



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

May 6, 2024

6:00 pm

Council Chambers of City Hall

1100 Patricia Boulevard, Prince George, BC

PRESENT: Mayor Simon Yu
Councillor Tim Bennett
Councillor Garth Frizzell
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
Kris Dalio, Director of Finance & IT Services
Andy Beesley, Director of Civic Facilities and Events
Blake McIntosh, Director of Civic Operations
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 Polillo

That the agenda for the regular meeting of Council scheduled for May 6, 2024, be amended by adding one (1) new report to agenda item D.1, twenty-nine (29) letters to agenda item E.11, one (1) letter to agenda item E.12, one (1) letter to agenda E.13, one (1) letter to agenda item I.2 Item and by moving agenda item E.5 to be considered immediately following agenda item E.1, moving agenda item E.9 to be considered immediately following agenda item E.2, and that the agenda, BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

Carried Unanimously

B. MINUTES

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

Moved By Councillor Skakun
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That the minutes of the regular Council meeting held April 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

C. DELEGATION(S)

D. CONSENT AGENDA (FOR INFORMATION)

D.1 Q1 2024 (January to March) Council Expense Summary

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated April 16, 2024 from Mayor Simon Yu titled “Q1 2024 (January to March) Council Expense Summary.”

Carried Unanimously

E. REPORTS

MAYOR SIMON YU

E.1 Mayor’s Report – Standing Committee on Public Safety Committee Members

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council REFERS to the Standing Committee on Public Safety the implications for Prince George the process to reverse to decriminalize open drug use in public areas.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the committee members on the Standing Committee on Public Safety on the report dated April 30, 2024 from Mayor Simon Yu.

Carried Unanimously

ACTING DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES – ERIC DEPENAU

E.5 City Brand Project

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated April 15, 2024, from the Acting Director of Administration Services titled, “City Brand Project”.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Skaun left Council Chambers from 7:11 p.m. – 7:13 p.m.

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

The Regular Council Meeting adjourned to the Public Hearing at 7:18 p.m.

I.1 Consultation for Official Community Plan Amendment Application No. CP100206 (Bylaw No. 9458)

Moved By Councillor Skakun
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated April 16, 2024, from the Director of Planning and Development, titled “Consultation for Official Community Plan Amendment Application No. CP100206 (Bylaw No. 9458)”.

I.2 Official Community Plan Bylaw Amendment No. CP100206 (Bylaw No. 9458) and Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100811 (Bylaw No. 9459)

Applicant: L&M Engineering Ltd. for NRH Investments Ltd., Inc. No. BC1214368, Lithium One Homes Ltd., Inc. No. BC1393472, and Bragg & Co. Ltd., Inc. No. BC0931443

Location: 1788, 1798, and 1804 Upland Street

Documents for Council's consideration regarding “Official Community Plan Bylaw Amendment No. CP100206 (Bylaw No. 9458)” and “Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100811 (Bylaw No. 9459)” included:

- Previously submitted staff report dated March 4, 2024 from the Director of Planning and Development titled " Official Community Plan Bylaw Amendment No. CP100206 (Bylaw No. 9458) and Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100811 (Bylaw No. 9459)" (Considered at the March 25, 2024 regular council meeting);
- Location and Existing Zoning Map
- Appendix “A” to Bylaw No. 9458
- Appendix “A” to Bylaw No. 9459
- Exhibit “A” to Application No. CP100206

Correspondence for Council's consideration regarding “Official Community Plan Bylaw Amendment No. CP100206 (Bylaw No. 9458)” and “Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100811 (Bylaw No. 9459)” included:

- Dennis Webster – with concerns

Applicant:

L&M Engineering Ltd. attended the meeting and were available for to answer Council questions.

Representations from Members of the Public:

Alexander Ashton spoke in support of the proposed application noting its proximity to amenities within the area. Mr. Ashton noted concerns regarding the lack of sidewalks and/or the condition of the sidewalks that connect to the neighbourhood.

Christine McGibbron provided representations via telephone and inquired about mitigating noise during the construction period and inquired about access and egress of the alleyway as it is not wide enough to accommodate two-way traffic.

Moved By Councillor Skakun
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That the Public Hearing regarding “Official Community Plan Bylaw Amendment No. CP100206 (Bylaw No. 9458) and Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100811 (Bylaw No. 9459), BE CLOSED.

Carried Unanimously

The Public Hearing adjourned to the Regular Council Meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council GIVES THIRD READING to “City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9458, 2024.”

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council GIVES THIRD READING of “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9459, 2024”.

