



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BUDGET MEETING OF COUNCIL

January 22, 2025
1:00 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: Mr. Walter Babicz, City Manager
Ms. Deanna Wasnik, Director of Planning and Development
Mr. Kris Dalio, Director of Finance and IT Services
Mr. Andy Beesley, Director of Civic Facilities and Events
Mr. Eric Depenau, Director of Administrative Services
Mr. Blake McIntosh, Director of Civic Operations
Mr. Ethan Anderson, Manager of Legislative Services/Corporate Officer
Ms. Leslie Kellett, Deputy Corporate Officer

A. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The meeting continued from the point budget deliberations were left on January 20, 2025.

I. CIVIC OPERATIONS – BLAKE MCINTOSH, DIRECTOR

B. McIntosh, Director of Civic Operations, provided an overview of the proposed 2025 Operational Financial Plan for the service categories within the Civic Operations department.

I.2 Roads

I.3 Storm Drainage

I.4 Fleet Services

- I.5 Street Lighting
- I.6 Civic Operations Admin
- I.7 Solid Waste Services
- I.8 Cemetery
- I.9 Sewer Operations
- I.10 Water Operations
- I.11 Parks
- I.12 District Energy
- I.13 Transportation and Technical Services

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Klassen

That Council DIRECTS Administration to return a report to Council in follow up to Council resolution number 2024-283 from the June 12, 2025 regular council meeting regarding the transit routing via Davis, Foster, and Baker Roads for the BC Transit Route 88/89.

Carried Unanimously

J. CIVIC FACILITIES AND EVENTS - ANDY BEESLEY, DIRECTOR

A. Beesley, Director of Civic Facilities and Events, provided an overview of the proposed 2025 Operational Financial Plan for the service categories within the Civic Facilities and Events department.

- J.1 Aquatics
- J.2 Civic Facilities and Events Admin
- J.3 Project Delivery
- J.4 Civic Initiatives and Partnerships
- J.5 Facility Maintenance
- J.6 Capital Program Management Office
- J.7 Entertainment Services
- J.8 Event Services
- J.9 Event Operations

Councillor Ramsay exited Council Chambers at 2:41 p.m. and returned at 2:45 p.m.

K. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT - DEANNA WASNIK, DIRECTOR

D. Wasnik, Director of Planning and Development, provided an overview of the proposed 2025 Operational Financial Plan for the service categories within the Planning and Development department.

K.1 Development Planning and Administration

K.2 Economic Development

Moved By Councillor Ramsay

Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council DIRECTS Administration to prepare a pitch to the provincial government for the City of Prince George to host the new Centre for BC Innovation and Clean Energy which will focus made-in-BC solutions for carbon capture and renewable fuel advancement.

Carried Unanimously

K.3 Asset Management

Mayor Yu called a recess of the Regular Council Budget Meeting at 3:55 p.m.

The Regular Council Budget Meeting was reconvened at 4:05 p.m.

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

L. FINANCE AND IT SERVICES - KRIS DALIO, DIRECTOR

K. Dalio, Director of Finance and IT Services, provided an overview of the proposed 2025 Operational Financial Plan for the service categories within the Finance and IT Services department.

L.1 Risk and Procurement

L.2 IT Services

Councillor Skakun exited Council Chambers at 4:13 p.m. and returned at 4:20 p.m.

L.3 Financial Services

B. 2025 – 2029 FINANCIAL PLAN (SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS)

B.1 2025 Budget and Finance Reference Guide

B.2 2023 Carry Forwards

B.3 2023 Internal Debt Summary

B.4 2025 – 2029 Financial Plan

C. BUDGET OVERVIEW AND PUBLIC CONSULTATION RESULTS

C.1 2025 - 2029 Financial Plan and Presentation

C.2 Fiscal Services

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council APPROVES the Fiscal Services Service Category as outlined on pages 132, 133, 134, and 135 of the 2025 - 2029 Operational Financial Plan, attached to the January 22, 2025 Regular Council Budget Meeting agenda; and DIRECTS Administration to update the Fiscal Services Service Category to incorporate any amendments approved by Council the 2025 - 2029 Operational Financial Plan, and advise Council of the revised Revenues and Expenditures following Council's deliberation of the 2025 - 2029 Operational Financial Plan.

