations.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**Moved By** Councillor Frizzell  
**Seconded By** Councillor Bennett

*That Council CONSIDERS agenda item E.1 and E.2 immediately.*

**Carried Unanimously**

## **E.1 SERVICE AGREEMENTS AND GRANTS**

### **E.1.1 Prince George Public Library**

Mr. Paul Burry, Library Director, Prince George Public Library and Ms. Jen Rubadeau, Manager of Communications & Engagement for Prince George Public Library provided a presentation on the proposed Prince George Public Library 2024 Budget.

Discussion commented. Mr. Burry, Ms. Rubadeau, W. Babicz, City Manager, K. Dalio, Director of Finance and IT Services, and A. Beesly, Director of Civic Facilities and Events, responded to questions of Council.

Councillor Skakun left Council Chambers from 6:42 p.m. to 6:43 p.m.

### **E.1.2 Tourism Prince George**

Jamie Valcourt, Treasurer, Tourism Prince George, and Colin Carson, Chief Executive Officer, Tourism Prince George provided a presentation on the proposed Tourism Prince George 2024 Budget.

Discussion commenced. Mr. Carson, W. Babicz, City Manager, and K. Dalio, Director of Finance and IT Services, responded to questions of Council.

Councillor Polillo left Council Chambers from 6:49 p.m. to 6:51 p.m.

**Moved By** Councillor Skakun

**Seconded By** Councillor Klassen

*That Council CONSIDERS agenda item G.1, K.4.1 and K.4.2 immediately.*

**Carried Unanimously**

### **G.1 Police Protection**

Supt. Shaun Wright, RCMP, spoke to police protection in the City and to the proposed enhancements to the budget.

Discussion commenced. Supt. Wright, W. Babicz, City Manager, A. Davey, Director of Public Safety and K. Dalio, Director of Finance and IT Services, responded to questions of Council.

**Moved By** Councillor Skakun

**Seconded By** Councillor Klassen

*That Council CONSIDERS agenda item G.2, K.4.3, K.4.4, K.4.5 immediately.*

**Carried Unanimously**

### **G.2 Fire and Rescue Services**

Chief Cliff Warner, Fire and Rescue Services, spoke to Fire and Rescue Services in the City and to the proposed enhancements to the budget.

Discussion commenced. Chief Warner, W. Babicz, City Manager, A. Davey, Director of Public Safety and K. Dalio, Director of Finance and IT Services, responded to questions of Council.

**D. 2024 - 2028 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PLAN**

**D.1 2024 Capital Project #0302 – Memorial Park Cemetery Enhancement**

**Moved By** Councillor Sampson

**Seconded By** Councillor Scott

*That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated January 16, 2024 from the Director of Civic Operations titled “2024 Capital Project #0302 – Memorial Park Cemetery Enhancement.”*

**Carried Unanimously**

Councillor Skakun left Council Chambers from 7:53 p.m. to 7:55 p.m.

**D.2 2024 - 2028 Capital Plan**

**Moved By** Councillor Ramsay

**Seconded By** Councillor Klassen

*That Council DIRECTS, contingent on approval of the Memorial Park Cemetery capital item #0302 under the 2024 – 2028 Capital Plan, if access to the Memorial Park Cemetery is proposed to change, that the item be returned to Council for approval."*

**Carried**

Councillor Skakun opposed.

**Moved By** Councillor Sampson

**Seconded By** Councillor Klassen

*That Council DIRECTS, contingent on approval of the Tree Planting Greening the City capital item #0311 under the 2024 – 2028 Capital Plan, that administration report back to Council on options to seek private interest into a Tree Planting Greening the City program."*

**Carried Unanimously**

**Moved By** Councillor Sampson

**Seconded By** Councillor Klassen

*That Council DIRECTS, contingent on approval of the Off Leash Areas capital item #1189 under the 2024 – 2028 Capital Plan, that administration report back to Council on what opportunities for Off Leash Parks will be pursued, and the potential for an Off Leash Park at Perry Park."*

**Carried Unanimously**

Councillor Skakun left Council Chambers from 9:04 p.m. to 9:06 p.m.

