



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

April 16, 2025
5:00 pm
Council Chambers of City Hall
1100 Patricia Boulevard, Prince George, BC

*We respectfully acknowledge the unceded ancestral lands of the Lheidli T'enneh,
on whose land we live, work, and play.*

PRESENT: Mayor Simon Yu <Chair>
Councillor Tim Bennett
Councillor Garth Frizzell
Councillor Trudy Klassen <via Zoom>
Councillor Ron Polillo
Councillor Cori Ramsay <5:01 p.m. to 9:22 p.m.>
Councillor Kyle Sampson <5:02 p.m. to 9:22 p.m.>
Councillor Susan Scott
Councillor Brian Skakun

IN ATTENDANCE: Walter Babicz, City Manager
Deanna Wasnik, Director of Planning and Development
Andy Beesley, Director of Civic Facilities and Events
Eric Depenau, Director of Administrative Services <5:00 p.m. to 5:24 p.m.>
Blake McIntosh, Director of Civic Operations
Ethan Anderson, Manager of Legislative Services/Corporate Officer
Leslie Kellett, Deputy Corporate Officer

A. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Councillor Ramsay entered Council Chambers at 5:01 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Scott

*That the agenda for the special meeting of Council scheduled for April 16, 2025, BE
ADOPTED.*

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Sampson entered Council Chambers at 5:02 p.m.

B. REPORTS

B.1 Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 9525, 2025 and Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 9526, 2025

Documents for Council's consideration of "Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 9525, 2025" included:

1. Previously submitted staff report dated January 2, 2025 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 9525, 2025" (Considered at the February 3, 2025 regular Council meeting);
 - a. Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 9525;
 - b. Appendix 1: Schedules to Bylaw No. 9525; and
 - c. PowerPoint Presentation.
2. Redlined Version of the Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 9525, highlighting amendments made since the October 2024 draft.
3. Previously submitted staff report dated February 14, 2025 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 9525, 2025 - Review of February 3, 2025 Regular Council Meeting" (Considered at the February 24, 2025 regular Council meeting).
4. City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011;
5. Correspondence dated February 24, 2025 from Nancy Alexander: Ginter's Green;
6. Correspondence dated February 24, 2025 from Nancy Alexander: Moore's Meadow;
7. Correspondence dated February 24, 2025 from Ginter's Green Forever: Ginter's Green Forever's Response to the OCP;
8. Correspondence dated February 23, 2025 from Brittany A. Ringdahl, Ginter's Green Forever: Ginter's Green;
9. Correspondence dated February 23, 2025 from Jennifer Stevenson: Ginter's Green;
10. Correspondence dated February 23, 2025 from Dave Parmar: Land Development;
11. Correspondence dated February 24, 2025 from Michelle Oster: Ginter's Green;
12. Correspondence dated February 24, 2025 from Julia Whittaker: Ginter's Green;
13. Correspondence dated February 24, 2025 from Carolyn Shannon: Ginter's Green;
14. Correspondence dated February 24, 2025 from Torie Beram: Ginter's Green.
15. Correspondence dated March 10, 2025 from Selene Maxwell: OCP 2025 Review and Creating Protections for Green Space.
16. Correspondence dated February 24, 2025 from Hayley Brooks: Green Spaces in Prince George BC.
17. Correspondence dated February 25, 2025 from Maureen Alexis Morgan: Opposition to Urban Sprawl and Future Land Use Plans.
18. Correspondence dated February 25, 2025 from Annie Booth: The OCP and Community Engagement
19. Correspondence dated February 25, 2025 from Pamela Campbell: Ginters Green.
20. Correspondence dated February 19, 2025 from Derek Dougherty, Board Chair, Prince George Airport Authority: Prince George Airport (YXS) and the OCP.
21. Correspondence dated March 3, 2025 from Victor Nguyen: Draft OCP and the Urban Containment Boundary.
22. Correspondence dated March 11, 2025 from Chelsea Nesbitt: University Way Development.
23. Correspondence dated March 6, 2025 from David Greenberg: Concerns regarding the Proposed Official Community Plan.
24. Correspondence dated March 8, 2025 from Perry Slump, President, and Del Myers, Secretary/Treasurer, Prince George Farmers' Institute: Agriculture, Food, and Food Security in the Official Community Plan.
25. Correspondence from Chander Suri: Opposition to the Official Community Plan regarding District Lots 9264 and 9265.
26. Correspondence dated March 13, 2025 from Kim Lawyer: Proposed Amendments to the Official Community Plan.
27. Correspondence dated March 13, 2025 from Jenn Matthews: Proposed Amendments to the Official Community Plan.