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council AMENDS the Contingency line item on page 133 of the 2025 - 2029 Operational Financial Plan by reducing it by \$95,000.

Carried

Councillor Klassen and Councillor Sampson opposed.

Moved By Councillor Bennett
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council AMENDS the Council Contingency line item within the 2025 - 2029 Operational Financial Plan from \$75,000 to \$50,000.

Carried

Councillor Frizzell and Councillor Skakun opposed.

Main motion as amended.

Carried

Councillor Sampson opposed.

D. 2025 - 2029 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PLAN

D.1 2025 - 2029 Capital Plan

Councillor Ramsay exited Council Chambers at 4:46 p.m. and returned at 4:48 p.m.

Councillor Bennett exited Council Chambers at 4:52 p.m. and returned at 4:54 p.m.

E. RECESS (5:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.)

Mayor Yu called a recess of the Regular Council Budget Meeting at 5:07 p.m.

The Regular Council Budget Meeting was reconvened at 6:00 p.m.

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

D.1 2025 - 2029 Capital Plan

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council APPROVES the 2025 - 2029 Capital Plan attached to the Staff Report dated January 10, 2025 from the Director of Finance and IT Services titled "2025 - 2029 Capital Plan."

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council AMENDS the 2025 - 2029 Capital Plan attached to the Staff Report dated January 10, 2025 from the Director of Finance and IT Services titled "2025 - 2029 Capital Plan" by removing Capital Project #3449 – “Bylaw Utility Vehicles and Trailers New”.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Klassen
Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council AMENDS the 2025 - 2029 Capital Plan attached to the Staff Report dated January 10, 2025 from the Director of Finance and IT Services titled "2025 - 2029 Capital Plan" by deferring Capital Project #0302 – “Memorial Park Cemetery Upgrade” to the 2026 Capital Plan.

Defeated

Councillors Bennett, Frizzell, Polillo, Ramsay, Sampson, Scott, and Skakun opposed.

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council AMENDS the 2025 - 2029 Capital Plan attached to the Staff Report dated January 10, 2025 from the Director of Finance and IT Services titled "2025 - 2029 Capital Plan" by reducing Capital Project #0399 – “Road Rehabilitation” to \$6,700,000.

Defeated

Mayor Yu and Councillors Bennett, Klassen, Ramsay, Sampson, and Scott opposed.

Moved By Councillor Klassen
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council AMENDS the 2025 - 2029 Capital Plan attached to the Staff Report dated January 10, 2025 from the Director of Finance and IT Services titled "2025 - 2029 Capital Plan" by deferring Capital Project #3418 – “PG Conference and Civic Centre Door” to the 2026 Capital Plan.

Defeated

Mayor Yu and Councillors Bennett, Frizzell, Polillo, Ramsay, Sampson, Scott, and Skakun opposed.

Moved By Councillor Klassen
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council AMENDS the 2025 - 2029 Capital Plan attached to the Staff Report dated January 10, 2025 from the Director of Finance and IT Services titled "2025 - 2029 Capital Plan" by deferring Capital Project #3208 – “Janitorial Equip - Replace Floor Scrubbers” to the 2026 Capital Plan.

Defeated

Mayor Yu and Councillors Bennett, Frizzell, Polillo, Ramsay, Sampson, Scott, and Skakun opposed.

Moved By Councillor Klassen
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council AMENDS the 2025 - 2029 Capital Plan attached to the Staff Report dated January 10, 2025 from the Director of Finance and IT Services titled "2025 - 2029 Capital Plan" by deferring Capital Project #0431 – “Mobile Equipment Replacement” to the 2026 Capital Plan.

Defeated

Councillors Bennett, Frizzell, Polillo, Ramsay, Sampson, Scott, and Skakun opposed.

Main motion as amended.

Carried

Councillor Klassen opposed.

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Klassen

That Council REFERS a potential capital project regarding a storage building to house the Little Prince train to a Committee of the Whole meeting for further consideration.

Carried

Councillor Sampson opposed.

