



## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

September 25, 2024  
6:00 pm  
Council Chambers of City Hall  
1100 Patricia Boulevard, Prince George, BC

**PRESENT:** Mayor Simon Yu <Chair>  
Councillor Tim Bennett  
Councillor Garth 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  
Kris Dalio, Director of Finance and IT Services  
Andy Beesley, Director of Civic Facilities and Events  
Blake McIntosh, Director of Civic Operations  
Ethan Anderson, Manager of Legislative Services/Corporate Officer  
Leslie Kellett, Deputy Corporate Officer

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### A. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

*That the agenda for the regular meeting of Council scheduled for September 25, 2024, BE ADOPTED.*

**Carried Unanimously**

Mayor Yu called a recess of the Regular Council Meeting at 6:03 p.m.

The Regular Council Meeting reconvened at 6:05 p.m.

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

### B. MINUTES

#### B.1 Adoption of the Regular Council Meeting Minutes – September 9, 2024

**Moved By** Councillor Scott  
**Seconded By** Councillor Sampson

*That the minutes of the regular Council meeting held September 9, 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)**

**C.1 BC Electric Kick Scooter Pilot Program**

Presenter: Bruce Wayne  
Topic: BC Electric Kick Scooter Pilot Program

**Moved By** Councillor Ramsay  
**Seconded By** Councillor Klassen

*That Council REFERS to Administration the delegation materials from Bruce Wayne to return a report to Council detailing the legal, operational, and financial implications of implementing the BC Electric Kick Scooter Pilot Program in the City of Prince George.*

**Carried Unanimously**

Mayor Yu called a recess of the Regular Council Meeting at 6:27p.m.

The Regular Council Meeting reconvened at 6:34 p.m.

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

**C.2 The Community Arts Council of Prince George & District**

Presenters: Eli Klasner, Executive Director, Community Arts Council; Marnie Hamagami, Artistic Producer, Theatre Northwest, Sue Judge, Executive Director, Prince George Folkfest Society, and Ken Hall, Executive Director, Prince George Symphony Orchestra

Topic: Current and Future Plans of the Organization and a Request to Increase Funding Levels of the Multi-Year Funding Agreements

**Moved By** Councillor Sampson  
**Seconded By** Councillor Skakun

*That Council APPROVES the request from the Community Arts Council, Prince George Symphony Orchestra, Theatre Northwest, and Prince George Folkfest Society to increase their annual funding by \$200,000 allocated proportionately between the four organizations, effective January 2025 and on an ongoing basis.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**Moved By** Councillor Ramsay  
**Seconded By** Councillor Scott

*That Council DIRECTS Administration to return a report to Council as soon as practicable including historical information of the City's arts strategies, procedures and policies.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**H. PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

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

**H.1 Official Community Plan Bylaw Amendment No. CP100205 (Bylaw No. 9445, 2024) and Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100808 (Bylaw No. 9446, 2024)**

Applicant: L&M Engineering Ltd. for Ridgecrest Development Group, Inc., Inc.  
No. BC1284633

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

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "Official Community Plan Bylaw Amendment No. CP100205 (Bylaw No. 9445, 2024) and Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100808 (Bylaw No. 9446, 2024)" included:

- Previously submitted staff report dated June 28, 2024 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Official Community Plan Bylaw Amendment No. CP100205 (Bylaw No. 9445, 2024) and Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100808 (Bylaw No. 9446, 2024)" (Considered at the July 22, 2024 regular council meeting);
- Location and Existing Zoning Map;
- Appendix "A" to Bylaw No. 9445;
- Appendix "A" to Bylaw No. 9446;
- Exhibit "A" to CP100205;
- Supporting Documents;
- Staff report dated September 9, 2024 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Consultation for Official Community Plan Amendment Application No. CP100205 (Bylaw No. 9445)";
- Exhibit "A" to CP100205;
- Facebook Post;
- Request for Comment Letter;
- Public Correspondence;
- Traffic Impact Study; and
- Servicing Brief.

