



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

April 23, 2025

6:00 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 <via Zoom>
Councillor Garth Frizzell
Councillor Trudy Klassen
Councillor Ron Polillo
Councillor Cori Ramsay
Councillor Susan Scott
Councillor Brian Skakun

IN ATTENDANCE: Walter Babicz, City Manager
Deanna Wasnik, Director of Planning and Development
Luke Reid, Manager of IT Services/Acting Director of Finance and IT Services
Andy Beesley, Director of Civic Facilities and Events
Eric Depenau, Director of Administrative Services
Blake McIntosh, Director of Civic Operations
Ethan Anderson, Manager of Legislative Services/Corporate Officer
Leslie Kellett, Deputy Corporate Officer

A. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That the agenda for the regular meeting of Council scheduled for April 23, 2025, BE ADOPTED.

Carried Unanimously

B. MINUTES

B.1 Adoption of the Regular Council Meeting Minutes – April 7 and 9, 2025

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That the minutes of the regular Council meetings held April 7 and April 9, 2025, BE ADOPTED as read on this day and that such minutes as read set out all of the business before Council at those meetings and fully and properly record all of the resolutions passed by Council at those meetings.

Carried Unanimously

C. CONSENT AGENDA (FOR INFORMATION)

C.1 Monthly Building Permit and Development Permit Summary (March 2025)

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated April 9, 2025 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Monthly Building Permit and Development Permit Summary (March 2025)".

Carried Unanimously

D. REPORTS

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – DEANNA WASNIK

D.1 Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100695

Applicant: Regional District of Fraser-Fort George
Location: 2259 Quinn Street

Documents for Council's consideration included:

1. Staff report dated March 21, 2025 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100695";
 - a. Location and Existing Zoning Map;
 - b. Development Variance Permit No. VP100695; and
 - c. Exhibit "A" to VP100695.

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council APPROVES Development Variance Permit No. VP100695 to vary "City of Prince George Sign Bylaw No. 7202, 2001" for the property legally described as Lot 3, District Lot 2611, Cariboo District, Plan PGP42567 as follows:

- a. *Vary Table 3A by decreasing the minimum required setback of a freestanding sign in the M1: Light Industrial zone to adjacent lands from 3.0 m to 0.6 m.*

Carried Unanimously

D.2 Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100697

Applicant: Elijah John Kenmuir and Mavis Eileen Kenmuir
Location: 7822 Sabyam Road

Documents for Council's consideration included:

1. Staff report dated March 25, 2025 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100697";
 - a. Location and Existing Zoning Map;
 - b. Development Variance Permit No. VP100697;
 - c. Exhibit "A" to VP100697;
 - d. Exhibit "B" to VP100697;
 - e. Letters of Support and Associated Map;
 - f. Rationale Letter.
2. Correspondence dated April 2, 2025 from Elijah Kenmuir (Applicant) in support of the application.
3. Correspondence dated April 15, 2025 from Spencer Desjardines in support of the application.

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council DENIES Development Variance Permit No. VP100697 to vary “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007” for the property legally described Lot 14, District Lot 2424, Cariboo District, Plan 9563, Except Parcel A (Plan 21061) as follows:

- a. *Vary Section 9.5.6 1. by increasing the maximum total combined gross floor area of accessory buildings on a site from 90.0 m² to 238.0 m², as shown on Exhibit “A” to VP100697; and*
- b. *Vary Section 9.5.6 2. by increasing the maximum height of accessory development from 7.0 m to 7.4 m, as shown on Exhibit “B” to VP100697.*

Defeated

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

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council APPROVES Development Variance Permit No. VP100697 to vary “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007” for the property legally described Lot 14, District Lot 2424, Cariboo District, Plan 9563, Except Parcel A (Plan 21061) as follows:

- a. *Vary Section 9.5.6 1. by increasing the maximum total combined gross floor area of accessory buildings on a site from 90.0 m² to 238.0 m², as shown on Exhibit “A” to VP100697; and*
- a. *Vary Section 9.5.6 2. by increasing the maximum height of accessory development from 7.0 m to 7.4 m, as shown on Exhibit “B” to VP100697.*

Carried

Councillors Polillo, Ramsay, and Scott opposed.

