



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

February 5, 2024
6:00 pm
Council Chambers of City Hall
1100 Patricia Boulevard, Prince George, BC

PRESENT: Mayor Simon Yu
Councillor Garth Frizzell
Councillor Trudy Klassen
Councillor Ron Polillo
Councillor Cori Ramsay
Councillor Kyle Sampson
Councillor Susan Scott

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
Eric Depenau, Acting Director of Administrative Services
Blake McIntosh, Director of Civic Operations
Ethan Anderson, Manager of Legislative Services/Corporate Officer
Elisha Leclair, Legislative Services Assistant

A. ADOPTION OF THE AMENDED AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That the agenda for the regular meeting of Council scheduled for February 5, 2024, be amended by adding a late item for the discussion of a Mayor's Report concerning a Councillor attending a conference, and by moving this item to D.1.1 and that the agenda, BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

Carried Unanimously

B. MINUTES

B.1 Adoption of the Regular Council Meeting Minutes – January 5, 2024

Moved By Councillor Klassen
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That the minutes of the regular Council meeting held January 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

B.2 Adoption of the Special Council Meeting Minutes – January 15, 2024

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That the minutes of the special Council meeting held January 15, 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.2 2023 Building Permit and Development Permit Summary (December)

D. Wasnik responded to questions of Council.

C.4 Downtown Strategy and Implementation Team

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Klassen

That Council DIRECTS administration to return an update report to Council at the end of Q2, 2024 on the Downtown Strategy.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION Consent Agenda items C.1 to C.4.

Carried Unanimously

D. REPORTS

MAYOR SIMON YU

D.1 Participation in the National Human Trafficking Awareness Day 2024

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council DECLARES February 22, 2024 National Human Trafficking Awareness Day and APPROVES the draft resolution set out in the report dated January 30, 2024 from Mayor Yu titled “Participation in the National Human Trafficking Awareness Day 2024.”

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That the motion BE AMENDED to strike ‘enthusiastically’ and insert ‘solemnly’ in the pledge.

Carried Unanimously

Main Motion as amended.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Klassen

That Council REFFERS to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs for advocacy on intimate partner violence and to raise the profile to the appropriate levels of government for resources to combat human trafficking.

Carried Unanimously

D.1.1 Participation in the National Human Trafficking Awareness Day 2024

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated February 5, 2024 from Mayor Yu titled “Crime Severity Index Conference in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.”

Carried Unanimously

STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

D.2 Support our Troops - Letter of Support

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That City Council SENDS a letter to the Minister responsible for ICBC expressing support for British Columbia to join the Support our Troops License Plate Program, substantially in the form of the draft support letter attached to the report dated January 19, 2024 and titled, "Support our Troops License Plate Program Support Letter."

And that the support letter be shared with other NCLGA members with a request that they consider writing similar support letters.

Carried Unanimously

CITY MANAGER - WALTER BABICZ

D.3 Memorandum of Understanding on Communication and Cooperation

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council APPROVES the 2024 Memorandum of Understanding on Communication and Cooperation between the Regional District of Fraser Fort George, City of Prince George, and Lheidli T'enneh First Nation, attached to the report dated January 22, 2024 from the City Manager, titled “Memorandum of Understanding on Communication and Cooperation.”

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND IT SERVICES - KRIS DALIO AND MANAGER OF
LEGISLATIVE SERVICES - ETHAN ANDERSON

**D.4 2024 Loan Authorization and Equipment Financing Bylaws and Approval of the
Electors' Options**

Moved By Councillor Ramsay

Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council:

*GIVES FIRST THREE READINGS to “City of Prince George Equipment Financing Bylaw
No. 9451, 2024”.*

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council:

*AUTHORIZES an alternative approval process in accordance with section 86 of the
Community Charter be used for the purpose of seeking approval of the electors in
relation to “City of Prince George Equipment Financing Bylaw No. 9451, 2024”.*

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Scott

Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council:

*AUTHORIZES Elector Response Form for City of Prince George Equipment Financing
Bylaw No. 9451, 2024 as attached to report dated January 26, 2024 titled “2024
Loan Authorization, Equipment Financing Bylaw and Approval of the Electors’
Options.”*

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Polillo

Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council:

*GIVES FIRST THREE READINGS to Stormwater System Renewal Loan Authorization
Bylaw No. 9452, 2024.*

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Scott

Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council:

Subject to obtaining statutory approval from the Inspector of Municipalities for Stormwater System Renewal Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 9452, 2024, an alternative approval process in accordance with section 86 of the Community Charter be used for the purpose of seeking approval of the electors in relation to Stormwater System Renewal Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 9452, 2024.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Polillo

Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council:

AUTHORIZES Elector Response Form for Stormwater System Renewal Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 9452, 2024 as attached to report dated January 26, 2024 titled “2024 Loan Authorization, Equipment Financing Bylaw and Approval of the Electors’ Options.”