Mayor Yu called a recess of the Regular Council Budget Meeting at 9:10 p.m.

The Regular Council Budget Meeting was reconvened at 9:19 p.m.

**Moved By** Councillor Skakun  
**Seconded By** Councillor Klassen

*That Council CONSIDERS agenda item K.4.8 immediately.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**Moved By** Councillor Frizzell  
**Seconded By** Councillor Sampson

*That Council EXTENDS the meeting to 11:00 p.m.*

**Carried**

Councillor Polillo Opposed.

**Moved By** Councillor Frizzell  
**Seconded By** Councillor Skakun

*That Future and Unfunded Projects BE REFERRED to the Finance and Audit Committee for the 2025 Budget Cycle.*

**Moved By** Councillor Sampson  
**Seconded By** Councillor Polillo

*That the motion BE AMENDED by striking the words 'Finance and Audit Committee' and replacing it with 'Committee of the Whole'.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**Main Motion as amended.**

**Carried Unanimously**

**F. CORPORATE MANAGEMENT**

**F.1 Office of the City Manager**

W. Babicz, City Manager, spoke to the Office of the City Manager budget and responded questions from Council.

**F.2 Mayor and Council**

W. Babicz, City Manager, spoke to Mayor and Council budget and responded questions from Council.

**F.3 Legislative Services**

W. Babicz, City Manager, spoke to the Legislative Services budget and responded questions from Council.

**F.4 Human Resources and Corporate Safety**

W. Babicz, City Manager, spoke to the Human Resources and Corporate Safety budget and responded questions from Council.

**F.5 Communications**

W. Babicz, City Manager, spoke to the Communications budget and responded questions from Council.

**F.6 Capital Program Management Office**

W. Babicz, City Manager, spoke to the Capital Program Management Office budget and responded questions from Council.

**G. PUBLIC SAFETY**

**G.3 Emergency Programs**

A. Davey, Director of Public Safety, spoke to the Emergency Programs budget and responded to questions from Council.

**Moved By** Councillor Sampson

**Seconded By** Councillor Polillo

*That Council REFERS the issue of the City of Prince George purchasing Naloxone be referred to the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee for discussion and potential recommendations.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**G.4 Bylaw Services**

A. Davey, Director of Public Safety, spoke to the Bylaw Services budget and responded to questions from Council.

**G.5 Off-Street Parking**

A. Davey, Director of Public Safety, spoke to the Off-Street Parking budget and responded to questions from Council.

Agenda items H, I, J, and K were deferred to the next Regular Budget Meeting of Council held January 23, 2024 at 3:30 p.m.

**H. CIVIC OPERATIONS**

**H.1 Snow Control**

**H.2 Roads**

**H.3 Storm Drainage**

**H.4 Fleet Services**

- H.5 Street Lighting
- H.6 Civic Operations Admin
- H.7 Solid Waste Services
- H.8 Cemetery
- H.9 Sewer Operations
- H.10 Water Operations
- H.11 Parks
- H.12 District Energy
- H.13 Transportation and Technical Services
- I. CIVIC FACILITIES AND EVENTS
  - I.1 Aquatics
  - I.2 Recreation and Events Admin
  - I.3 Project Delivery
  - I.4 Civic Initiatives and Partnerships
  - I.5 Facility Maintenance
  - I.6 Entertainment Services
  - I.7 Event Services
  - I.8 Event Operations
- J. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
  - J.1 Development Planning and Administration
  - J.2 Economic Development
  - J.3 Asset Management
- K. FINANCE
  - K.1 Risk and Procurement
  - K.2 IT Services
  - K.3 Financial Services
  - K.4 Requested Enhancements
    - K.4.6 REAPs Community Garden Enhancement
    - K.4.7 Exploration Place - Little Prince Enhancement
    - K.4.8 Road Rehabilitation Enhancement
  - K.5 Fiscal Services
- L. ADJOURNMENT

**Moved By** Councillor Polillo  
**Seconded By** Councillor Bennett

*That Council ADJOURNS the January 22, 2024 Regular Budget Meeting of Council.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**THE REGULAR BUDGET MEETING OF COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 10:36 P.M.**

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CHAIRPERSON

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