



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

March 11, 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**
- Councillor Tim Bennett**
- Councillor Frizzell**
- Councillor Trudy Klassen**
- Councillor Ron Polillo**
- Councillor Cori Ramsay**
- Councillor Kyle Sampson**
- Councillor Susan Scott**
- Councillor Brian Skakun**

IN ATTENDANCE:

- Walter Babicz, City Manager**
- Deanna Wasnik, Director of Planning and Development Services**
- Kris Dalio, Director of Finance & IT Services**
- Andy Beesley, Director of Civic Facilities and Events**
- Eric Depenau, Acting Director of Administrative Services**
- Dave Bradshaw, Manager of Transportation & Technical Services**
- Ethan Anderson, Corporate Officer/Manager of Legislative Services**
- Elisha Leclair, Legislative Services Assistant**

A. ADOPTION OF THE AMENDED AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That the agenda for the regular meeting of Council scheduled for March 11, 2024, BE AMENDED to include NINETEEN (19) items of correspondence in relation to item E.15 and two attachments in relation to D.3 and D.4 and that BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That items E.6, E.7 and E.8 to BE CONSIDERED immediately following the consent agenda.

Carried Unanimously

B. MINUTES

B.1 Adoption of the Regular Council Meeting Minutes - February 26, 2024

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That the minutes of the regular Council meeting held February 26, 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

D. CONSENT AGENDA (FOR INFORMATION)

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the consent agenda for March 11, 2024.

Carried Unanimously

E. REPORTS

KEN BIRON, VICE-CHAIR OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSION

E.6 Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusion 2023 Annual Report

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council APPROVES the Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusion 2024 Work Plan attached to the report dated March 1, 2024 from the Vice-Chair of the Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusion titled "Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusion 2023 Annual Report".

Carried Unanimously

GEORGE DAVISON, CHAIR OF PRINCE GEORGE HERITAGE COMMISSION

E.7 Prince George Heritage Commission 2023 Annual Report

Moved By Councillor Skakun
Seconded By Councillor Klassen

That Council APPROVES the Prince George Heritage Commission 2024 Work Plan as attached to the report dated December 14, 2023, from the Chair of the Prince George Heritage Commission titled “Prince George Heritage Commission 2023 Annual Report.”

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Frizzell left Council Chambers at 6:44 p.m. and returned at 6:46 p.m.

W. BABICZ, CITY MANAGER

E.8 RCMP Year in Review

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated March 1, 2024 from the City Manager, titled “RCMP 2023 Year in Review Presentation”.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Klassen
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council REFERS to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs consideration of advocacy for increased Conservation Officers for the region.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Skakun left Council Chambers at 7:35 p.m. and returned at 7:36 p.m.

Councillor Scott left Council Chambers at 8:02 p.m. and returned at 8:08 p.m.

Councillor Skakun left Council Chambers at 8:17 p.m. and returned at 8:18 p.m.

Mayor Yu called a recess at the Regular Council at 8:21 p.m.

The Regular Council meeting reconvened at 8:27 p.m.

MAYOR SIMON YU

E.1 M2 2024 (February) Mayor's Expense Summary

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated February 27, 2024 from Mayor Simon Yu titled “M2 2024 (February) Expense Summary.”

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Scott left Council Chambers at 8:28 p.m. and returned at 8:29 p.m.

COUNCILLOR FRIZZELL, CHAIR OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

E.2 2024 Advocacy Delegation

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council PERMITS the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs to advocate on its behalf during the advocacy event proposed within the report titled 2024 Advocacy Delegation, dated March 4, 2024, and that this delegation be funded through the City's General Contingency in Fiscal Services.

Carried Unanimously

E.3 2023 UBCM Follow Up Report – Minister of Health

Moved By Councillor Polillo

Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council DIRECTS staff to send the letter to the Minister of Health regarding municipal support to medical calls as attached to the report dated March 5, 2024, and titled "2023 UBCM Follow up Report – Minister of Health."