Moved By Mayor Yu
Seconded By Councillor Klassen

That Council REFERS potential capital projects regarding the installation of two roundabouts at the University Way and Ceremonial Road intersection and the Tyner Boulevard and Ospika Boulevard intersection to a Committee of the Whole meeting for further consideration.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council REFERS unfunded capital project #1384 – “Rainbow Park Washroom” from the 2025 – 2029 Operational Financial Plan to a Committee of the Whole meeting for further consideration.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Klassen

That Council REFERS unfunded capital project #0853 – “Lower Patricia Greenway Upgrade” from the 2025 – 2029 Operational Financial Plan to a Committee of the Whole meeting for further consideration.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Mayor Yu
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council REFERS a potential capital project regarding improvements to the sound system at the PG Conference and Civic Centre to a Committee of the Whole meeting for further consideration.

Carried Unanimously

By unanimous consent, Council withdrew the following postponed motion from the January 20, 2025 Regular Council Budget Meeting:

That Council REFERS unfunded capital project #3278 Pidherny Recreation Site Improvements for further consideration at a Committee of the Whole meeting.

F. SERVICE AGREEMENTS AND GRANTS

F.1 Prince George Public Library

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council APPROVES the Library Services Service Category as outlined on pages 20 and 21 of the 2025 - 2029 Operational Financial Plan, attached to the January 22, 2025 Regular Council Budget Meeting agenda.

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council AMENDS the Library Services Service Category by changing the 2025 Proposed Revenue to (509,472) and changing the 2025 Proposed Expenses to \$4,448,000, which represents at 2.25% increase to the Library contribution over 2024.

Defeated

Mayor Yu and Councillors Frizzell, Klassen, Scott, and Skakun opposed.

Main motion.

Carried

Councillors Bennett, Polillo, and Sampson opposed.

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council DIRECTS Administration to work with the Prince George Public Library to develop a 5-year funding agreement to better anticipate City of Prince George budget contributions.

Carried

Mayor Yu, Councillor Frizzell, and Klassen opposed.

F.2 Tourism Prince George

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council APPROVES the Tourism Prince George Service Category as outlined on pages 24 and 25 of the 2025 - 2029 Operational Financial Plan, attached to the January 22, 2025 Regular Council Budget Meeting agenda.

Carried Unanimously

G. CORPORATE MANAGEMENT – WALTER BABICZ, CITY MANAGER

G.1 Office of the City Manager

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council APPROVES the Office of the City Manager Service Category as outlined on pages 29 and 30 of the 2025 - 2029 Operational Financial Plan, attached to the January 22, 2025 Regular Council Budget Meeting agenda.

Carried Unanimously

G.2 Mayor and Council

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council AMENDS the Mayor and Council Service Category by reallocating \$2,000 from the Economic Development Advocacy expenditure line to each Councillor's annual expenditure line item and \$4,000 from the Economic Development Advocacy expenditure line to the Legislative – Mayor expenditure line item to be used in accordance with section 4.1 and 4.2 of the “City of Prince George Council Remuneration Bylaw No. 8414, 2012”.

Carried

Councillor Bennett and Councillor Sampson opposed.

Moved By Councillor Skakun
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council APPROVES the Mayor and Council Service Category as outlined on pages 31 and 32 of the 2025 - 2029 Operational Financial Plan, attached to the January 22, 2025 Regular Council Budget Meeting agenda.

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council AMENDS the Mayor and Council Service Category by eliminating \$20,000 from the Economic Development Advocacy expenditure line item.

Defeated

Mayor Yu and Councillors Frizzell, Klassen, Polillo, Scott, and Skakun opposed.

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council AMENDS the Mayor and Council Service Category by reallocating \$2,000 from the Economic Development Advocacy expenditure line to each Councillor’s annual expenditure line item and \$4,000 from the Economic Development Advocacy expenditure to the Legislative – Mayor expenditure line item with the intent that the funds be used for purposes aligned with economic development advocacy.

Defeated

Mayor Yu and Councillors Bennett, Klassen, Polillo, Scott, and Skakun opposed.

Main motion.

Carried

Councillor Bennett and Polillo opposed.

G.3 Legislative Services

Moved By Councillor Polillo

Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council APPROVES the Legislative Services Service Category as outlined on pages 33 and 34 of the 2025 - 2029 Operational Financial Plan, attached to the January 20, 2025 Regular Council Budget Meeting agenda.

Carried Unanimously

G.4 Human Resources and Corporate Safety

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council APPROVES the Human Resources and Corporate Safety Service Category as outlined on pages 35 and 36 of the 2025 - 2029 Operational Financial Plan, attached to the January 22, 2025 Regular Council Budget Meeting agenda, with a reduction of \$28,000 to the service category.

