



## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

February 2, 2026

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 <via Zoom>  
Councillor Garth Frizzell  
Councillor Trudy Klassen <9:12 p.m. to 9:25 p.m.>  
Councillor Ron Polillo  
Councillor Cori Ramsay  
Councillor Kyle Sampson  
Councillor Susan Scott

**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 Scott  
**Seconded By** Councillor Frizzell

That the agenda for the regular meeting of Council scheduled for February 2, 2026  
be amended by:

- Adding five items of correspondence to agenda item H.1,
- Adding four items of correspondence as agenda items G.9 to G.12,

and that the agenda, BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

Carried Unanimously

### B. MINUTES

**B.1 Adoption of the Regular Council Meeting Minutes – January 12, 2026**

**Moved By** Councillor Polillo  
**Seconded By** Councillor Ramsay

That the minutes of the regular Council meeting held January 12, 2026, 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. DELEGATION(S)**

**C.1 Child Development Centre of Prince George and District**

Presenter: Scott Hamilton, Community Engagement Manager, and Candis Johnson, Child and Family Services Coordinator, Child Development Center of Prince George and District

Topic: About the Child Development Centre

**Moved By** Councillor Ramsay  
**Seconded By** Councillor Sampson

That Council REQUESTS the Mayor to work with the Child Development Centre to prepare correspondence to the Province in support of grant funding and other forms of support for the Child Development Centre and other non-profit organizations.

**Carried Unanimously**

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON COUNCIL REMUNERATION**

**E.2 Options for Consideration regarding Council Remuneration**

**Moved By** Councillor Bennett  
**Seconded By** Councillor Polillo

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated January 2, 2026 from the Advisory Committee on Council Remuneration, titled “Proposed Amendments to City of Prince George Council Remuneration Bylaw No. 8414, 2012”.

**Carried**

**Councillor Ramsay opposed.**

**Moved By** Councillor Scott  
**Seconded By** Councillor Frizzell

That Council DISSOLVES the Advisory Committee on Council Remuneration, having fulfilled the mandate assigned by Council.

**Carried Unanimously**

**Moved By** Councillor Frizzell  
**Seconded By** Councillor Sampson

That Council DIRECTS Administration to return to the “City of Prince George Council Remuneration Bylaw No. 8414, 2012” by end of Q3 2026, with options to remove or revise Section 7: Quadrennial Review such that the work can be completed without making the neutral volunteer committees targeted and vilified.

**Moved By** Councillor Ramsay  
**Seconded By** Councillor Polillo

That Council AMENDS the main motion by changing the words “Q3 2026” to “Q4 2026”.

Carried

**Councillor Bennett opposed.**

**Main motion as amended.**

Carried

**Mayor Yu and Councillor Bennett opposed.**

## H. PUBLIC HEARING

The Regular Council Meeting adjourned to the Public Hearing at 7:29 p.m.

### H.1 Official Community Plan Bylaw Amendment Application No. CP100219 (Bylaw No. 9551) and Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100842 (Bylaw No. 9552)

Applicant: L&M Engineering Ltd. for D.C. McLeod Developments Inc., Inc.  
No. BC1323466

Location: 5310 Russman Road

Documents for Council’s consideration included:

1. Staff Report dated January 16, 2026 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Consultation for Official Community Plan Amendment Application No. CP100219 (Bylaw No. 9551)";
  - a. Distribution Area Map (Exhibit “A” to CP100219);
  - b. Request for Comment Letter;
  - c. Facebook Post; and
  - d. Public Correspondence.
2. Previously submitted staff report dated November 27, 2025 from the Director of Planning and Development, titled "Official Community Plan Bylaw Amendment Application No. CP100219 (Bylaw No. 9551) and Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100842 (Bylaw No. 9552)" (Considered at the December 15, 2025 Regular Council Meeting);
  - a. Location and Existing Zoning Map;
  - b. Appendix "A" to Bylaw No. 9551, 2025;
  - c. Appendix "A" to Bylaw No. 9552, 2025;
  - d. Exhibit "A" to CP100219;
  - e. Supporting Documents:
    - i. Servicing Suitability Assessment; and
    - ii. Geotechnical Assessment.