Carried Unanimously

Mayor Yu called a recess at 7:38 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:44 p.m.

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

COUNCILLOR KYLE SAMPSON, SUPPORTED COUNCILLORS SCOTT AND POLILLO

E.2 Bear Aware Advisory Committee and Bear Proofing our Community

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council:

- a. *DIRECTS Administration to return to Council a report outlining immediate opportunities and considerations for bear proofing our community for the purpose of public safety, and bear safety, including;*
 - i. *Options for Council to consider with respect to converting public garbage cans at bus stops, parks, as well as other community garbage cans to a bear proof/resistant model, prioritizing in areas that have the highest rates of bear sightings/interactions.*

- ii. *Options for a reduction in fruit-bearing trees on City property to reduce bear attractants on public lands, prioritizing in areas that have the highest rates of bear sightings/interactions.*
- b. *DIRECTS Administration to draft a term of reference for a 4-month, limited duration 'Bear Aware Advisory Committee', with the intent that the committee will engage in research and return to Council at the conclusion of their mandate with a report offering recommendations for increased bear-proofing and bear attractant reduction efforts throughout our community for both the purpose of public safety, and bear safety.*
- c. *The committee should consider items such as, but not limited to:*
 - i. *A residential bear proof/resistant garbage can, with various roll-out options such as a city-wide roll-out, an opt-in style program where residents can purchase a bear-proof can, or other potential options.*
 - ii. *Residential fruit trees management/mitigation/removal incentive program.*

Carried Unanimously

B. MCINTOSH, DIRECTOR OF CIVIC OPERATIONS

E.9 City of Prince George Fruit Tree Removal Incentive Program

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council DIRECTS Administration to create the City of Prince George Fruit Tree Removal and Incentive Program as described in the report dated April 9, 2024 from the Director of Civic Operations titled "City of Prince George Fruit Tree Removal Incentive Program with an annual budget of \$10,000."

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Mayor Yu

That Council REFERS to the Advisory Committee on Bear Awareness consideration and a report back to Council regarding the motion to create a Fruit Tree Removal and Incentive Program as described in the report dated April 9, 2024 from the Director of Civic Operations titled "City of Prince George Fruit Tree Removal Incentive Program."

Carried.

Councillor Polillo, Councillor Ramsay, and Councillor Sampson opposed.

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council DIRECTS the Advisory Committee on Bear Awareness to consider all methods for the Fruit Tree Removal Incentive Program including full cost recovery and incentive methods.

Carried Unanimously

STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS - COUNCILLOR GARTH FRIZZELL, CHAIR

E.3 Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs - Victoria Delegation

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated May 1, 2024 from the Chair of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs, titled “Provincial Advocacy Delegation”.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Skakun left Council Chambers from 8:26 p.m. to 8:28 p.m.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND IT SERVICES – KRIS DALIO AND CORPORATE OFFICER/MANAGER OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES – ETHAN ANDERSON

E.4 Prince George Aquatic Centre Loan Authorization Bylaw and Approval of the Electors’ Options

Moved By Councillor Ramsay

Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council GIVES FIRST THREE READINGS to Prince George Aquatic Centre Mechanical and Building Update Phases 1a, 1b, 2, 3 and 4 Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 9468, 2024.

Carried

Mayor Yu and Councillor Skakun opposed.

Moved By Councillor Ramsay

Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council:

- 1. subject to obtaining statutory approval from the Inspector of Municipalities for Prince George Aquatic Centre Mechanical and Building Envelope Update Phases 1a, 1b, 2, 3 and 4 Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 9468, 2024, APPROVES 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 Prince George Aquatic Centre Mechanical and Building Envelope Update Phases 1a, 1b, 2, 3 and 4 Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 9468, 2024;*
- 2. AUTHORIZES the Elector Response Form for Prince George Aquatic Centre Mechanical and Building Envelope Update Phases 1a, 1b, 2, 3 and 4 Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 9468, 2024 as attached to the report dated April 23, 2024 from the Director Finance and IT Services and Manager of Legislative Services titled “Prince George Aquatic Centre Loan Authorization Bylaw and Approval of the Electors’ Options”;*
- 3. ESTABLISHES the deadline of 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 9, 2024 for receiving Elector Response Forms for the alternative approval processes for Bylaw 9468, 2024;*

4. *APPROVES* the determination of the total number of electors of the area to which the alternative approval process applies for Bylaw 9468, 2024 as 55,126 electors, on the basis described in the report dated April 23, 2024 from the Director Finance and IT Services and Manager of Legislative Services titled “Prince George Aquatic Centre Loan Authorization Bylaw and Approval of the Electors’ Options”; and
5. *DIRECTS* the Corporate Officer to report the results of the alternative approval process for Bylaw 9468, 2024 and if approval of the electors has been obtained, to return Bylaw 9468, 2024 for Council’s consideration of final reading and adoption.