28. Correspondence received March 14, 2025 from Doug Randell: Agricultural and Forestry to Mixed Use Residential for Properties on Giscome Road.
29. Correspondence dated March 14, 2025 from Rylee Vos: Ginters Green Forever.
30. Correspondence dated March 14, 2025 from Nicole Ross: Ginter's.
31. Correspondence dated March 15, 2025 from Alan James Tosoff: Ginters Green Forever.
32. Correspondence dated March 16, 2025 from Thea Rodgers: Opposition to Draft OCP.
33. Correspondence dated March 16, 2025 from Liam Wolfe, Students for a Green University, University of Northern British Columbia: Amendments to the OCP for Ginter's and Forests for the World.
34. Correspondence dated March 14, 2025 from Darlene Gervais: Ginters.
35. Correspondence dated March 14, 2025 from Derek Dougherty, Board Chair, Prince George Airport Authority: Transport Canada Regulations on Aerodrome Land Use Planning.
36. Correspondence dated March 15, 2025 from Ed Dylke: Wildfires and the 2025 OCP.
37. Correspondence dated March 17, 2025 from Allan and John MacDonald: Request for Official Community Plan Amendment – 505 4th Avenue
38. Correspondence dated March 17, 2025 from Robin Draper: Official Community Plan.
39. Correspondence dated March 17, 2025 from Kyle Moffat: Opposition to Urban Sprawl and Future Land Use Plans.
40. Correspondence received March 18, 2025 from Michelle Oster: Rezone the AF portion of PID 021-514-922 to P1: Parks and Recreation
41. Correspondence dated March 18, 2025 from Rod and Denise McLeod: Concerns regarding the New Official Community Plan.
42. Correspondence dated March 17, 2025 from Shirley Burkinshaw: Ginter's Green.
43. Correspondence dated March 17, 2025 from Kristi Francis: OCP, Ginter's and Urban Forests.
44. Correspondence dated March 19, 2025 from Navdeep Aulakh: 2913 Silvercrest Road.
45. Correspondence dated March 19, 2025 from Pam and Ron Gettling: Save Ginters Park and Forests of the World.
46. Correspondence dated March 19, 2025 from Will Dong: Reclassify 4729 Shamrock Road (PID 016-189-841) into the "Urban Containment Boundary".
47. Correspondence dated March 19, 2025 from James Wylie: OCP Lower Hart.
48. Correspondence dated March 19, 2025 from Patricia Demey: Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 9525.
49. Correspondence dated March 19, 2025 from Adrien Zimmerman: Prince George OCP.
50. Correspondence received during the March 19, 2025 public hearing from Dr. Annie Booth including images from UNBC students depicting positives and negatives regarding Prince George.
51. Correspondence dated March 19, 2025 from Christina Cieseilski: OCP Ginters.
52. Correspondence dated March 19, 2025 from Natalie Linklater: Protection of Ginter's and the Greenway.
53. Correspondence dated March 19, 2025 from Meika Schreiner: Opposition to Urban Sprawl and Future Land Use Plans Surrounding Shane Lake.
54. Correspondence dated March 20, 2025 from April Ottesen: Food Security.
55. Correspondence dated March 20, 2025 from Henry Righi: Support for the Extension of Foothills Boulevard from 18th Avenue to 22nd Avenue.
56. Correspondence dated March 20, 2025 from Roger Wheate: Schedule 1 of the Official Community Plan.