Correspondence for Council’s consideration included:

1. Handout correspondence dated February 1, 2026 from Glen Nicholson in opposition to the application;
2. Handout correspondence dated February 2, 2026 from Bradley Kaiser in opposition to the application;

3. Handout correspondence dated January 31, 2026 from Brock Kirkwood in opposition to the application;
4. Handout correspondence dated February 2, 2026 from Jacob Mullen, President of Prince George Cycling Club, in opposition to the application;
5. Handout correspondence dated February 2 2026 from L&M Engineering Ltd. (Applicant) enclosing nineteen (19) letters in support of the application.

**Applicant:**

Ashley Thandi, Senior Community Planner, L&M Engineering, and Jamie Schenkeveld, Engineer, L&M Engineering, attended Centre Table and spoke in support of the application.

Mayor Yu called a recess of the Public Hearing from 7:48 p.m. to 7:51 p.m.

**Representations by Members of the Public:**

Glen Nicholson, 5452 Cranbrook Hill Road, attended Centre Table and spoke in opposition to the application noting that the property is used by members of the public to recreate.

Jacob Mullen, 1308 Parsnip Crescent, attended Centre Table and requested collaborative development to ensure that recreation and housing development can coexist at the subject property.

Brad Kaiser, 1865 Somerville Road, attended Centre Table and noted concerns with proposed development of property as it may inhibit current recreation access of trails on or near the property.

Kasper Walraven, 647 Peardon Road, attended Centre Table and spoke in support of development to increase population and attract additional amenities from the province. Mr. Walraven noted concerns with water availability in the area and emergency vehicle access using Cranbrook Hill Road.

Mitchell Schulz, 972 Glendare Place, attended Centre Table noting concerns that the proposed development appears to contradict the recently adopted Official Community Plan, may cause tree clearing and disturbance to wildlife, and infringe on the existing use for members of the public to recreate.

Bernadine Castello, 443 Willman Road, attended Centre Table noting concerns with water availability in the Cranbrook Hill area and the impact additional development will have on sustainable water.

Dave Jenkins, 6939 Roughton Road, attended Centre Table noting concerns that development of the property would impact the environment used by wildlife that frequent the area.

Warren Cumming, 7618 Westridge Drive, attended Centre Table, noting concerns with increased traffic on Cranbrook Hill Road as the existing road is steep and difficult to access in winter months.

Jamie Schenkeveld, Engineer, L&M Engineering, attended Centre Table noting that although there is existing infrastructure in place to support mountain bike use on the property, the property is private property and access for such purposes is restricted. Mr. Schenkeveld addressed the water availability

concerns that there are dry well spots and that further investigation on aquifer be determined during the subdivision stage.

Mr. Schenkeveld, L&M Engineering Ltd. (Applicant), responded to questions of Council regarding availability of water in the aquifer and capacity to support additional development in the area.

Ms. Thandi, L&M Engineering Ltd. (Applicant), responded to questions of Council on alternate uses for the property should the zoning and official community plan redesignation not be approved.

Mr. Schenkeveld, L&M Engineering Ltd. (Applicant), responded to questions of Council regarding anticipated traffic impacts should the development be approved.

Bernadine Castello, 443 Willman Road, attended Centre Table and noted that the population in the Cranbrook Hill area is greater than 1000 residents and the traffic accessing Cranbrook Hill Road is high noting safety concerns.

**Moved By** Councillor Polillo  
**Seconded By** Councillor Frizzell

That the Public Hearing regarding “Official Community Plan Bylaw Amendment Application No. CP100219 (Bylaw No. 9551) and Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100842 (Bylaw No. 9552)”, BE CLOSED.

**Carried Unanimously**

The Public Hearing adjourned to the Regular Council Meeting at 8:45 p.m.