Carried

Mayor Yu and Councillors Frizzell, Polillo, and Scott opposed.

H. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES – ERIC DEPENAU, DIRECTOR

H.1 Police Protection

Moved By Councillor Skakun
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council APPROVES the Police Protection Service Category as outlined on pages 38 and 39 of the 2025 - 2029 Operational Financial Plan, attached to the January 22, 2025 Regular Council Budget Meeting agenda.

Carried Unanimously

H.2 Fire and Rescue Services

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council APPROVES the Fire and Rescue Services Service Category as outlined on pages 40 and 41 of the 2025 - 2029 Operational Financial Plan, attached to the January 22, 2025 Regular Council Budget Meeting agenda.

Carried Unanimously

H.3 Emergency Programs

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council APPROVES the Emergency Programs Service Category as outlined on pages 42 and 43 of the 2025 - 2029 Operational Financial Plan, attached to the January 22, 2025 Regular Council Budget Meeting agenda, with a reduction of \$123,000 to the service category.

Defeated

Mayor Yu and Councillors Frizzell, Klassen, Polillo, Scott, and Skakun opposed.

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council APPROVES the Emergency Programs Service Category as outlined on pages 42 and 43 of the 2025 - 2029 Operational Financial Plan, attached to the January 22, 2025 Regular Council Budget Meeting agenda.

Carried

Councillors Bennett, Ramsay and Sampson opposed.

H.4 Bylaw Services

Councillor Scott exited Council Chambers at 8:01 p.m. and returned at 8:05 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council APPROVES the Bylaw Services Service Category as outlined on pages 44 and 45 of the 2025 - 2029 Operational Financial Plan, attached to the January 22, 2025 Regular Council Budget Meeting agenda, with a reduction of \$210,000 to the service category to eliminate outreach services.

Carried

Mayor Yu and Councillors Frizzell, Scott, Skakun opposed.

H.5 Off-Street Parking

Moved By Councillor Bennett
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council APPROVES the Off-Street Parking Service Category as outlined on pages 46 and 47 of the 2025 - 2029 Operational Financial Plan, attached to the January 22, 2025 Regular Council Budget Meeting agenda.

Carried Unanimously

H.6 Communications

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council APPROVES the Communications Service Category as outlined on pages 48 and 49 of the 2025 - 2029 Operational Financial Plan, attached to the January 22, 2025 Regular Council Budget Meeting agenda.

Carried Unanimously

H.7 Intergovernmental Relations

Moved By Councillor Skakun
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council APPROVES the Intergovernmental Relations Service Category as outlined on pages 50 and 51 of the 2025 - 2029 Operational Financial Plan, attached to the January 22, 2025 Regular Council Budget Meeting agenda.

Carried Unanimously

I. CIVIC OPERATIONS – BLAKE MCINTOSH, DIRECTOR

I.1 Snow Control

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council APPROVES the Snow Control Service Category as outlined on pages 54 and 55 of the 2025 - 2029 Operational Financial Plan, attached to the January 22, 2025 Regular Council Budget Meeting agenda with an amendment of \$500,000 to the service category.

Moved By Councillor Klassen
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council AMENDS the main motion by changing the number \$500,000 to \$1,000,000.

Carried

Councillors Polillo, Ramsay, Sampson, and Scott opposed.

Main motion as amended.

Carried

Councillors Polillo, Ramsay, Sampson, and Scott opposed.

Moved By Councillor Skakun
Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council DIRECTS Administration to provide to Council a breakdown of the Snow Control expenditures for November and December 2024.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council DIRECTS Administration to return the Snow and Ice Control Policy to Council for review.

Carried

Councillor Klassen and Councillor Skakun opposed.

I.2 Roads

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council APPROVES the Roads Service Category as outlined on pages 56, 57, and 58 of the 2025 - 2029 Operational Financial Plan, attached to the January 22, 2025 Regular Council Budget Meeting agenda.

Carried Unanimously

I.3 Storm Drainage

Moved By Councillor Bennett
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council APPROVES the Storm Drainage Service Category as outlined on pages 59, 60, and 61 of the 2025 - 2029 Operational Financial Plan, attached to the January 22, 2025 Regular Council Budget Meeting agenda.