57. Correspondence dated March 20, 2025 from Bruce Kidd: Blackburn Road North in the New Official Community Plan.
58. Correspondence dated March 19, 2025 from Rita Borkowsky: Ginter's Green.
59. Correspondence dated March 22, 2025 from Greg Huston: Adoption of Pro-Development Measures to Address Housing and Affordability Challenges.
60. Correspondence dated March 24, 2025 from Marlene Pauls: Save Ginter's and Forest for the World.
61. Correspondence dated March 26, 2025 from Tristan Pearce: Schedule 1: Growth Management and Schedule 1: Future Land Use.
62. Correspondence dated March 28, 2025 from Cheryl Wehr: AF City Land Adjacent to Moore's Meadow (PID 021-514-922).
63. Correspondence dated March 3, 2025 from Gail Brade: Keep Ginter's Green Forever.
64. Correspondence dated March 31, 2025 from Donna Bornholdt: Green Space and OCP.
65. Correspondence dated April 1, 2025 from Patricia Cummins: Ginters Park.
66. Correspondence dated April 3, 2025 from Neil Mundreon: OCP Amendment.
67. Correspondence dated April 3, 2025 from Willow Mundreon: OCP Amendment.
68. Correspondence dated April 3, 2025 from Lexi Seida: Preserving Green Space.
69. Correspondence dated April 7, 2025 from Andrea Erwin: Concerns regarding Urban Sprawl.
70. Correspondence dated April 6, 2025 from Darlene Gervais: Ginters Green Forever.
71. Correspondence dated April 4, 2025 from Meika Schreiner: Opposition to Urban Sprawl and Future Land Use Plans Surrounding Shane Lake.
72. Correspondence dated April 7, 2025 from Clint Dahl: 2nd Phase of Valleyview.
73. Correspondence dated April 7, 2025 from Bonnie Hooge: Opposition to Development of the Forests Surrounding Trails in Forests for the World and the Greenway.
74. Correspondence dated April 7, 2025 from Laura Graham: Support for Reclassifying Properties on Shamrock Road and Silvercrest Road as Rural Resource.
75. Correspondence dated April 7, 2025 from David Greenberg: Future Residential Development of Parks and Green Space.
76. Correspondence dated April 6, 2025 from Patience Rakochy, Regional Program Manager, Fraser Basin Council, Director, Prince George Air Improvement Roundtable: Air Quality Policies and Objectives in the Official Community Plan.
77. Correspondence dated April 8, 2025 from Amara Snyder: Protect Our Green Space.
78. Correspondence dated April 8, 2025 from Michelle Oster: Schedule 12: Future Land Use Map.
79. Correspondence dated April 8, 2025 from Ashley Dubrulle: Protection of Forests for the World, Greenway Trail and Escarpment.
80. Correspondence dated April 8, 2025 from Selene Maxwell: Protection of Greenspace.
81. Correspondence dated April 8, 2025 from Jenn Matthews: Suggested Amendments to the Official Community Plan.
82. Correspondence received April 8, 2025 from Milt Mahoney: Suggestions Regarding the Official Community Plan.
83. Correspondence dated April 8, 2025 from Ed Dylke: Wildfire Mitigation Plans in the Official Community Plan.
84. Correspondence dated April 8, 2025 from C.R. Ryser: Comments Regarding the Official Community Plan.
85. Correspondence received April 9, 2025 from Kyle Moffat: Ginter's Field, Forests for the World/Greenway, and Morre's Meadow.

Documents for Council's consideration of "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9526, 2025" include:

1. Previously submitted staff report dated January 21, 2025 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "2025 Official Community Plan Consequential Amendments" (Considered at the February 24, 2025 regular Council meeting);
 - a. Exhibit "A" to Bylaw No. 9526; and
 - b. Schedule "A" to Bylaw No. 9526.