**Moved By** Councillor Scott  
**Seconded By** Councillor Frizzell

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated January 16, 2026 from the Director of Planning and Development, titled “Consultation for Official Community Plan Amendment Application No. CP100219 (Amendment Bylaw No. 9551)”.

**Carried Unanimously**

**Moved By** Councillor Polillo  
**Seconded By** Councillor Scott

That Council GIVES THIRD READING of “City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 9525, 2025, Amendment Bylaw No. 9551, 2025”.

**Carried Unanimously**

**Moved By** Councillor Ramsay  
**Seconded By** Councillor Frizzell

That Council GIVES THIRD READING of “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9552, 2025”.

**Carried Unanimously**

Mayor Yu called a recess of the Regular Council Meeting from 9:05 p.m. to 9:12 p.m.

Councillor Klassen joined the meeting via Zoom at 9:12 p.m.

**D. CONSENT AGENDA (FOR INFORMATION)**

**D.1 Monthly Building Permit and Development Permit Summary (December 2025)**

**Moved By** Councillor Frizzell  
**Seconded By** Councillor Scott

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated January 19, 2026, from the Director of Planning and Development, titled “Monthly Building Permit and Development Permit Summary (December 2025)”.

**Carried Unanimously**

**E. REPORTS**

**COUNCILLOR GARTH FRIZZELL AND COUNCILLOR TRUDY KLASSEN**

**E.1 External Building Scheme and Covenant Support**

**Moved By** Councillor Frizzell  
**Seconded By** Councillor Klassen

That City Council DIRECTS staff to report back to Council on the City’s authority to ensure Statutory Building Schemes and Restrictive Covenants are met, varied or removed by the owner/developer prior to permit application or construction.

**Carried Unanimously**

Councillor Klassen left the zoom meeting at 9:25 p.m.

**DIRECTOR OF CIVIC FACILITIES AND EVENTS – ANDY BEESLEY**

**E.3 FIFA World Cup Watch Party Update**

**Moved By** Councillor Polillo  
**Seconded By** Councillor Scott

That Council APPROVES:

1. Staff applying for a grant of up to \$50,000; and
2. Up to \$8,900 in funding from the Major Events Reserve Fund, should the grant application be successful;

for FIFA World Cup community celebrations, as described in the report dated January 23, 2026 from the Director of Civic Facilities and Events, titled “FIFA World Cup Watch Party Update”.

**Carried Unanimously**

**DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT - DEANNA WASNIK**

**E.4 Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100711**

Applicant: PRD Construction for 1134195 B.C. Ltd., Inc. No. BC1134195  
Location: 3833 – 3851 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue

Documents for Council’s consideration included:

1. Staff report dated January 5, 2026 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100711";
  - a. Location and Existing Zoning Map;
  - b. Development Variance Permit No. VP100711;
  - c. Exhibit "A" to VP100711;
  - d. Supporting Documents:
    - i. Preliminary Site Plan and Design Drawings.

**Moved By** Councillor Polillo

**Seconded By** Councillor Sampson

That Council APPROVES Development Variance Permit No. VP100711 to vary "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007" for the property legally described as Lot A, District Lots 936 and 8169, Cariboo District, Plan 16583 as follows:

- a. Vary the definition of "Contractor Service, Major" by increasing the maximum percentage of the gross floor area of the building used for accessory office, technical, administrative support, or retail sale operations from 25% to 69.3%, as shown on Exhibit "A" to VP100711.

**Carried Unanimously**

**DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES – ERIC DEPENAU**

**E.5 2026 NCLGA AGM and Convention Planning Committee Working Group**

**Moved By** Councillor Ramsay

**Seconded By** Councillor Sampson

That Council APPOINTS Councillor Polillo to the working group, as detailed in the report dated January 22, 2026 from the Director of Administrative Services, titled, "2026 NCLGA AGM and Convention Planning Committee Working Group".

