



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

February 26, 2024
 6:00 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 <6:00 P.M. to 6:59 P.M. / 7:43 P.M. to 10:02 P.M.>
 Councillor Tim Bennett
 Councillor Frizzell
 Councillor Trudy Klassen
 Councillor Ron Polillo
 Councillor Ramsay
 Councillor Sampson
 Councillor Scott
 Councillor Skakun

IN ATTENDANCE: Walter Babicz, City Manager
 Deanna Wasnik, Director of Planning and Development Services
 Kris Dalio, Director of Finance
 Blake McIntosh, Director of Civic Operations
 Andy Beesley, Director of Civic Facilities and Events
 Eric Depenau, Acting Director of Administrative Services
 Ethan Anderson, Corporate Officer/Manager of Legislative Services
 Elisha Leclair, Legislative Services Assistant

A. ADOPTION OF THE AMENDED AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That the agenda for the regular meeting of Council scheduled for February 26, 2024, BE AMENDED to consider items D.9 and D.11 after item C.1.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That the agenda for the regular meeting of Council scheduled for February 26, 2024 be amended to include two (2) letters to Public Correspondence, and one (1) letter to item D.15 and that the agenda, BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

Carried Unanimously

B. MINUTES

B.1 Adoption of the Regular Budget Council Meeting Minutes - January 22, 2024

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That the minutes of the regular Budget Council meeting held January 22, 2024, 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

B.2 Adoption of the Regular Budget Council Meeting Minutes - January 23, 2024

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That the minutes of the regular Budget Council meeting held January 23, 2024, 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

B.3 Adoption of the Regular Council Meeting Minutes - February 5, 2024

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That the minutes of the regular Council meeting held February 5, 2024, 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. CONSENT AGENDA (FOR INFORMATION)

C.1 Building Permit Stats - January 2024**Moved By** Councillor Skakun**Seconded By** Councillor Sampson

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated February 12, 2024, from the Director of Planning and Development, titled "Monthly Building Permit and Development Permit Summary (January 2024)".

Carried Unanimously**D. REPORTS****D.9 Electronic Fare Collection System (Umo) Presentation****Moved By** Councillor Polillo**Seconded By** Councillor Frizzell

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the Cash Balance, Expiration and Refund policy changes as outlined in the report titled Prince George Transit System Electronic Fare Policy Update, dated February 26, 2024, from the Director of Civic Operations.

Carried Unanimously**Moved By** Councillor Klassen**Seconded By** Councillor Scott

That Council APPROVES a change in the structure of the Monthly Pass, in which the pass is converted from a fixed-date pass to a rolling 30-day pass.

Carried Unanimously**D.11 Bill 35: Short-Term Rental Accommodation Act****Moved By** Councillor Sampson**Seconded By** Councillor Skakun

That City of Prince George SUBMIT A REQUEST for opting out of the principal residence requirement of the Short-Term Rental Accommodations Act, despite being ineligible.

Moved By Councillor Ramsay**Seconded By** Councillor Polillo

That the motion BE AMENDED by removing 'despite being ineligible' and adding" due to the following factors:

Due to data being not statistically reliable in the 3 plus bedroom row house category, therefore that the City should be using the 3% vacancy rate for apartments instead."

Carried Unanimously

Main Motion as Amended.

Carried Unanimously

Mayor Yu called a recess at 6:58 p.m.

Mayor Yu left the chambers at 6:59 p.m.

Acting Mayor Skakun recalled the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

G. PUBLIC HEARING(S) - COMMENCING AT 7:00 P.M.

1. *Information from Administration*
2. *Presentation by Applicant*
3. *Representations by Members of the Public (Gallery and Phone)*
4. *Closure of Hearing*
5. *Third Reading of Bylaw(s) (if appropriate)*

G.1 2024 RZ100809 (Bylaw No. 9440) Public Hearing

Applicant: Justin Mousseau for 0833689 B.C. Ltd., Inc. No. BC0833689

Location: 484 Douglas Street

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100809 (Bylaw No. 9440)" include:

- Staff report dated December 18, 2023 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100809 (Bylaw No. 9440)";
- Location and Zoning Map;
- Appendix "A" to Bylaw No. 9440; and
- Supporting Documents:
 - Letter of Intent; and
 - Letters of Support and Associated Map.