Moved By Councillor Klassen

Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council DIRECTS Administration to return a report to Council on consequences and options regarding a Multi-Nodal Growth Strategy that includes:

- *Revising the OCP to incorporate a multi-nodal growth approach that distributes population and amenity investments across Prince George's key suburban nodes, including the Hart, College Heights, Blackburn, and others.*
- *Identifying and supporting the development of town centers in each node with mixed-use zoning, medium-density housing, improved public infrastructure, and reliable transit connections.*

Defeated

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

Moved By Councillor Klassen

Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council DIRECTS Administration to return a report to Council on consequences and options addressing the Urban Containment Boundary (UCB) for transparency and flexibility that includes:

1. *Providing a clear and publicly accessible rationale for the delineation of the Urban Containment Boundary, including technical criteria (e.g., servicing limits, infrastructure capacity, walkability, land use compatibility).*
2. *Proposing a framework for periodic review and amendment of the UCB, tied to development triggers such as school closures, infrastructure lifecycle, or economic opportunity.*
3. *Ensuring the UCB is not interpreted as a binary "support development / do not support development" tool, but rather as a flexible guide to prioritize investment and planning focus—enabling context-sensitive decision-making where appropriate.*

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Klassen

Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council DIRECTS Administration to return a report to Council on consequences and options addressing the Urban Containment Boundary (UCB) for transparency and flexibility that includes conducting targeted engagement with affected stakeholders and landowners.

Moved By Councillor Ramsay

Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council AMENDS the main motion by adding the words “representing the properties of

- 505 4th Avenue
- 2913 Silvercrest Road
- 2000 Central Street
- Cranbrook Hill PID: 013-713-485
- 4729 Shamrock

after the words “stakeholders and landowners”.

Carried Unanimously

Main motion as amended.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Bennett
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council DIRECTS Administration to return a report to Council outlining the implications and options for shifting the identity of our community from a winter city to a year-round destination in policy section 10.0 in the “City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No 9525, 2025.”.

Carried

Mayor Yu opposed.

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council DIRECTS Administration to return a report to Council with additional directions to enhance safety by mitigating wildfires in the City of Prince George. This new work should include but not be limited to addressing advocating the planting of less flammable tree species in areas owned by the City of Prince George, along riparian zones and rivers, and Crown Land.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Klassen
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council DIRECTS Administration to return a report to Council on consequences and options regarding a city-wide infrastructure renewal strategy that includes:

- *Develop a comprehensive infrastructure renewal strategy for all neighbourhoods, including low-density and legacy areas outside growth priority zones.*
- *Explore funding models (e.g., senior government grants, cost-sharing mechanisms) for replacing aging infrastructure from the 1960s–70s era.*
- *Where appropriate, assess options for right-sizing, looping, or selectively decommissioning underused systems while maintaining service equity.*

Moved By Councillor Bennett
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council REFERS the main motion to the Standing Committee on Finance and Audit.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Bennett
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council DIRECTS Administration to return a report to Council outlining the implications and options for amending the “City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 9525, 2025” by:

- *adding spaces to help promote food security as a priority in Section 14.0.*

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council AMENDS the main motion by adding “, adding the words “intent to harvest” immediately following the words “and vegetation” in Section 16.1.4 (c); and adding policies 7.3.7 through to 7.3.15 from the “City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011” within Sections 7.3.3 and 7.3.4 of Bylaw No. 9525, 2025.”.

Main motion as amended.

Carried Unanimously

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Skakun
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council DIRECTS Administration to return a report on amending the language of section 7.2.2 d) in the “City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 9525, 2025” by replacing the word ‘shall’ with the word ‘must.’