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council:

ESTABLISHES the deadline of 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 for receiving Elector Response Forms for the alternative approval processes for Bylaws 9451 and 9452, 2024.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Scott

Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council:

APPROVES the determination of the total number of electors of the area to which the two (2) alternative approval processes apply for Bylaws 9451 and 9452, 2024 as 56,480 electors, on the basis described in the report dated January 26, 2024 from the Director Finance and IT Services and Manager of Legislative Services titled “2024 Loan Authorization, Equipment Financing Bylaw and Approval of the Electors’ Options.”

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council:

DIRECTS the Corporate Officer to report the results of the two (2) alternative approval processes for Bylaws 9451 and 9452, 2024 and if approval of the electors has been obtained, to return Bylaws 9451 and 9452, 2024 for Council’s consideration of final reading and adoption.

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF CIVIC OPERATIONS - BLAKE MCINTOSH

D.5 Park Grant Applications

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council APPROVES the City of Prince George submitting applications for the BC Alliance for Healthy Living Society (BAHLS) active communities grant, Tree Canada Grant, and BC Hydro ReGreening Grant, as described in the report dated February 5, 2024, from the Director of Civic Operations, titled “Park Grant Applications”, and if any of the applications are successful, AUTHORIZES the Director of Civic Operations to sign the associated funding agreement(s).

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF CIVIC FACILITIES AND EVENTS - ANDY BEESLEY

D.6 2024 Family Day Grant

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council APPROVES the City of Prince George applying to BCRPA (British Columbia Recreation and Parks Association) in the amount of \$1,000, as described in the report dated January 26, 2024, from the Director of Civic Facilities and Events, titled “2024 Family Day Grant”, and if the application is successful, AUTHORIZES the Director of Civic Facilities and Events to sign the associated funding agreement(s).

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council DIRECTS administration to report back on options for Council to consider regarding delegated authority for the applying and signing of grant and funding agreements.

Carried Unanimously

D.7 Staff Report to Council NDIT Grant Writing Support program Request for Approval Jan 2024

Moved By Councillor Ramsay

Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council APPROVES the City of Prince George applying to the Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) Grant Writing Support Program 2024 in the amount of \$8,000, as described in the report dated January 22, 2024 from the Director of Civic Facilities and Events, titled “Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) Grant Writing Support Program 2024”, and if the application is successful, AUTHORIZES the Director of Civic Facilities and Events to sign the associated funding agreement(s).

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING - DEANNA WASNIK

D.8 2024 Cannabis Business Licensing Fee Reduction Report

Moved By Councillor Polillo

Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council GIVES FIRST THREE READINGS to “City of Prince George Comprehensive Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 7557, 2004, Amendment Bylaw No. 9450, 2024”.

Carried

Councillor Klassen opposed.

D.9 Liquor License Application No. LL100192

Mayor Yu declared a pecuniary conflict of interest as he worked on the designs for the applicant.

Mayor Yu exited the Chambers at 7:20 p.m.

Councillor Frizzell took the Chair.

Moved By Councillor Polillo

Seconded By Councillor Scott

THAT Council:

- 1. CONFIRMS that its comments on the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch’s prescribed considerations are as set out in the report dated January 12, 2024, from Director of Planning and Development for Liquor License Application LL100192;*
- 2. CONFIRMS the methods used to gather the views of potentially affected property owners were in accordance with the Liquor Control and Licensing Act and that the views of affected residents are as summarized in the minutes of the Council Meeting held on February 5, 2024; and*
- 3. SUPPORTS the approval of the Liquor License Application to change occupancy from 250 to 350 persons for Ignite Night Club located at 1244-1232 3rd Avenue, for the following reasons:*

This application is not expected to have a negative impact on the community or produce any significant negative land use impacts on adjacent properties.

Carried Unanimously

Mayor Yu re-entered the Chambers at 7:23 p.m.