Correspondence for Council's consideration regarding "Official Community Plan Bylaw Amendment No. CP100205 (Bylaw No. 9445, 2024) and Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100808 (Bylaw No. 9446, 2024)" included:

- Presentation from L&M Engineering for Ridgecrest Development Group, Inc., Inc. No. BC1284633 in support of the application;
- Correspondence dated September 14, 2024 from Judy and Terry King in opposition to the application;
- Correspondence dated September 16, 2024 from Ashley Lozada noting concerns regarding the application;
- Correspondence dated September 18, 2024 from Lisa Sjostrom in opposition to the application;
- Correspondence dated September 19, 2024 from Robyn and Ky Leischner in opposition to the application;
- Handout: Correspondence dated September 24, 2024 from Scott and Jennifer Goldie in opposition to the application; and
- Handout: Correspondence dated September 25, 2024 from Emily Budac in opposition to the application.

**H.2 Section 219 Covenant Application No. RC000027 (Bylaw No. 9478, 2024)**

Applicant: L&M Engineering Ltd. for Ridgecrest Development Group, Inc., Inc.  
No. BC1284633

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

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "Section 219 Covenant Application No. RC000027 (Bylaw No. 9478, 2024)" included:

- Previously submitted staff report dated June 28, 2024 from the
- Director of Planning and Development titled "Section 219 Covenant
- Application No. RC000027 (Bylaw No. 9478, 2024)" (Considered at
- the July 22, 2024 regular council meeting);
- Location and Existing Zoning Map;
- Exhibit "A" to RC000027;
- Exhibit "B" to RC000027;
- Notification Map to Application No. RC000027;
- Section 219 Restrictive Covenant (Land Title Office Doc No. CA9371006);
- Section 219 Restrictive Covenant (Land Title Office Doc No. CA9371008);
- Section 219 Restrictive Covenant (Land Title Office Doc No. CA9371010);
- Staff report dated September 9, 2024 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Section 219 Covenant Application No. RC000027 (Bylaw No. 9478)"; and
- Rustic Trail As-Built Drawings.

**Applicant:**

Megan Hickey, Planner, and Tanner Fjellstrom, Professional Engineer, L&M Engineering Ltd, (Applicant) attended Centre Table and provided a PowerPoint presentation in support of the application.

**Representations from Members of the Public:**

Lisa Sjoström, 2821 Vista Ridge Drive, attended Centre Table and spoke in opposition to the application noting concerns with school capacity, aging water infrastructure and water capacity, and traffic.

Davey Senger, 8558 St. Lawrence Avenue, attended Centre Table and spoke in opposition to the application noting traffic impact concerns.

Loretta Jeffers, 8574 St. Lawrence Avenue, attended Centre Table and spoke in opposition to the application noting traffic impact concerns.

Christopher Watson, 8631 St. Lawrence Avenue, attended Centre Table and spoke in opposition to the application noting concerns with the traffic and the egress from the property adjacent to a wildfire interface.

Kate Witherly, 8631 St. Lawrence Avenue, attended Centre Table and spoke in opposition to the application noting that the RM5 zoning designation does not fit with the existing form and character of the neighbourhood.

Anthony Giannotti, 7706 Eastview Street, attended Centre Table and spoke in opposition to the application noting concerns that the RM5 zoning designation does not fit with the existing form and character of the neighbourhood.

Megan Hickey and Tanner Fjellstrom, L&M Engineering, attended Centre Table and spoke in support of the application with responses to comments made regarding traffic concerns and the suitability of the proposed development in the neighbourhood and the alignment with the Ospika South Neighbourhood Plan.

Carrie Bays, 8626 St. Lawrence Avenue, attended Centre Table and spoke in opposition to the application noting concerns residing next to a four-storey complex

Loretta Jeffers, 8574 St. Lawrence Avenue, attended Centre Table and spoke in opposition to the application further noting concerns with the traffic flow and the steep grade of St. Lawrence Avenue.