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Skakun
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council DIRECTS Administration to return a report on amending the language of section 15.1.3 in the “City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 9525, 2025” by deleting the existing language and replacing with ‘Climate change adaptation minimizes negative climate-related impacts on human safety, health, and wellbeing.’

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council AMENDS the main motion by adding the words “and mitigation” immediately following the words “change adaptation”.

Councillor Klassen opposed.

Carried

Main motion as amended.

Carried

Councillor Klassen opposed.

Moved By Councillor Skakun
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council DIRECTS Administration to return a report to Council outlining the consequences and options of removing Moore’s Meadow in its entirety, including the city-owned property current zoned AF: Agriculture and Forestry at the north end of the meadow.

from the Urban Containment Boundary on Schedule 1: Growth Management in the “City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 9525, 2025.”

Carried

Councillor Ramsay opposed.

Councillor Skakun exited Council Chambers at 6:48 p.m. and returned at 6:52 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council DIRECTS Administration to return a report to Council outlining the consequences and options for amending Section 18.7(e) in the “City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 9525, 2025, by adding the words “and in underserved areas” immediately following the words “Growth Priority Areas”.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council DIRECTS Administration to return a report to Council on consequences and options regarding the incorporation of strategic flexibility for development outside the Urban Containment Boundary which includes:

- *Creating policy and evaluation criteria for strategic exceptions to the UCB, where developments offer public benefit or economic value (e.g., major employers, affordable housing, neighbourhood stabilization).*
- *Requiring a Comprehensive Neighbourhood Plan for any such proposals, ensuring coordination with infrastructure, environment, and transportation planning.*
- *Identifying and mapping “Potential Future Urban Reserve Areas” to allow flexible growth scenarios beyond the current planning horizon (e.g., post-2040), without immediate servicing obligations.*

Carried

Councillors Polillo, Ramsay, Sampson, and Scott opposed.

Moved By Councillor Klassen
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council DIRECTS Administration to return a report to Council on consequences and options regarding communications and accessibility of the Official Community Plan which includes:

- *Producing a plain-language summary and visual guide to accompany the OCP, making key concepts, land designations, and planning impacts accessible to the public.*
- *Ensuring the Urban Containment Boundary and land use maps are clearly explained as planning tools, not rigid development limits.*
- *Exploring an interactive, digital version of the OCP with layered mapping, search tools, and dynamic updates.*

Moved By Councillor Bennett
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council AMENDS the main motion by replacing the words “return a report to Council on consequences and options regarding” with “incorporate the following into the Corporate Workplan following adoption of the City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 9525, 2025”.

Carried

Councillors Polillo, Sampson, Scott, and Skakun opposed.

Main motion as amended.

Carried

Councillors Polillo, Sampson, and Skakun opposed.

Moved By Councillor Bennett
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council DIRECTS Administration to return a report to Council outlining the implications and options for including access to public washrooms where possible when considering facilities as outlined in Section 14 and specifically 14.1.2 in the “City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No 9525, 2025.”.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council DIRECTS administration to include policy language in Section 16.1.4 that clearly supports the protection of urban tree canopy and the equitable replacement of significant tree loss on both private and public development sites. Policy direction should consider the potential for mandatory replanting, developer contributions toward reforestation or urban greening initiatives, and other scalable offset mechanisms that provide benefit within the vicinity of the removal. This direction should align with the intent and application of Tree Protection Bylaw No. 6343 and inform future implementation tools.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council DIRECTS administration to include policy language in Section 9.1.6 that supports the growth of local innovation and creative sector development. including opportunities related to technology start-ups, clean tech, entrepreneurial work, remote/freelance/independent work infrastructure, and creative industries, to reflect Prince George’s potential in emerging economic sectors. This direction should reflect Prince George’s growing potential in emerging sectors, reinforce Council’s commitment to youth and young family retention, economic diversification, and long-term community resilience and reflecting our status as a recognized College and University centre.

Carried Unanimously

Mayor Yu called a recess of the Regular Council Meeting at 7:33 p.m.