Carried

Mayor Yu and Councillor Skakun opposed.

ACTING DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES – ERIC DEPENAU

E.6 Structure Protection Unit Purchase 2024

Moved By Councillor Scott

Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council APPROVES the “Structure Protection Unit Project” detailed in the report dated April 29, 2024, from the Acting Director of Administrative Services titled “Structure Protection Unit Purchase” be added to the Financial Plan with a budget of \$180,000 to be funded from 3rd Party Funding.

Carried Unanimously

E.7 Enhanced Patrols

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council DIRECTS Administration to carry out enhanced patrols as described in the report from the Acting Director of Administrative Services titled ‘Enhance Patrols’, dated May 2, 2024.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Ramsay

Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council REFERS to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs to research and draft a resolution to UBCM regulating what can and cannot be burned in encampments.

Carried Unanimously

B. MCINTOSH, DIRECTOR OF CIVIC OPERATIONS

E.8 2024-2025 Annual Operating Agreement for the Prince George Transit System

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION “City of Prince George Transit Service Annual Operating Agreement 2024-2025 Authorization Bylaw No. 9469, 2024” presentation.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council GIVES FIRST THREE READINGS to “City of Prince George Transit Service Annual Operating Agreement 2024-2025 Authorization Bylaw No. 9469, 2024.

Carried Unanimously

E.10 Wildflower Boulevard Planting

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated April 25, 2024 from the Director of Civic Operations, titled “Wildflower Boulevard Planting”.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Scott left Council Chambers from 9:47 p.m. to 9:49 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council CONSIDERS agenda item E.16 immediately following agenda item E.10.

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – DEANNA WASNIK

E.16 Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100806 (Bylaw No. 9443, 2024)

Applicant: McWalter Consulting Ltd. on behalf of Number 270 Holdings Ltd., Inc.
No. BC0787781

Location: 4330 Giscome Road

Documents for Council's consideration regarding Rezoning Application No. RZ100806 included:

- Location and Existing Zoning Map
- Appendix “A” to Bylaw No. 9443
- Exhibit “A” to Application No. RZ100806
- Exhibit “B” to Application No. RZ100806
- Supporting Documents
- Application Letter & Concept Drawings

- Consultation Summary

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council *GIVES FIRST AND SECOND READING* of “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9443, 2024”.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council *PERMITS the Public Hearing for proposed Bylaw No. 9443, 2024.*

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Scott

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

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council:

1. *PERMITS that consideration of Final Reading for proposed Bylaw No. 9443, 2024 BE WITHHELD until the following requirements have been met to the satisfaction of Administration:*
 - a. *Receipt of a Traffic Summary.*

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.11 Temporary Use Permit Application No. TU000092

Applicant: Madelaine Aitken for Maxsave Real Estate Services Ltd., Inc.
No. BC0586826

Location: 2588 Queensway

Documents for Council's consideration regarding Temporary Use Permit Application No. TU000092 included:

- Location and Existing Zoning Map
- Temporary Use Permit No. TU000092
- Letter of Intent
- Letters of Support and Associated Map

Correspondence for Council's consideration regarding Temporary Use Permit Application No. TU000092 included:

- Maddy Aitken – Support
- Deanna Anderson – Support
- Tracey Beaugie – Support
- Genevieve Cassidy – Support
- Brenda Colebrook – Support
- Jeff Colebrook – Support
- John Colebrook – Support
- Heather Cullen – Support
- Kazha Cullen – Support
- Mark Cullen – Support
- Chelsea Fowlie – Support
- Palwinder Gill – Support
- Lori Hamilton – Support
- Stacey Jeans – Support
- Manpreet Kaur – Support
- Nicole Michael – Support
- Dorothy Pusch – Support
- Jennifer Shura – Support
- Monique St. Pierre – Support
- Rebecca Stent – Support
- Marly Stock – Support
- James Strachan – Support
- Krishna Thakkur – Support
- Marie Tomlinson – Support
- Dianne Worsely – Support
- Kevan Worsely – Support
- Christie Colebrook – Support

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council APPROVES Temporary Use Permit No. TU000092 for the property legally described as Parcel A (S30104), Block 6, District Lot 933, Cariboo District, Plan 727.