Carried Unanimously

I.4 Fleet Services

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council APPROVES the Fleet Services Service Category as outlined on pages 62 and 63 of the 2025 - 2029 Operational Financial Plan, attached to the January 22, 2025 Regular Council Budget Meeting agenda.

Moved By Councillor Klassen
Seconded By Mayor Yu

That Council AMENDS the main motion by adding the words “, with a reduction of \$16,195.50 to the service category” following the words “Council Budget Meeting agenda”.

Defeated

Councillors Bennett, Frizzell, Polillo, Ramsay, and Scott opposed.

Main motion.

Carried Unanimously

I.5 Street Lighting

Moved By Councillor Bennett
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council APPROVES the Street Lighting Service Category as outlined on pages 64 and 65 of the 2025 - 2029 Operational Financial Plan, attached to the January 22, 2025 Regular Council Budget Meeting agenda.

Carried Unanimously

I.6 Civic Operations Admin

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council APPROVES the Civic Operations Admin Service Category as outlined on pages 66 and 67 of the 2025 - 2029 Operational Financial Plan, attached to the January 22, 2025 Regular Council Budget Meeting agenda.

Carried Unanimously

I.7 Solid Waste Services

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council APPROVES the Solid Waste Services Service Category as outlined on pages 68 and 69 of the 2025 - 2029 Operational Financial Plan, attached to the January 22, 2025 Regular Council Budget Meeting agenda.

Carried Unanimously

I.8 Cemetery

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council APPROVES the Cemetery Service Category as outlined on pages 70 and 71 of the 2025 - 2029 Operational Financial Plan, attached to the January 22, 2025 Regular Council Budget Meeting agenda.

Carried Unanimously

I.9 Sewer Operations

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council APPROVES the Sewer Operations Service Category as outlined on pages 72, 73, and 74 of the 2025 - 2029 Operational Financial Plan, attached to the January 22, 2025 Regular Council Budget Meeting agenda.

Carried Unanimously

I.10 Water Operations

Moved By Councillor Bennett
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council APPROVES the Water Operations Service Category as outlined on pages 75, 76, and 77 of the 2025 - 2029 Operational Financial Plan, attached to the January 20, 2025 Regular Council Budget Meeting agenda.

Carried Unanimously

I.11 Parks

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council APPROVES the Parks Service Category as outlined on pages 78, 79, and 80 of the 2025 - 2029 Operational Financial Plan, attached to the January 22, 2025 Regular Council Budget Meeting agenda.

Carried Unanimously

I.12 District Energy

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council APPROVES the District Energy Service Category as outlined on pages 81 and 82 of the 2025 - 2029 Operational Financial Plan, attached to the January 22, 2025 Regular Council Budget Meeting agenda.

Carried Unanimously

I.13 Transportation and Technical Services

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council APPROVES the Transportation and Technical Services Service Category as outlined on pages 83 and 84 of the 2025 - 2029 Operational Financial Plan, attached to the January 22, 2025 Regular Council Budget Meeting agenda.

Carried Unanimously

J. CIVIC FACILITIES AND EVENTS - ANDY BEESLEY, DIRECTOR

J.1 Aquatics

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council APPROVES the Aquatics Service Category as outlined on pages 86 and 87 of the 2025 - 2029 Operational Financial Plan, attached to the January 22, 2025 Regular Council Budget Meeting agenda.

Carried Unanimously

J.2 Civic Facilities and Events Admin

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council APPROVES the Civic Facilities and Events Admin Service Category as outlined on pages 88 and 89 of the 2025 - 2029 Operational Financial Plan, attached to the January 22, 2025 Regular Council Budget Meeting agenda.

Carried Unanimously

J.3 Project Delivery

Moved By Councillor Bennett
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council APPROVES the Project Delivery Service Category as outlined on pages 90 and 91 of the 2025 - 2029 Operational Financial Plan, attached to the January 22, 2025 Regular Council Budget Meeting agenda.

Carried Unanimously

J.4 Civic Initiatives and Partnerships

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council APPROVES the Civic Initiatives and Partnerships Service Category as outlined on pages 92 and 93 of the 2025 - 2029 Operational Financial Plan, attached to the January 22, 2025 Regular Council Budget Meeting agenda.