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

*That the Public Hearing regarding “Official Community Plan Bylaw Amendment No. CP100205 (Bylaw No. 9445, 2024) and Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100808 (Bylaw No. 9446, 2024)” and “Section 219 Covenant Application No. RC000027 (Bylaw No. 9478, 2024)”, BE CLOSED.*

**Carried Unanimously**

The Public Hearing adjourned to the Regular Council Meeting at 8:38 p.m.

**Moved By** Councillor Scott  
**Seconded By** Councillor Frizzell

*That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated July 31, 2024, from the Director of Planning and Development, titled “Consultation for Official Community Plan Amendment Application No. CP100198 (Amendment Bylaw No. 9479)”.*

**Carried Unanimously**

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

*That Council GIVES THIRD READING to “City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9445, 2024”.*

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

*That Council POSTPONES consideration of the main motion to a meeting following receipt of an updated Traffic Impact Study.*

**Carried**

**Mayor Yu and Councillor Skakun opposed.**

Councillor Skakun exited Council Chambers at 8:58 p.m. and returned at 9:00 p.m.

**Moved By** Councillor Frizzell  
**Seconded By** Councillor Scott

*That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated September 9, 2024, from the Director of Planning and Development, titled “Section 219 Covenant Application No. RC000027 (Bylaw No. 9478).”*

**Carried Unanimously**

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

*That Council GIVES THIRD READING to "City of Prince George Restrictive Covenant Discharge Bylaw No. 9478, 2024."*

**Carried**

**Councillor Skakun opposed.**

Mayor Yu called a recess of the Regular Council Meeting at 9:06 p.m.

The Regular Council Meeting reconvened at 9:15 p.m.

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

**D. CONSENT AGENDA (FOR INFORMATION)**

**D.1 Monthly Building Permit and Development Permit Summary (August 2024)**

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

*That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated September 9, 2024, from the Director of Planning and Development, titled "Monthly Building Permit and Development Permit Summary (August 2024)".*

**Carried Unanimously**

**E. REPORTS**

**DIRECTOR OF CIVIC FACILITIES AND EVENTS – ANDY BEESLEY**

**E.1 Proposed Council Policy – Multiyear Funding Grants**

Councillor Skakun exited Council Chambers at 9:55 p.m. and returned at 9:57 p.m.

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

*That Council EXTENDS the Regular Council Meeting from 10:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**Moved By** Councillor Polillo  
**Seconded By** Councillor Skakun

*That Council APPROVES the proposed Council policy titled "Multiyear Funding Grants (Standing Grants and Limited Duration Operating Grants)" attached to the staff report dated August 27, 2024, from the Director of Civic Facilities & Events, titled "Proposed Council Policy - Multiyear Funding Grants", with necessary amendments to correspond with Council's direction.*

**Carried Unanimously**

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

*That Council DIRECTS that applications under the Multiyear Funding Grants policy be reviewed by the Committee of the Whole prior to being advanced to Council for final approval as described in the report dated August 27, 2024 from the Director of Civic Facilities and Events titled "Proposed Council Policy – Multiyear Funding Grants" for the management of multiyear funding grants.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**Moved By** Councillor Sampson  
**Seconded By** Councillor Skakun

*That Council CONFIRMS its intent to distribute municipal funds in a more equitable manner with recurring requests to the Council Contingency Fund being referred to the available grant streams whenever possible, and that the intent of the fund be primarily used for emerging or unique needs in the community on a case-by-case basis.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – DEANNA WASNIK**

**E.2 Stormwater Infrastructure Fund Public Engagement Results**

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

*That Council APPROVES Option 4 to “create a utility fee based on the actual measurement of the hard surface area in a sampling of all types of residential properties” as described in the report dated September 9, 2024 from the Director of Planning and Development, titled “Stormwater Infrastructure Fund Public Engagement Results”.*

**Carried**

**Councillor Klassen opposed.**

**E.3 Union of BC Municipalities Community Resiliency Investment Grant Application for Prince George Wildfire Mitigation Actions 2024**

