



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BUDGET MEETING OF COUNCIL

January 26, 2026
1:00 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 <1:02 p.m. to 10:35 p.m.>
Councillor Susan Scott
Councillor Brian Skakun <1:02 p.m. to 10:35 p.m.>

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 Frizzell

That the agenda for the regular budget meeting of Council scheduled for January 26, 2026 be amended by:

- Adding eleven items of correspondence to agenda item C.1,
- Replacing pages 111 and 112 at agenda item K.1,

and that the agenda, BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Sampson and Councillor Skakun entered Council Chambers at 1:02 p.m.

B. 2026 – 2030 FINANCIAL PLAN (SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS)

B.1 2026 Budget and Finance Reference Guide

B.2 2026 – 2030 Financial Plan

C. BUDGET OVERVIEW AND PUBLIC CONSULTATION RESULTS

C.1 2026 – 2030 Financial Plan and Presentation

W. Babicz, City Manager, K. Dalio, Director of Finance and IT Services, and C. Thwaites, Manager of Communications, provided a PowerPoint presentation overview of the 2026 – 2030 Financial Plan.

Councillor Skakun exited Council Chambers at 1:17 p.m. and returned at 1:20 p.m.

Councillor Ramsay exited Council Chambers at 1:23 p.m. and returned at 1:25 p.m.

C.2 Fiscal Services

D. 2026 – 2030 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PLAN

D.1 2026 – 2030 Capital Plan

Councillor Skakun exited Council Chambers at 3:17 p.m. and returned at 3:20 p.m.

Councillor Ramsay exited Council Chambers at 4:02 p.m. and returned at 4:04 p.m.

Councillor Polillo exited Council Chambers at 4:05 p.m.

Councillor Ramsay exited Council Chambers at 4:07 p.m. and returned at 4:09 p.m.

Councillor Polillo returned to Council Chambers at 4:10 p.m.

G. CORPORATE MANAGEMENT – WALTER BABICZ, CIY MANAGER

W. Babicz, City Manager, provided an overview of the proposed 2026 Operational Financial Plan for the service categories within the Corporate Management department.

G.1 Office of the City Manager

G.2 Mayor and Council

G.3 Legislative Services

G.4 Human Resources and Corporate

H. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES – ERIC DEPENAU, DIRECTOR

E. Depenau, Director of Administrative Services, provided an overview of the proposed 2026 Operational Financial Plan for the Fire and Rescue Services service category and the proposed Fire and Rescue Services Service Enhancement – Fire Suppression.

H.2 Fire and Rescue Services

M.4 Fire & Rescue Services Service Enhancement - Fire Suppression

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

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

The meeting was reconvened at 6:00 p.m.

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

F. SERVICES AGREEMENTS AND GRANTS

F.1 Prince George Public Library

Paul Burry, Library Director, Prince George Public Library, and Anna Duff, Chair, Prince George Public Library Board, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding their 2026 Budget.

F.2 Tourism Prince George

Scott McWalter, Executive Director, Tourism Prince George, and Jamie Valcourt, Chair, Tourism Prince George Board of Directors, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding their 2026 Budget.

H. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES – ERIC DEPENAU, DIRECTOR

E. Depenau, Director of Administrative Services, provided an overview of the proposed 2026 Operational Financial Plan for the remaining services categories within the Administrative Services department.

H.1 Police Protection

M.2 Police Protection Service Enhancement - Court Liaison Officer

M.3 Police Protection Service Enhancement - Disclosure Positions

H.3 Emergency Programs

Councillor Skakun exited Council Chambers at 7:58 p.m. and returned at 8:00 p.m.

H.4 Bylaw Services

M.5 Bylaw Services Service Enhancement - Bylaw Enforcement

Councillor Polillo exited Council Chambers at 8:05 p.m. and returned at 8:06 p.m.

H.5 Off-Street Parking

H.6 Communications

I. CIVIC OPERATIONS – BLAKE MCINTOSH, DIRECTOR

Blake McIntosh, Director of Civic Operations, provided an overview of the proposed 2026 Operational Financial Plan for the services categories within the Civic Operations department.

I.1 Snow Control

I.2 Roads

I.3 Storm Drainage

I.4 Fleet Services

I.5 Street Lighting

I.6 Civic Operations Administration

I.7 Solid Waste Services

I.8 Cemetery

I.9 Sewer Operations

I.10 Water Operations

I.11 Parks

Councillor Scott exited Council Chambers at 9:08 p.m. and returned at 9:10 p.m.

I.12 Asset Management and Capital Planning

I.13 District Energy

I.14 Transportation and Technical Services

M.6 Solid Waste Services Service Enhancement - Bear Awareness Recommendations

Mayor Yu declared a recess of the Regular Council Budget Meeting at 9:21 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 9:31 p.m.

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

J. CIVIC FACILITIES AND EVENTS - ANDY BEESLEY, DIRECTOR

Andy Beesley, Director of Civic Facilities and Events, provided an overview of the proposed 2026 Operational Financial Plan for the services categories within the Civic Facilities and Events department.

J.1 Aquatics

J.2 Civic Facilities and Events Administration

J.3 Project Delivery

J.4 Civic Initiatives and Partnerships

J.5 Facility Maintenance

J.6 Entertainment Services

J.7 Event Services

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council EXTENDS the Regular Council Budget Meeting to 11:00 p.m.

Carried

Councillor Ramsay opposed.

J.8 Event Operations

K. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT - DEANNA WASNIK, DIRECTOR

Deanna Wasnik, Director of Planning and Development, provided an overview of the proposed 2026 Operational Financial Plan for the services categories within the Planning and Development department.

K.1 Development Planning and Administration

K.2 Economic Development

L. FINANCE AND IT SERVICES - KRIS DALIO, DIRECTOR

Kris Dalio, Director of Finance and IT Services, provided an overview of the proposed 2026 Operational Financial Plan for the services categories within Finance and IT Services department.

L.1 Risk and Procurement

L.2 IT Services

L.3 Financial Services

M. REQUESTED ENHANCEMENTS

M.1 Human Resources Service Enhancement - Recruitment and Retention Advisor

M.7 Civic Facilities and Events Administration Service Enhancement - Arts, Culture and Heritage Coordinator

N. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Councillor Polillo

Seconded By Councillor Klassen

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

Carried Unanimously

THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 10:35 P.M.

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