



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

October 6, 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 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 Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That the agenda for the regular meeting of Council scheduled for October 6, 2025, BE ADOPTED.

Carried Unanimously

B. MINUTES

B.1 Adoption of the Regular Council Meeting Minutes – September 17, 2025

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That the minutes of the regular Council meeting held September 17, 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. DELEGATIONS

C.1 Northern BC Crime Stoppers

Weldon Leblanc, BC Crime Stoppers, and Kyle McDonald, President, Northern BC Crime Stoppers, provided a PowerPoint presentation celebrating 40 years of success and results and an update on the history and future of the Crime Stoppers program in Prince George.

C.2 2025 Special Olympics BC Summer Games

Renee McCloskey and Lyn Hall, Co-Chairs, provided a PowerPoint presentation recapping the 2025 Special Olympics BC Summer Games held in Prince George July 10 – 12, 2025.

Councillor Skakun exited Council Chambers at 6:39 p.m.

D. CONSENT AGENDA (FOR INFORMATION)

D.1 Mayor’s Monthly Expense Report (July 2024 to August 2025)

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated September 23, 2025, from Mayor Simon Yu, titled “Mayor’s Monthly Expense Reports (July 2024 – August 2025).”

Carried Unanimously

E. REPORTS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND AUDIT – COUNCILLOR CORI RAMSAY, CHAIR

E.1 2026 Permissive Tax Exemptions

Councillor Polillo declared a pecuniary conflict of interest due to his employment and volunteer affiliation with AiMHi – Prince George Association for Community Living and the Prince George Italian Club, respectively, and exited Council Chambers at 6:41 p.m.

Councillor Skakun returned to Council Chambers at 6:41 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Klassen

That Council GIVES FIRST THREE READINGS to “City of Prince George Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 9504, 2024, Amendment Bylaw No. 9583, 2025.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Polillo returned to Council Chambers at 6:51 p.m.

DIRECTOR OF CIVIC OPERATIONS – BLAKE MCINTOSH

E.2 Asset Management Strategy Update

Moved By Councillor Skakun
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated September 21, 2025, from the Director of Civic Operations titled “Asset Management Strategy Update”.

Carried Unanimously

E.3 Stormwater Infrastructure Dedicated Fund

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council DIRECTS Administration to implement option 1, to begin charging all properties the full funding level of \$9M with an annual ERU of \$169.07 as of January 1, 2027, as described in the report dated September 4, 2025, from the Director of Civic Operations, titled “Stormwater Infrastructure Dedicated Fund”.

Defeated

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

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council DIRECTS Administration to implement option 3, to begin charging all properties on January 1, 2027 at less than the full funding level with phased increases over two years to reach the full funding level, as described in the report dated September 4, 2025, from the Director of Civic Operations, titled “Stormwater Infrastructure Dedicated Fund”.

Carried

Mayor Yu, Councillor Klassen, and Councillor Skakun opposed.

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council DIRECTS Administration to return a report to Council on options for a credit program related to the stormwater infrastructure dedicated fund.

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF CIVIC FACILITIES AND EVENTS – ANDY BEESLEY

E.4 FIFA World Cup Watch Party Update

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council DIRECTS Administration to submit an Expression of Interest to the Province by the October 15, 2025 deadline to host public live match viewings for the FIFA World Cup 2026, including details of the proposed plan and financial considerations, and that the outcome of the submission be brought back to Council for a decision.

Carried

Councilor Klassen and Councillor Sampson opposed.

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – DEANNA WASNIK

E.5 Revised Union of BC Municipalities Strategic Priorities Fund Capacity Building Stream Grant Application for a Civic Facilities Master Plan

Councillor Skakun exited Council Chambers at 8:16 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council:

1. *APPROVES that Administration complete the application process for grant funding under UBCM’s Strategic Priorities Fund Capacity Building Stream for the creation of a Civic Facilities Master Plan; and AUTHORIZES the City’s Financial Officer and Director of Civic Facilities & Events to sign grant application documents and any contract documents should grant approval be received;*
2. *SUPPORTS the proposed Civic Facilities Master Plan; and AUTHORIZES the Asset Management Division to provide overall grant management; and*
3. *SUPPORTS any project cost over-runs.*

Carried

Councillor Klassen opposed.

E.6 Road Closure Application No. RCL00036 (Bylaw No. 9574, 2025)

- Applicant: David Mummery & Tina LaMarsh, and Joshua Nelson & Zainab Rangwala
- Location: Road Dedication between 223 and 239 Kelly Street

Documents for Council's consideration regarding “Road Closure Application No. RCL00036 (Bylaw No. 9574, 2025)” included:

1. Staff report dated August 26, 2026 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Road Closure Application No. RCL00036 (Bylaw No. 9576, 2025)"
 - a. Appendix "A" - Proposed Road Closure;
 - b. Exhibit "A" - Location Map;
 - c. Exhibit "B" - City of Prince George Acquisition; and
 - d. Exhibit "C" - Proposed Consolidation.

Councillor Skakun returned to Council Chambers at 8:18 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council GIVES FIRST THREE READINGS of “City of Prince George Road Closure Bylaw No. 9574, 2025”.

Carried Unanimously

F. BYLAWS – FINAL READING AND ADOPTION

F.1 City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9514, 2024

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Klassen

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of " City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9514, 2024."

Carried

Mayor Yu and Councillor Skakun opposed.

F.2 City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9546, 2025

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9546, 2025."

Carried Unanimously

F.3 City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9568, 2025

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9568, 2025."

Carried Unanimously

F.4 City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9550, 2025

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9550, 2025."

Carried Unanimously

G. CORRESPONDENCE

Councillor requested further consideration of correspondence item G.2.

G.1 Correspondence dated September 15, 2025 from Mayor Mark Sager, District of West Vancouver: Letter to Minister Boyle, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs regarding Provincial Housing Directives for West Vancouver

G.2 Correspondence dated September 14, 2025 from Byron Roberts: Opposition to a Cashless-Only System at CN Centre

G.3 Correspondence dated August 27, 2025 from Mayor Simon Yu to Canadian Heritage in Support of a Grant Application from Cercle des Canadiens Français de Prince George

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Bennett

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

Carried Unanimously

H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

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

Carried Unanimously

THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 8:30 P.M.

CHAIRPERSON

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