DIRECTOR OF CIVIC FACILITIES AND EVENTS – ANDY BEESLEY

D.3 Unallocated Funds from Limited Duration Operating 2025 Grant Budget

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council AUTHORIZE administration to review the 13 eligible but declined applications from the limited-duration operating grant intake and select the recipient(s) best suited based on the prior evaluation, for the remaining \$10,000 from the 2025 grant budget, as outlined in the report dated March 31, 2025, from the Director of Civic Facilities & Events titled: “Unallocated Funds from Limited Duration Operating 2025 Grant Budget.”

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council AMENDS the main motion by adding the words “including the grant application from the Exploration Place” after the words “declined applications.”

Carried Unanimously

Main motion as amended.

Carried

Mayor Yu and Councillor Skakun opposed.

DIRECTOR OF CIVIC OPERATIONS – BLAKE MCINTOSH

D.4 Snow and Ice Control Costing Breakdown (November 1 to December 31, 2024)

Moved By Councillor Skakun
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council DIRECTS Administration to report back with a further breakdown of the following costs identified in the report to Council dated April 23, 2025 titled “Snow and Ice Control Costing Breakdown (November 1st to December 31st, 2024)” including:

- *Staff on standby at a cost of \$133,000 per week;*
- *Snow event on November 24, 2024 (\$496,949);*
- *Snow event on November 29, 2024 (\$642,459);*
- *Snow event on December 18, 2024 (\$540,552);*
- *External Equipment Costs (\$1,081,228);*
- *City Equipment Costs (\$1,169,474); and*
- *Labour Costs (\$1,242,489).*

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated April 23, 2025 titled “Snow and Ice Control Costing Breakdown (November 1st to December 31st, 2024), from the Director of Civic Operations.

Carried Unanimously

D.5 Snow Clearing on Statutory Holidays

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Klassen

That Council DIRECTS Administration to return a revised Snow and Ice Control Policy with two options for a one season pilot project to review changes to statutory holidays including:

- 1) *No snow removal on statutory holidays*
- 2) *Increased snow levels on statutory holidays.*

Moved By Councillor Bennett
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council AMENDS the main motion by replacing the word “two” with “three” and adding “3) prioritizing priority 1 and 2 and decreasing service for priority 3 on statutory holidays”.

Carried Unanimously

Main motion as amended.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Skakun
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report titled “Snow Clearing on Statutory Holidays” dated April 9, 2025 from the Director of Civic Operations.

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND IT SERVICES – KRIS DALIO

D.6 Next Gen 911 Mobile Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) Grant

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council:

1. *SUPPORTS the City submitting a grant application to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Next Generation 9-1-1 Funding in the amount of \$100,000 to support the updating of Mobile Computer-Aided Dispatch on fire response vehicles; and*
2. *AUTHORIZES the City’s Director of Finance and IT Services and Director of Administrative Services to sign the grant application and subsequent contract documents should grant approval be received;*

all as outlined in the report dated April 11, 2025 from the Director of Finance and IT Services titled “Next Gen 9-1-1 Mobile CAD grant.”

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES – ERIC DEPENAU

D.7 Requesting Temporary Closure of Lower Patricia Access Road

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council DIRECTS the traffic upon the access road located within the Lower Patricia Boulevard right-of-way of 498 Ottawa Street be temporarily restricted to emergency and City vehicles only, under the authority of s. 38 (1) of the Community Charter as detailed in the April 15, 2025 report from the Director of Administrative Services titled "Requesting Temporary Closure of Lower Patricia Access Road."

Carried Unanimously

E. BYLAWS – FINAL READING AND ADOPTION

E.1 City of Prince George Energy System Bylaw No. 8471, 2012, Amendment Bylaw No. 9537, 2025

Moved By Councillor Skakun
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of “City of Prince George Energy System Bylaw No. 8471, 2012, Amendment Bylaw No. 9537, 2025.”

Carried Unanimously

E.2 Lakeland Energy Supply Agreement Bylaw No. 9542, 2025

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of “Lakeland Energy Supply Agreement Bylaw No. 9542, 2025.”