D.10 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:

Document Number: 705774

Document Number:

- 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 Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Scott

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

Carried Unanimously

E. BYLAWS - FINAL READING AND ADOPTION

E.1 City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9279, 2022

APPLICANT: Scouten Engineering for Kidd Real Estate Holdings Ltd., Inc. No. BC0821509

SUBJECT PROPERTY: 2026 McAndrew Crescent

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9279, 2022."

Carried Unanimously

F. CORRESPONDENCE

Councillor requested further consideration of Correspondence Items F.2, F.4, F.7 through F.14 .

F.2 Correspondence dated January 9, 2024 from Todd Doherty, Member of Parliament for Cariboo-Prince George: 988 Poster Display

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Klassen

That Council adopts the draft motion as presented in the Correspondence dated January 9, 2024 from Todd Doherty, Member of Parliament for Cariboo-Prince George: 988 Poster Display inserting the City of Prince George.

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That the draft motion be amended by deleting “and will display the 988 information poster in all municipal/City buildings” and inserting “and the City of Prince George commits to presenting the posters in a communicative way in our facilities.”

Carried Unanimously

Main Motion as Amended.

Carried Unanimously

- F.4 Correspondence dated January 2024 from Mayor Ron Paull, City of Quesnel: Highway 97 re-routing project through Quesnel**

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Klassen

That Council DIRECTS administration to communicate the Council's support for the Highway 97 re-routing project.

Carried Unanimously

- F.7 Correspondence dated January 17, 2024 from Paul Knudsgaard, President of Northern BC Freestyle Club: Request for Resolution of Support of a Grant Application to Northern Development Initiative Trust**

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That the City of Prince George SUPPORTS the Northern BC Freestyle Club grant application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust "Community Development and Recreation Infrastructure" program in the amount of \$50,000 will cover approximately 70 percent to support the cost of an air bag.

Carried Unanimously

- F.8 Correspondence dated January 3, 2024 from Mike Fournier, President of Prince George Flying Club: Request for Resolution of Support of a Grant Application to Northern Development Initiative Trust**

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That the City of Prince George SUPPORTS the application to Northern Development Initiative Trust's Economic Infrastructure program in the amount of \$300,000 from the Prince George Flying Club for the Prince George Flying Club - 100 Low Lead AVGAS Fuel Storage & Dispensing System Project.

Carried Unanimously

- F.9 Correspondence dated January 24, 2024 from Connaught Youth Centre: Request for Resolution of Support of a Grant Application to Northern Development Initiative Trust**

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That the City of Prince George SUPPORTS the application to Northern Development Initiative Trust's Community Places program in the amount of \$30,000 from the Connaught Youth Centre Society for the Connaught Youth Centre Kitchen and Gym Upgrades project.

Carried Unanimously

- F.10 Correspondence dated January 26, 2024 from Chris Dugdale, Superintendent of Catholic Independent Schools, Diocese of Prince George: Request for Resolution of Support of a Grant Application to Northern Development Initiative Trust**

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Mayor Yu

That the City of Prince George SUPPORTS Catholic Independent Schools Diocese of Prince George (CISPG) grant application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust, Marketing Initiatives grant for \$7,000 for the marketing program.

Carried Unanimously

- F.11 Correspondence dated January 29, 2024 from Shoshanna Godber, Artistic Director of Prince George Conservatory of Music: Request for resolution of Support for a Grant Application to Northern Development Initiative Trust**

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That the City of Prince George SUPPORTS the application to Northern Development Initiative Trust from the Prince George Conservatory of Music in the amount of \$51,364.55 for the Studio Expansion renovation project.

Carried Unanimously

- F.12 Correspondence dated January 29, 2024 from Dr. Amelia Merrick: Province of BC and Prince George - Call for Coordination**

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council DIRECTS administration to forward item F.12 to the HEART/HEARTH project committee.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Klassen
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council REFERS to Intergovernmental Affairs Standing Committee for consideration of the concerns expressed in item F.12.

Carried Unanimously

- F.13 Correspondence dated January 8, 2024 from Mayor Simon Yu to Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada: Letter of Support for the Immigrant and Multicultural Services Society**

- F.14 Correspondence dated January 30, 2024 from North Central Local Government Association: Invitation to Co-Host Mental Health and Addictions Symposium**

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council APPROVES the City of Prince George being co-hosts for the Mental Health and Addictions Symposium, and that Council DIRECTS administration to delegate an appropriate staff person to provide support.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION all correspondence items.

Carried Unanimously

G. ADJOURNMENT

THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:57 P.M.

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

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

Carried Unanimously

CHAIRPERSON

CERTIFIED CORRECT