The Regular Council Meeting reconvened at 7:45 p.m.

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

Moved By Councillor Bennett
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council DIRECTS Administration to return a report to Council outlining the implications and options for incorporating a strategy for large regional, provincial, national, and international events as a tool for driving economic development in policy section 9.0 in the “City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No 9525, 2025.”

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Klassen
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

To ensure that the Prince George Airport Authority's role is more formally recognized and that the development around the airport reflects both the City's vision for growth and the operational needs of the airport, which is vital for the region's future development, that Council DIRECTS Administration to incorporate the following in the City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 9525, 2025:

1. *The Prince George Airport (YXS) is a member of the National Airports System (NAS), is regulated under federal laws and governed by the Prince George Airport Authority (PGAA). The transfer agreement and ground lease signed between Transport Canada and the PGAA grant the Authority the responsibility for operation, management and development of YXS. With respect to land development, PGAA approves a Land Use Plan and Master Plan for land included in the OCP's airport land use designation.*
2. *Airport expansion and aircraft and airport associated facilities are to be confined primarily to the airport land use designation. Non-airport related uses are to be discouraged in this area.*
3. *Planning in and around the airport should occur in partnership between the City and the Prince George Airport Authority.*
4. *OCP implementation through municipal plans and by-laws (as defined in 19.1.4) for the airport land use designation will be done in partnership with the PGAA.*
5. *The City recognizes the importance of the Aeronautics Act and should endeavor to advise land use applicants of the Airport Master Plan recommendations.*

Carried

Councillors Frizzell, Polillo, and Ramsay opposed.

Moved By Councillor Klassen
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council DIRECTS Administration to return a report to Council outlining the implications and options for amending the Official Community Plan to include the development of a "Provincial Ring Road", in Future Land Use in support of the Prince George's vital role as the gateway to the northern economy and in collaboration with the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation and the Ministry of Transportation and Transit.

Defeated

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

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council DIRECTS Administration to return a report to Council outlining the consequences and options for amending the indicator in Goal 4 of Section 19.1.3(a) in the "City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 9525, 2025, by adding a business diversification snapshot from Statistics Canada.

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council AMENDS the main motion by adding the words "and amending the indicator in Goal 1 of Section 19.1.3(a) by adding the BC Division's Vital Statistics estimates" immediately following the words "Statistics Canada".

Carried Unanimously

Main motion as amended.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Klassen

That Council DIRECTS Administration to return a report to Council outlining the consequences and options for amending Section 21.0 in the “City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 9525, 2025, by adding a definition for the terms “land use designation” and “zoning”.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Klassen
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council DIRECTS Administration to return a report outlining implications and options for amending Section 9.0 'Economic Development' of the Official Community Plan to include:

- a. *Positioning Prince George as a gateway to the north and Continental America and Asia, boosting Canada’s economic resilience via partnerships, per Strategic Plan 2023-2026 (p. 1);*
- b. *Supporting forestry, energy development and corridors, mining and logistics with targeted growth partnerships;*
- c. *Realizing Prince George Airport as an Asia-Pacific intermodal trade hub with federal/provincial support;*
- d. *Business inquiries representing over \$5 million required to be presented to Mayor and Council;*
- e. *Residential development inquiries over 99 homes required to be presented to Mayor and Council.*
- f. *Take every opportunity to develop consequential relationships that build the northern economy with our regional district, municipal and First Nation neighbours.*

Carried

Councillor Polillo opposed.