Carried Unanimously

E.3 City of Prince George 5-Year Operating and Capital Financial Plans Bylaw No. 9538, 2025

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of “City of Prince George 5-Year Operating and Capital Financial Plans Bylaw No. 9538, 2025.”

Carried Unanimously

E.4 City of Prince George Tax Rates Bylaw No. 9539, 2025

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of “City of Prince George Tax Rates Bylaw No. 9539, 2025.”

Carried Unanimously

E.5 City of Prince George Restrictive Covenant Discharge Bylaw No. 9497, 2024

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council RESCINDS THIRD READING of “City of Prince George Restrictive Covenant Discharge Bylaw No. 9497, 2024.”

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council AMENDS “City of Prince George Restrictive Covenant Discharge Bylaw No. 9497, 2024” by replacing the legal description “Lot A, District Lot 2425, Cariboo District, Plan PGP37227” with the legal descriptions “Lot A, District Lot 2425, Cariboo District, Plan PGP37227, Except Plan EPP133216, and Lots 1 to 9, District Lot 2425, Cariboo District, Plan EPP133216.”

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council GIVES THIRD READING AS AMENDED of “City of Prince George Restrictive Covenant Discharge Bylaw No. 9497, 2024.”

Carried Unanimously

F. CORRESPONDENCE

F.1 Correspondence dated April 4, 2025 from Roy Law, Community Ministries Director, The Salvation Army: Request for a Resolution in Support of a Northern Development Initiative Trust Grant Application

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That the City of Prince George SUPPORTS the application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust Northern Healthy Communities Fund Capital Project from The Salvation Army Prince George in the amount of \$500,000.

Carried Unanimously

- F.2 Correspondence dated April 15, 2025 from Janice Anderson, Deputy Corporate Officer, City of Dawson Creek: Support for the City of Prince George 2025 North Central Local Government Association Resolutions
- F.3 Correspondence from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM): FCM March 2025 Board of Directors Meeting

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION Correspondence Items F.1 to F.3.

Carried Unanimously

G. PUBLIC HEARING(S)

The Regular Council Meeting adjourned to the Public Hearing at 7:12 p.m.

- G.1 Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100831 (Bylaw No. 9536, 2025) and
- G.1.1 Cannabis License Application No. CN000023

Applicant: Grasshopper Retail Inc. for 1497990 B.C. Ltd., Inc. No. BC1497990
Location: 498 - 450 Ospika Boulevard

Documents for Council's consideration included:

1. Previously submitted staff report dated March 3, 2025 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100831 (Bylaw No. 9536, 2025) (Considered at the March 24, 2025 regular Council meeting);
 - a. Location and Existing Zoning Map;
 - b. Appendix "A" to Bylaw No. 9536;
 - c. Exhibit "A" to RZ100831; and
 - d. Cover Letter and Support Letters.
2. Staff report dated March 26, 2025 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Cannabis License Application No. CN000023";
 - a. Location and Existing Zoning Map;
 - b. Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch Approval; and
 - c. Cover Letter and Support Letters.

Applicant:

The applicant was in attendance and available for questions.

Submissions from Members of the Public:

There were no submissions from members of the public.

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council CLOSES the Public Hearing regarding “Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100831 (Bylaw No. 9536, 2025)” and “Cannabis License Application No. CN000023.”

Carried Unanimously

The Public Hearing adjourned to the Regular Council Meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council GIVES THIRD READING of “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9536, 2025”.

Carried

Councillor Klassen opposed.

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council:

1. *CONFIRMS that its comments on the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch’s prescribed considerations are as set out in the report dated March 26, 2025 from the Director of Planning and Development for Cannabis License Application No. CN000023;*
2. *CONFIRMS the methods used to gather the views of potentially affected property owners were in accordance with Section 4: Public Consultation of the City of Prince George Liquor and Cannabis Licensing Policy and that the views of affected residents are as summarized in the minutes of the Public Hearing held on Wednesday, April 23, 2025; and*
3. *SUPPORTS the approval of the Cannabis License Application to allow the retail of cannabis for Grasshopper Retail Inc. at 470 Ospika Boulevard subject to the adoption of “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9536, 2025”, for the following reasons:*

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

Carried

Councillor Klassen opposed.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Councillor Skakun
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

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

Carried Unanimously

THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:38 P.M.

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