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

Applicant:

Applicant was in attendance and was available for questions. No questions were asked of the applicant.

Representations from Members of the Public:

There were no representations from members of the public.

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Sampson

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

Carried Unanimously

City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9440, 2023

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council GIVES THIRD READING of “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9440, 2023”.

Carried Unanimously

MAYOR SIMON YU

D.1 M1 2024 January Mayors Expenses

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated January 30, 2024 from Mayor Simon Yu titled “M1 2024 (January) Expense Summary.”

Carried Unanimously

STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

D.2 NCLGA Resolution Related to Taxation on School District Property

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Klassen

That Council APPROVES the draft resolution attached to this report, titled NCLGA Resolution Related to Taxation on School District Property, dated February 13th, 2024, and DIRECTS administration to submit the resolution and substantiation to the North Central Local Government Associations 2024 annual general meeting.

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That the motion be amended to send the resolution to School District #57 for their information.

Carried Unanimously

Main Motion as amended.

Carried Unanimously

CITY MANAGER - WALTER BABICZ

D.3 Independent Legal Advice on Conflict of Interest Policy

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated January 22, 2024, and titled "Independent Legal Advice regarding Conflict of Interest Funding."

Carried Unanimously

D.4 Remuneration Bylaw Amendment - Code of Conduct

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council GIVES FIRST THREE READINGS to "City of Prince George Council Remuneration Bylaw No. 8414, 2012, Amendment Bylaw No. 9456, 2024."

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Bennett

Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council REVOKES Council Code of Conduct Policy dated December 16, 2013.

Carried Unanimously

Mayor Yu entered Council Chambers at 7:42 p.m.

Acting Mayor Skakun called a recess at 7:43 p.m.

Mayor Yu reconvened the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

ACTING DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - ERIC DEPENAU

D.5 Communications and Engagement Strategy

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated February 15, 2024 and titled "Communications and Engagement Strategy."

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Ramsay left Council Chambers from 8:05 p.m. to 8:09 p.m.

Councillor Skakun left Council Chambers from 8:10 p.m. – 8:12 p.m.

D.6 Emergency and Disaster Management Act Implementation – Indigenous Engagement Requirements Funding Program

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council;

1. *ACCEPTS the terms and conditions of Emergency and Disaster Management Act Implementation – Indigenous Engagement Requirements Funding Program contribution agreement (ECR24351) to receive designated funding in the amount of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000); AND*

2. *AUTHORIZES the City's Director of Finance and Acting Director of Administrative Services to sign the contribution agreement and subsequent contract documents should grant approval be received.*

Carried Unanimously

D.7 2024 Fire Services Operating Budget Enhancement Implementation

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Skakun

THAT Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated February 6, 2024, titled "2024 Fire Services Operating Budget Enhancement," from the Acting Director Administrative Services.

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF CIVIC OPERATIONS - BLAKE MCINTOSH

D.8 2023 Road and Sidewalk Capital Projects Review

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated February 16, 2024 from the Director of Civic Operations titled "2023 Road and Sidewalk Capital Projects Review.

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT - DEANNA WASNIK

D.10 Application to Northern Development Initiative Trust for Marketing Website Improvements

Moved By Councillor Bennett

Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council SUPPORTS the application to Northern Development Initiative Trust for a grant of up to \$20,000 for the Prince George Marketing Website Development project and AUTHORIZES the Director of Planning and Development and the Director of Finance to sign any necessary funding agreements.

Carried Unanimously

D.12 Registered Companies and Land Use Approvals

Moved By Councillor Skakun

Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated February 16, 2024 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Registered Companies and Land Use Approvals".

Carried Unanimously

D.13 Integrated Stormwater Management Plan (ISMP) Update

Moved By Mayor Yu

Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated February 26, 2024 from the Director of Planning & Development and titled 'Integrated Stormwater Management Plan (ISMP) Update.'

Carried Unanimously

D.14 Development Services Annual Application Review

Moved By Councillor Polillo

Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated February 12, 2024, from the Director of Planning and Development, titled "Development Services Annual Application Review."