Moved By Councillor Klassen
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council DIRECTS Administration to return a report outlining implications and options for amending Section 10.0 'Arts, Culture and Heritage' of the Official Community Plan to include:

- a. *Adding bold, aspirational wording to inspire a thriving cultural vision, per Strategic Plan 2023-2026 (p. 1); something like: Prince George aspires to be a vibrant cultural beacon in northern Canada, building on its legacy of hosting major events and its lively cultural life, where creativity and heritage shape a dynamic future, nurture human thriving, and draw visitors from afar, reflecting the city’s rich and diverse community, including the foundational presence of the Lheidli T’enneh First Nation.*
- b. *Addressing the need for larger cultural event venues which allow for self-catering options to support our various cultures, under 10.1.2;*
- c. *Developing a Cultural Plan that includes our heritage, agriculture, horsemanship, First Nation and immigrant heritage to guide arts growth;*

and that the report recommend integration into Section 10.0 for community pride.

Defeated

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

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council DIRECTS administration to include policy language in Section 8.1.2 that strengthens support for aging in place by encouraging neighbourhood planning and housing design that accommodates residents across all stages of life. This should include a variety of ground-oriented and accessible housing types such as single-level homes, adaptable units, and secondary suites, as well as proximity to transit, healthcare, and essential services to ensure livability and independence for older adults and those with mobility challenges.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council DIRECTS administration to include policy language that supports Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles in the planning of parks, public spaces, and new developments including lighting, and design features that enhance real and perceived safety.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council DIRECTS administration to include policy language in Section 9.1.4 that supports the modernization or adaptive re-use and redevelopment of under utilized commercial properties, such as dated or under occupied retail plazas, oversized surface parking areas, or low-density commercial corridors into mixed use developments that integrate housing, local services, and employment opportunities.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Klassen
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

Councillor Frizzell declared a pecuniary conflict of interest as he is an instructor at both the College of New Caledonia and the University of Northern British Columbia, and is a Board Member at the Collect of New Caledonia, and exited Council Chambers at 8:34 p.m.

That Council DIRECTS Administration to return a report outlining implications and options for amending the Official Community Plan to include reference to local post-secondary institutions.

Defeated

Councillors Polillo, Ramsay, Sampson, and Skakun opposed.

Councillor Frizzell returned to Council Chambers at 8:42 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Klassen
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council DIRECTS Administration to return a report to Council on consequences and options regarding reconciliation and indigenous inclusion in planning which includes:

- *Embedding meaningful partnership with the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation and urban Indigenous organizations in the OCP.*

- *Including Indigenous land-use practices, housing needs, and stewardship values in relevant planning policies and environmental overlays.*
- *Supporting opportunities for Indigenous-led development, cultural recognition, and economic collaboration.*

Moved By Councillor Skakun
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That consideration of the main motion be deferred to 2028.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council DIRECTS Administration to return a report to Council on the implications and options to amend the Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 9525, 2025 or Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, that further diversifies land use within the Carter Light Industrial area.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council DEFERS consideration of the following motion to 2028:

Due to the current political upheaval and the need to strengthen the Canadian resilience, self-reliance and economy and recognizing our part in the future prosperity of our country, that Council DIRECTS Administration to return with a vision statement that is more aspirational, including the concepts:

- *Confluence of the North and the Continents of Europe, Asia, and the Americas.*
- *Prince George is a thriving, multi-centred northern capital where resilient neighbourhoods, healthy ecosystems, and strong infrastructure support a high quality of life for all. Embracing it's history, climate and community diversity, the City builds on it's legacy as a regional hub-connecting urban and rural, industry and innovation, nature and neighbourhoods - while growing sustainably, strengthening local identity, and preparing for future generations. Through collaboration with our community and regional partners, we lead northern economic growth and international trade.*

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Mayor Yu
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council DIRECTS Administration to return a report to Council on the implications and options to amend the OCP Bylaw 9525, 2025 that redesignates the land east of Queensway bound by 1st Avenue and Lower Patricia Boulevard from Light Industrial to new designation Light Industrial/Transition on Schedule 12: Future Land Use.

Carried Unanimously

C. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Councillor Polillo

Seconded By Councillor Skakun

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

Carried Unanimously

THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 9:22 P.M.

CHAIRPERSON

CERTIFIED CORRECT