



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

August 18, 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
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
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 Scott
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That the agenda for the regular meeting of Council scheduled for August 18, 2025, BE ADOPTED.

Carried Unanimously

B. MINUTES

B.1 Adoption of the Regular Council Meeting Minutes – July 28, 2025

Moved By Councillor Bennett
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That the minutes of the regular Council meeting held July 28, 2025, 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. CONSENT AGENDA (FOR INFORMATION)

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

C.2 Q1 and Q2 2025 (January to June) Council Expense Summary

C.3 January to June 2025 - Designated Staff Expense Reporting

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council DIRECTS the City Manager to routinely report their expenses in a closed council meeting in replacement of the current biannual staff expense reporting.

Carried

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

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION Consent Agenda items C.1 to C.3.

Carried Unanimously

D. REPORTS

COUNCILLOR TRUDY KLASSEN

D.1 Vacancy to Vitality: Launching a Temporary Use Pilot for Empty Storefronts in C1 Zone Downtown

Moved By Councillor Klassen
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council DIRECTS staff to report, as part of the Downtown Strategy report back to Council by Q4 2025, on a Temporary Occupancy Pilot Program for the C1 zone downtown, allowing vacant ground-floor commercial spaces to allow uses as listed below for up to 12 months without rezoning, provided safety standards are met:

- *community-enhancing uses such as art studios, small retail, new entrepreneurs, and cultural spaces reflecting downtown’s character,*
- *temporary food uses (e.g., pop-up restaurants, food trucks),*
- *community services (e.g., art workshops, sports clinics),*
- *light creative manufacturing, and*
- *other uses as recommended through consultation with Indigenous communities, the DBIA, Chamber of Commerce, Community Futures, and other relevant stakeholders,*

attach any recommendations received from stakeholders to the report.

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council POSTPONES consideration of the “Vacancy to Vitality” notice of motion to the September 3, 2025 regular Council meeting.

Carried

Councillor Sampson opposed.

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – DEANNA WASNIK

D.2 Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100846 (Bylaw No. 9558)

- Applicant: Jasdeep Singh Sran and Pamela Virk
- Location: 7346 Caribou Road

Documents for Council's consideration included:

1. Staff report dated July 18, 2025 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100846 (Bylaw No. 9558)";
 - a. Location and Existing Zoning Map; and
 - b. Appendix "A" to Bylaw No. 9558.
2. Correspondence dated August 9, 2025 from Rhonda Karvali in opposition to the application.

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council GIVES FIRST THREE READINGS of "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9558, 2025".

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9558, 2025."

Carried Unanimously

D.3 Temporary Use Permit Application No. TU000107

- Applicant: LSV Progress Management Ltd., Inc. No. BC1211871
- Location: 952 – 944 4th Avenue

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "Temporary Use Permit Application No. TU000107" include:

1. Staff report dated July 14, 2025 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Temporary Use Permit Application No. TU000107";
 - a. Location and Existing Zoning Map;
 - b. Temporary Use Permit No. TU000107; and
 - c. Rationale Letter.

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council APPROVES Temporary Use Permit No. TU000107 for the property legally described as Lot 14 & Lot 15, Block 136, District Lot 343, Cariboo District, Plan 1268.

Carried Unanimously

E. BYLAWS – FINAL READING AND ADOPTION

E.1 Prince George Heritage Commission Bylaw No. 8133, 2008, Amendment Bylaw No. 9575, 2025

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of “Prince George Heritage Commission Bylaw No. 8133, 2008, Amendment Bylaw No. 9575, 2025.”

Carried Unanimously

E.2 City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9528, 2025

Moved By Councillor Bennett
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9528, 2025.”

Carried Unanimously

F. NOTICE OF MOTION

COUNCILLOR TRUDY KLASSEN AND COUNCILLOR TIM BENNETT

F.1 Riverfront Vitality

To be considered at the September 3, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.

G. CORRESPONDENCE

G.1 Correspondence dated July 23, 2025 from Mayor Maureen Pinkney, District of 100 Mile House: CN Rail's Proposed Discontinuance of Portions of the Lillooet and Squamish Subdivisions

Moved By Councillor Bennett
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council REFERS to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs the Correspondence dated July 23, 2025 from Mayor Maureen Pinkney, District of 100 Mile House regarding CN Rail's proposed discontinuance of the CN rail line for portions of the Lillooet and Squamish subdivisions.

Carried Unanimously

G.2 Correspondence dated August 6, 2025 from Rylan Graham, Assistant Professor, School of Planning and Sustainability, University of Northern British Columbia: Letter in Support of Temporary Occupancy Pilot Program for the C1: Downtown Zone

G.3 Correspondence dated August 8, 2025 from Councillor Neville Abbot, Infrastructure Committee Chair, Village of Lions Bay: Request for Support and Endorsement of Union of BC Municipalities Resolution on Emergency Water Treatment Plants

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION correspondence items G.1 to G.3.

Carried Unanimously

H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

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

Carried Unanimously

THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:35 P.M.

CHAIRPERSON

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