Carried Unanimously

D.15 Development Variance Permit No. VP100665

Applicant: Eliza Rogers and Ryan Young

Location: 109 King Drive

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "Development Variance Permit No. VP100665"

- Staff report dated January 29, 2024 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Development Variance Permit No. VP100665";

- Location and Existing Zoning Map
- Development Variance Permit No. VP100665
- Exhibit “A” to Application No. VP100665
- Exhibit “B” to Application No. VP100665
- Rationale Letter
- Letters of Support and Associated Map

Moved By Councillor Klassen

Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council APPROVES Development Variance Permit No. VP100665 to vary “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007” for Lot 20, District Lot 1427, Cariboo District, Plan 16288, as follows:

a. Vary Section 10.2.5 7. to reduce the minimum rear yard setback from 6.0 m to 2.8 m, as shown on Exhibit “A” to VP100665.

Carried Unanimously

D.16 Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100802 (Bylaw No. 9436)

Councillor Sampson declared a non-pecuniary conflict of interest as he works with someone near the subject property.

Councillor Sampson left Council Chambers at 9:48 p.m.

Applicant: L&M Engineering Ltd. for Macdougall Investments Ltd., Inc. No. BC0967482

Location: 3854 Glendale Drive

- Location and Existing Zoning Map

City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9436, 2023.

Moved By Councillor Bennett

Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council GIVES First and Second Reading to “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9436, 2023”.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Sampson returned to Council Chambers at 9:49 p.m.

E. BYLAWS - FINAL READING AND ADOPTION

E.1 Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100803 (Bylaw No. 9435) Final Reading

Document Number: 709172

Applicant: Andrew Igel for Colin & Matthew Holdings Inc., Inc. No. BC0780710

Location: 4054 and 4076 Weisbrod Road

City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9435, 2023.

Moved By Councillor Polillo

Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9435, 2023."

Carried Unanimously

E.2 Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100780 (Bylaw No. 9373) Final Reading

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

Location: 2718 Sanderson Road

Moved By Councillor Scott

Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9373, 2023."

Carried Unanimously

E.3 City of Prince George Comprehensive Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 7557, 2004, Amendment Bylaw No. 9450, 2024

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of "City of Prince George Comprehensive Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 7557, 2004, Amendment Bylaw No. 9450, 2024."

Carried Unanimously

F. CORRESPONDENCE

F.1 Correspondence dated February 20, 2024 from Andrea Decore, EVP Strategy and Corporate Development, Tidewater Renewables Ltd, requesting a Letter of Support in favour of Tidewater Renewables Ltd

Moved By Councilor Polillo

Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council DIRECTS administration to provide a Letter of Support to Tidewater Renewables.

Carried Unanimously

- F.2 Correspondence dated February 4, 2024 from Lynnel Halikowski, Executive Director, Prince George Sexual Assault Centre, requesting a Resolution of Support for a Northern Development Grant**

Moved By Councillor Bennett
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That the City of Prince George SUPPORTS the application by the Prince George Sexual Assault Centre to the Northern Development Initiative Trust's Community Halls and Recreation Facilities program for the 'Healing Pathways: Empowering Survivors in Northern BC' project, for a grant of up to \$300,000 from the Prince George Regional Account, recognizing the significant positive impact this project will have on addressing gender-based violence and supporting survivors in our community.

Carried Unanimously

- F.3 Correspondence dated February 2, 2024 from Kermit Dahl, Mayor of Campbell River to Minister Farnworth re: Community Safety Act and Community Safety Amendment Act**

- F.4 Correspondence dated February 8, 2024 from John Zukowski of Prince George Downtown Business Advocacy Group**

- F.5 Correspondence dated February 21, 2024 from Carrier Sekani Family Services**

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Klassen

That Council WAIVES the requirement of S.7.2 of the Sustainable Finance Policy and commit \$5,000 to the Carrier Sekani Family Services for their Pillar Project, conditional that they receive their grant funding to undertake the project.

Carried Unanimously

H. ADJOURNMENT

THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 10:02 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Klassen

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

Carried Unanimously

CHAIRPERSON

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