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

*That Council APPROVES that Administration complete the application process for grant funding under the Community Resiliency Investment Program – 2024 FireSmart Community Funding & Supports, which is administered by the Union of BC Municipalities, to complete FireSmart activities and a Fuel Management Plan; and AUTHORIZES the City’s Financial Officer and Director of Planning and Development to sign grant application documents and any contract documents should grant approval be received.*

**Carried Unanimously**

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

*That Council APPROVES expenditures of \$18,000 from the City’s Climate Action Reserve Fund to fund the remainder of fire resiliency activities above the UBCM Community Resiliency Investment Grant maximum as described in the report dated August 29, 2024 from the Director of Planning and Development titled “Union of BC Municipalities Community Resiliency Investment Grant Application for Prince George Wildfire Mitigation Actions 2024”.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES – ERIC DEPENAU**

**E.4 One Year Report on the Implementation of Defensive Force Options – Bylaw Services**

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

*That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report from the Director of Administrative Services dated August 30, 2024, titled “One Year Report on the Implementation of Defensive Force Options – Bylaw Services”.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**Moved By** Councillor Ramsay  
**Seconded By** Councillor Scott

*That Council DIRECTS Administration to return an update report to Council regarding Bylaw Services implementation of defensive force if there is an incident related to the use of the defensive force training within 12 months.*

**Carried**

**Mayor Yu, Councillor Bennett, Councillor Klassen and Councillor Sampson opposed.**

DIRECTOR OF CIVIC OPERATIONS – BLAKE MCINTOSH

**E.5 Fox Drive Paving Estimate**

**Moved By** Councillor Polillo  
**Seconded By** Councillor Scott

*That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated September 13, 2024 from the Director of Civic Operations, titled “Fox Drive Paving Estimate.”*

**Carried**

**Councillor Skakun opposed.**

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

*That Council EXTENDS the Regular Council Meeting from 11:00 p.m. to 11:20 p.m.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**E.6 Progress Report: People, Pets, and Parks Off Leash Program**

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

*That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated September 25, 2024 from the Director of Civic Operations titled “People, Pets and Parks Off Leash Program Progress Report”.*

**Carried Unanimously**

MANAGER OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES/CORPORATE OFFICER – ETHAN ANDERSON

**E.7 Handouts at Meetings and Closed Agenda Publishing**

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

*That Council DEFERS consideration of agenda item E.7 - Handouts at Meetings and Closed Agenda Publishing to a future meeting of council.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**F. BYLAWS – FINAL READING AND ADOPTION**

**G. CORRESPONDENCE**

Council requested further consideration of correspondence items G.1, G.2, and G.3.

**G.1 Correspondence dated September 16, 2024 from Mayor Yu: Letter of Support for the Association of Caledonia Trail Builders' Grant Application**

**Moved By** Councillor Klassen  
**Seconded By** Councillor Polillo

*That the City of Prince George PROVIDES a letter in support of the grant application from the Association of Caledonia Trail Builders'.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**G.2 Correspondence dated September 16, 2024 from Kenna Jonkman, General Manager of Community and Development Services, Regional District of Fraser-Fort George: Disaster Risk Reduction - Climate Adaptation Grant Application - Partnership Consideration**

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

*That the City of Prince George SUPPORTS the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George applying for, receiving, and managing grant funding on our behalf through the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Disaster Risk Reduction – Climate Adaptation program.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**G.3 Correspondence dated September 16, 2024 from Dr. Jason R. Lacharite: Amending "City of Prince George Nuisance Abatement and Cost Recovery Bylaw No. 8940, 2018"**

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

*That Council REFERS the correspondence dated September 16, 2024 from Dr. Jason R. Lacharite regarding amending the "City of Prince George Nuisance Abatement and Cost Recovery Bylaw No. 8940, 2018" to Administration to correspond with the writer on his options regarding bylaw enforcement.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved By** Councillor Polillo  
**Seconded By** Councillor Skakun

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

**Carried Unanimously**

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 11:08 P.M.**

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CHAIRPERSON

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