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Ramsay

Seconded By Councillor Klassen

That Council DIRECTS administration to review the BCEHS agreement for time critical calls, including comparison to other municipal agreements, and brings forward recommendations for council consideration including amendments to the agreement and advocacy efforts to ensure the "essential pre-hospital emergency health services" the City of Prince George provides is fairly and equitably reimbursed.

Carried Unanimously

E.4 2024 NCLGA Resolution Advocacy

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council DIRECTS administration to finalize and send the Draft 2024 NCLGA Resolution Support Letter as attached to the report dated March 5, 2024, and titled 2024 NCLGA Resolution Advocacy.

Carried Unanimously

E.5 FCM "Update Required" Campaign

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Klassen

That Council ENDORSE the resolution attached to this report dated March 5, 2024, titled FCM “Update Required” Campaign, calling on the federal government to establish a more equitable way to fund local governments.

And that Council DIRECTS staff to finalize and send the letters attached to this report dated March 5, 2024, titled FCM “Update Required” Campaign, to local MPs.

Carried Unanimously

A. BEESLEY, DIRECTOR OF CIVIC FACILITIES AND EVENTS

E.9 2024 – B.C. Fairs, Festivals and Events Fund – Grant Application

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council APPROVES the City of Prince George applying to the BC Fairs, Festival and Events Fund for a potential amount of \$32,000, as described in the report dated February 26, 2024, from the Director of Civic Facilities and Events, titled “2024 – B.C. Fairs, Festivals and Events Fund – Grant Application”, and if the application is successful, AUTHORIZES the Director of Civic Facilities and Events or Designate to sign the associated funding agreement(s).

Carried Unanimously

E.10 Custom Efficiency Program Implementation Incentive Approval – Kin 1 Dehumidification

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council:

a. APPROVES Administration to accept an incentive offer from FortisBC and amend the Financial Plan for project #3398 Kin 1 Add Dehumidification from the original funding source of \$1,400,000 Canada Community-Building Fund and \$350,000 Northern Capital and Planning Reserve; to a revised funding source of \$1,220,700 Canada Community-Building Fund, \$305,200 Northern Capital and Planning Reserve, and \$224,100 Fortis BC grant funded; for a total of \$1,750,000.

b. AUTHORIZES the City of Prince George Director of Civic Facilities & Events to sign FortisBC Implementation Incentive letter attached to the report from the Director of Civic Facilities & Events dated February 26, 2024.

Carried Unanimously

B. MCINTOSH, DIRECTOR OF CIVIC OPERATIONS

E.11 Park Grant Application

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council APPROVES the City of Prince George applying for the Fairs, Festivals and Events Fund, as described in the report dated March 11th, 2024, from the Director of Civic Operations, titled "Park Grant Application", and if any of the applications are successful, AUTHORIZES the Director of Civic Operations to sign the associated funding agreement(s).

Carried Unanimously

D. WASNIK, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

E.12 Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100786 (Bylaw No. 9390)

Applicant: Sandra Przysieny (Tee Box Golf Simulators & Lounge Ltd.) on behalf of 1255239 B.C. Ltd., Inc. No. BC1255239

Location: 401-403 3rd Avenue

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100786 (Bylaw No. 9390)" include:

- Staff Report dated February 21, 2024 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100786 (Bylaw No. 9390)"
- Location and Existing Zoning Map
- Exhibit "A" to RZ100786
- Letter of Intent

City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9390, 2024

Mayor Yu declared a conflict on this item as they had provided services in relation to the application. Mayor Yu left the Chambers at 8:59 p.m.

Acting Mayor Bennett took the Chair.

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council GIVES FIRST AND SECOND READING of "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9390, 2023".

Carried Unanimously

Mayor Yu returned to the Chambers at 9:02 p.m.

Mayor Yu returned to the Chair.