Carried Unanimously

E.12 Temporary Use Permit Application No. TU000093

Applicant: Lindy Steele for Barry Germaniuk and Rivera Investment Corp., Inc.
No. A0129897

Location: 1655 Nicholson Street S

Documents for Council's consideration regarding Temporary Use Permit Application No. TU000093 included:

- Location and Existing Zoning Map
- Temporary Use Permit No. TU000093

- Letter of Intent
- Letters of Support and Associated Map

Correspondence for Council's consideration regarding Temporary Use Permit Application No. TU000093 included:

- Linda Steele - Support

Moved By Councillor Scott

Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council APPROVES Temporary Use Permit No. TU000093 for the property legally described as Lot A, District Lot 936, Cariboo District, Plan 21100.

Carried Unanimously

E.13 Road Closure Application No. RCL00035 (Bylaw No. 9460)

Applicant: Ridgecrest Development Group Ltd.

Location: Road Dedication within 8640 St. Lawrence Avenue and 2800 Vista Ridge Drive

Documents for Council's consideration regarding Road Closure Application No. RCL00035 include:

- Location Map
- Appendix "A" to Bylaw No. 9460
- Exhibit "A" to RCL00035 – Proposed Consolidation Plan
- Exhibit "B" to RCL00035 – Road Closure Plan prepared by L&M Engineering Ltd.

Correspondence for Council's consideration regarding Road Closure Permit Application No. RCL00035 include:

- Jonathan Russell – In support, but with concerns

Moved By Councillor Scott

Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council GIVES FIRST AND SECOND READING to "City of Prince George Road Closure Bylaw No. 9460, 2024".

Carried Unanimously

E.14 Provincial Housing Initiatives and Development Finance Legislation

Moved By Councillor Polillo

Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated April 15, 2024, from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Provincial Housing Initiative and Development Finance Legislation".

Carried Unanimously

E.15 Zoning Bylaw Amendment to Implement Small-Scale Multi-Unit Housing and Transit Oriented Areas (Bylaw No. 9466)

Applicant: City of Prince George

Location: City Wide

Moved By Councillor Polillo

Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council GIVES FIRST AND SECOND READING to “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9466, 2024”.

Carried Unanimously

F. BYLAWS - FINAL READING AND ADOPTION

F.1 Official Community Plan Application No. CP100196 (Bylaw No. 9371, 2023) & Rezoning Application No. RZ100779 (Bylaw No. 9372, 2023)

Moved By Councillor Scott

Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council GIVES FINAL READING AND ADOPTION to “City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9371, 2023.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Sampson declared a conflict of interest as he resides on a neighbouring property and exited Council Chambers.

Moved By Councillor Bennett

Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council GIVES FINAL READING AND ADOPTION to “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9372, 2023.”

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Sampson returned to Council Chambers.

F.2 2024-2028 Financial Plan Bylaw and 2024 Tax Rates Bylaw

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council GIVES FINAL READING AND ADOPTION to “City of Prince George 5 – Year Operating and Capital Financial Plans Bylaw No. 9464, 2024”.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Scott

Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council GIVES FINAL READING AND ADOPTION to “City of Prince George Tax Rates Bylaw No. 9465, 2024”.

Carried Unanimously

F.3 2024 Temporary Borrowing Bylaws

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council GIVES FINAL READING AND ADOPTION to "Civic Facility Roof Replacements 2019-2022 Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 9009, 2019, Temporary Borrowing Bylaw No. 9461, 2024."

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Bennett
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council GIVES FINAL READING AND ADOPTION to "Aquatic Centre Renewal and Upgrade Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 9010, 2019 Temporary Borrowing Bylaw No. 9462, 2024."

Carried

Mayor Yu and Councillor Skakun opposed.

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council GIVES FINAL READING AND ADOPTION to "Critical Street Light and Traffic Signal Replacement Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 9017, 2019, Temporary Borrowing Bylaw No. 9463, 2024".

Carried Unanimously

G. NOTICES OF MOTION

G.1 Notice of Motion - Nuisance Abatement and Cost Recovery Bylaw

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 May 27, 2024 Council Meeting agenda for Council's consideration.

H. CORRESPONDENCE

Council Ramsay requested further consideration of Correspondence Item H.2.

H.1 Correspondence dated April 16, 2024 from Mayor Mike Little, District of North Vancouver regarding Black Bear Cub Conflict Response

H.2 Correspondence dated April 26, 2024 from Eduard Hausot regarding Lower Patricia Encampment

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION Correspondence items H.1 and H.2.

Carried Unanimously

I. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Councillor

Seconded By Councillor Sampson

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

Carried Unanimously

THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 10:42 P.M.

CHAIRPERSON

CERTIFIED CORRECT