Carried Unanimously

J.5 Facility Maintenance

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council APPROVES the Facility Maintenance Service Category as outlined on pages 94, 95, and 96 of the 2025 - 2029 Operational Financial Plan, attached to the January 22, 2025 Regular Council Budget Meeting agenda with a reduction of \$95,000 to remove the IT renovation project from the service category.

Defeated

Councillors Bennett, Frizzell, Klassen, Polillo, Ramsay, and Scott opposed.

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council APPROVES the Facility Maintenance Service Category as outlined on pages 94, 95, and 96 of the 2025 - 2029 Operational Financial Plan, attached to the January 22, 2025 Regular Council Budget Meeting agenda with a reduction of \$78,000 to remove the demolition of the decommissioned training tower at Fire Hall No. 2.

Defeated

Mayor Yu and Councillors Polillo, Sampson, Scott, and Skakun opposed.

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council APPROVES the Facility Maintenance Service Category as outlined on pages 94, 95, and 96 of the 2025 - 2029 Operational Financial Plan, attached to the January 22, 2025 Regular Council Budget Meeting agenda.

Carried Unanimously

J.6 Capital Program Management Office

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council APPROVES the Capital Program Management Office Service Category as outlined on pages 97 and 98 of the 2025 - 2029 Operational Financial Plan, attached to the January 22, 2025 Regular Council Budget Meeting agenda.

Carried Unanimously

J.7 Entertainment Services

Moved By Councillor Bennett
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council APPROVES the Entertainment Services Service Category as outlined on pages 99 and 100 of the 2025 - 2029 Operational Financial Plan, attached to the January 22, 2025 Regular Council Budget Meeting agenda.

Carried Unanimously

J.8 Event Services

Moved By Councillor Bennett
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council APPROVES the Event Services Service Category as outlined on pages 101 and 102 of the 2025 - 2029 Operational Financial Plan, attached to the January 22, 2025 Regular Council Budget Meeting agenda.

Carried Unanimously

J.9 Event Operations

Moved By Councillor Bennett
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council APPROVES the Event Operations Service Category as outlined on pages 103, 104, and 105 of the 2025 - 2029 Operational Financial Plan, attached to the January 22, 2025 Regular Council Budget Meeting agenda.

Carried Unanimously

K. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT - DEANNA WASNIK, DIRECTOR

K.1 Development Planning and Administration

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council APPROVES the Development Planning and Administration Service Category as outlined on pages 107 and 108 of the 2025 - 2029 Operational Financial Plan, attached to the January 22, 2025 Regular Council Budget Meeting agenda.

Carried Unanimously

K.2 Economic Development

Moved By Councillor Bennett
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council APPROVES the Economic Development Service Category as outlined on pages 109 and 110 of the 2025 - 2029 Operational Financial Plan, attached to the January 22, 2025 Regular Council Budget Meeting agenda.

Carried Unanimously

K.3 Asset Management

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council APPROVES the Asset Management Service Category as outlined on pages 111 and 112 of the 2025 - 2029 Operational Financial Plan, attached to the January 22, 2025 Regular Council Budget Meeting agenda.

Carried Unanimously

L. FINANCE AND IT SERVICES - KRIS DALIO, DIRECTOR

L.1 Risk and Procurement

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council APPROVES the Risk and Procurement Service Category as outlined on pages 114 and 115 of the 2025 - 2029 Operational Financial Plan, attached to the January 22, 2025 Regular Council Budget Meeting agenda.

Carried Unanimously

L.2 IT Services

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council APPROVES the IT Services Service Category as outlined on pages 116 and 117 of the 2025 - 2029 Operational Financial Plan, attached to the January 22, 2025 Regular Council Budget Meeting agenda.

Carried Unanimously

L.3 Financial Services

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council APPROVES the Financial Services Service Category as outlined on pages 118 and 119 of the 2025 - 2029 Operational Financial Plan, attached to the January 22, 2025 Regular Council Budget Meeting agenda.

Carried Unanimously

Mayor Yu called a recess of the Regular Council Budget meeting at 8:47 p.m.

The Regular Council Budget Meeting was reconvened at 8:55 p.m.