E.13 Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100800 (Bylaw No. 9447, 2024)

Applicant: Heather and Ross Godwin

Location: 4247 Estavilla Drive

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100800 (Bylaw No. 9447, 2024):

- Staff Report dated February 12, 2024 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100800 (Bylaw No. 9447)":
- Location and Existing Zoning Map
- Appendix "A" to Bylaw No. 9447
- Notification Map and Letters of Support

City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9447, 2024

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council:

1. *GIVES FIRST AND SECOND READING of "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9447, 2024"; and*

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council:

2. *PERMITS that consideration of Final Reading of proposed Bylaw No. 9447 BE WITHHELD until the following requirements have been met to the satisfaction of Administration:*

- a. *Registration of a Section 219 Covenant on legal title of Lot 1, District Lot 2433, Cariboo District, Plan 15353 that limits the maximum residential density to no more than four (4) dwellings."*

In addition, any recommendations presented in the preceding items must be addressed to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning and Development.

Carried Unanimously

E.14 Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100805 (Bylaw No. 9441)

Applicant: Keith and Sandra Chapman

Location: 1875-1879 Croft Road

Documents for Council's Consideration regarding "Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100805 (Bylaw No. 9441)" include:

- Previously submitted Staff report dated January 8, 2024 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100805 (Bylaw No. 9441)";
- Location and Existing Zoning Map;
- Appendix "A" to Bylaw No. 9441

City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9441, 2024

Moved By Councillor Polillo

Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council GIVES THIRD READING of “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9441, 2024.”

Carried Unanimously

E.15 Temporary Use Permit Application No. TU000089

Applicant: Shaylis Johnson and Kurtis Allard

Location: 6019 Chief Lake Road

Documents for Council's Consideration regarding "Temporary Use Permit Application No. TU000089" include:

- Location and Existing Zoning Map
- Temporary Use Permit No. TU000089
- Supporting Documents
 - Rationale Letter
 - Letters of Support and Associated Map
- Correspondence dated March 5, 2024 from Candi Hewitt in opposition to the application
- Correspondence dated March 6, 2024 from Ashley Marinus in opposition to the application

Moved By Councillor Ramsay

Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council DENIES Temporary Use Permit No. TU000089 for the property legally described as Lot A, District Lot 2423, Cariboo District, Plan 22128.

Carried

Mayor Yu and Councillor Klassen opposed.

E.16 Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100664

Applicant: Station One Architects for Provincial Rental Housing Corporation
 Location: 160 Ontario Street

Documents for Council's Consideration regarding "Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100664" include:

- Location and Zoning Map
- Development Variance Permit No. VP100664
- Rationale Letter

Moved By Councillor Klassen

Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council APPROVES Development Variance Permit No. VP100664 to vary "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007" for Lot A, District Lot 343, Cariboo District, Plan EPP100962, as follows:

- a. *Vary "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007" Table 7.4 by decreasing the required number of spaces required for "Housing, Transitional" from 0.4 spaces per dwelling to 0.11 spaces per dwelling.*

Carried Unanimously

F. BYLAWS - FINAL READING AND ADOPTION

F.1 Official Community Plan Amendment No. CP100191 (Bylaw No. 9330) and Rezoning Application No. RZ100757 (Bylaw No. 9331)

Applicant: Western Star Ventures Ltd. on behalf of Canada Recycle Corp. Inc. No. BC0419032

Location: 6172 Otway Road

City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9330, 2022

City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9331, 2022

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council GIVES FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of "City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9330, 2022."

Carried

Councillor Klassen opposed.

Moved By Councillor Bennett

Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council GIVES FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9331, 2022."

Carried

Councillor Klassen opposed.

F.2 City of Prince George Council Remuneration Bylaw No. 8414, 2012, Amendment Bylaw No. 9456, 2024

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council GIVES FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of "City of Prince George Remuneration Bylaw No. 8414, Amendment Bylaw No. 9456, 2024."

Carried Unanimously

G. CORRESPONDENCE

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION Correspondence for March 11, 2024.

Carried Unanimously

H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

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

Carried Unanimously

THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 9:29 P.M.

CHAIRPERSON

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