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

L.4 Requested Enhancements

L.4.1 Police Protection Enhancement

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Klassen

That Council APPROVES the addition of an Assistant Manager position (\$140, 093) as outlined in the Police Protection Enhancement presented on pages 120 and 121 of the 2025 – 2029 Operational Financial Plan, attached to the January 22, 2025 Regular Council Budget Meeting agenda.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council APPROVES the addition of a Cellblock Guard position (\$96,785) as outlined in the Police Protection Enhancement presented on pages 120 and 121 of the 2025 – 2029 Operational Financial Plan, attached to the January 22, 2025 Regular Council Budget Meeting agenda.

Carried

Councillors Klassen, Polillo, and Scott opposed.

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council APPROVES the addition of a Victim Services Worker position (\$92,116) as outlined in the Police Protection Enhancement presented on pages 120 and 121 of the 2025 – 2029 Operational Financial Plan, attached to the January 22, 2025 Regular Council Budget Meeting agenda.

Defeated

Mayor Yu and Councillors Frizzell, Polillo, Sampson, Scott, and Skakun opposed.

L.4.2 Police Protection - RCMP Service Enhancement

Moved By Mayor Yu
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council APPROVES increasing the contracted strength of RCMP positions from 153 to 157 as outlined on the Police Protection – RCMP Service Enhancement presented in the handout package distributed at the January 20, 2025 Regular Council Budget meeting, with the four RCMP members recruited in the latter half of 2025 at a cost of \$469,666 in 2025.

Carried

Councillor Bennett, Councillor Klassen, and Councillor Polillo opposed.

L.4.3 Fire and Rescue Service Enhancement

Moved By Councillor Skakun
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council APPROVES the Fire and Rescue Service Enhancement as outlined on pages 123 and 124 of the 2025 – 2029 Operational Financial Plan, attached to the January 22, 2025 Regular Council Budget Meeting agenda.

Carried

Mayor Yu and Councillor Klassen and Councillor Polillo opposed.

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council REFERS to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs to negotiate the contract regarding medical-related calls for service with the Province of BC with an aim to BC Ambulance Service to increase their capacity and call volume.

Carried Unanimously

L.4.4 Bylaw Service Enhancement

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Klassen

That Council EXTENDS the Regular Council Budget Meetings from 10:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Skakun
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council APPROVES the addition of two (2) additional Bylaw 1 Officers as described on the Bylaw Service Enhancement attached to the January 22, 2025 Regular Council meeting agenda.

Defeated

Councillors Bennett, Frizzell, Klassen, Polillo, Ramsay, Sampson, and Scott opposed.

L.4.5 Communications Service Enhancement

Moved By Mayor Yu
Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council APPROVES the Communications Service Enhancement as outlined on page 126 of the 2025 - 2029 Operational Financial Plan, attached to the January 22, 2025 Regular Council Budget Meeting agenda.

Carried

Councillors Frizzell, Polillo, and Ramsay opposed.

L.4.6 Parks Service Enhancement - Recreation

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council APPROVES the Parks Service Enhancement - Recreation as outlined on pages 127 and 128 of the 2025 - 2029 Operational Financial Plan, attached to the January 22, 2025 Regular Council Budget Meeting agenda.

Carried

Councillor Polillo opposed.

L.4.7 Parks Service Enhancement - Arborists

Moved By Councillor Skakun
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council APPROVES the Parks Service Enhancement - Arborists as outlined on pages 129 and 130 of the 2025 - 2029 Operational Financial

Plan, attached to the January 22, 2025 Regular Council Budget Meeting agenda.

Carried

Councillor Polillo opposed.

L.4.8 Development Planning and Admin Service Enhancement

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council APPROVES the Development Planning and Admin Service Enhancement as outlined on page 131 of the 2025 - 2029 Operational Financial Plan, attached to the January 22, 2025 Regular Council Budget Meeting agenda.

Carried

Mayor Yu, Councillor Klassen and Councillor Skakun opposed.

K. Dalio, Director of Finance and IT Services, advised that Council’s deliberation on January 20, 2025 and January 22, 2025 have resulted in a 2025 tax levy increase of 6.21%.

The “2025 Proposed (UX)” column within the Fiscal Services Service Category on page 132 of the 2025 – 2029 Operational Financial Plan, attached to the January 22, 2025 Regular Council Budget Meeting agenda has been impacted as follows:

- Snow Control line item → From (\$11,000,000) to (\$10,000,000)
- Taxes, General → From (\$126,622,400) to (\$128,155,565)

M. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Polillo

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

Carried Unanimously

THE REGULAR COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:15 P.M.

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