**Carried Unanimously**

**E.6 2026 UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund, Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) – Grant Application**

**Moved By** Councillor Sampson

**Seconded By** Councillor Bennett

That Council:

1. SUPPORTS the City submitting a grant application to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Community Emergency Preparedness Fund –Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) in the amount of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to support the EOC Training plan for 2026/27 and purchase additional equipment for the EOC; and
2. AUTHORIZES the City's Director of Finance and Director of Administrative Services to sign the grant application and subsequent contract documents should grant approval be received; and

3. That the City of Prince George will ASSUME overall grant management should grant approval be received.

**Carried Unanimously**

**F. BYLAWS – FINAL READING AND ADOPTION**

**F.1 City of Prince George Stormwater Utility Bylaw No. 9597, 2025**

**Moved By** Councillor Ramsay  
**Seconded By** Councillor Frizzell

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of “City of Prince George Stormwater Utility Bylaw No. 9597, 2025.”

**Carried**

**Mayor Yu opposed.**

**F.2 City of Prince George Stormwater Reserve Fund Bylaw No. 9598, 2025**

**Moved By** Councillor Scott  
**Seconded By** Councillor Polillo

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of “City of Prince George Stormwater Reserve Fund Bylaw No. 9598, 2025.”

**Carried**

**Mayor Yu opposed.**

**F.3 City of Prince George Comprehensive Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 7557, 2004, Amendment Bylaw No. 9599, 2025**

**Moved By** Councillor Polillo  
**Seconded By** Councillor Sampson

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of “City of Prince George Comprehensive Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 7557, 2004, Amendment Bylaw No. 9599, 2025.”

**Carried**

**Mayor Yu opposed.**

**F.4 City of Prince George Purchasing Bylaw No. 8841, 2017, Amendment Bylaw No. 9606, 2025**

**Moved By** Councillor Ramsay  
**Seconded By** Councillor Polillo

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of “City of Prince George Purchasing Bylaw No. 8841, 2017, Amendment Bylaw No. 9606, 2025”.

**Carried Unanimously**

**G. CORRESPONDENCE**

**G.1 Correspondence dated January 13, 2026 from Mayor Simon Yu to the BC Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions: Letter in Support of Tidewater Renewables Application to the Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) Program**

**G.2 Correspondence dated January 13, 2026 from Ken Williams, Mayor, District of Highlands: Bill M216 - Professional Reliance Act**

**G.3 Correspondence dated January 2, 2026, from Margaret Jackson, Live Well Prince George: Request for a Resolution in Support of a Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) Grant Application for the 2nd Annual Northern BC Multicultural Children's Festival**

**Moved By** Councillor Scott  
**Seconded By** Councillor Ramsay

WHEREAS the City of Prince George recognizes that multiculturalism and inclusivity are fundamental to a strong, resilient, and vibrant community; and

WHEREAS initiatives that celebrate cultural diversity and promote mutual understanding contribute to social cohesion, community pride, and positive outcomes for residents of all ages; and

WHEREAS local festivals and cultural events provide important opportunities for youth engagement, cultural education, and meaningful participation in community life; and

WHEREAS collaboration and participation from residents, local organizations, and regional partners across Northern British Columbia strengthen the impact and reach of such initiatives; and

WHEREAS external funding support is critical to the sustainability and success of community based cultural events and this request is in support of \$2500 towards the Northern BC Multicultural Children’s Festival initiative;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Prince George formally recognizes and affirms the importance of multiculturalism and inclusivity within the community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council supports local initiatives that promote youth engagement, cultural education, and social cohesion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council encourages participation and collaboration from residents, local organizations, and partners across Northern British Columbia in support of these initiatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Prince George provides its support for the festival’s funding application to Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT).

**Carried Unanimously**

- G.4 Correspondence dated January 26, 2026 from Jim and Gayle Hesse: Notice of Motion regarding External Building Schemes and Covenant Support
- G.5 Correspondence dated January 25, 2026 from Lynn and Don MacNeil: Notice of Motion regarding External Building Schemes and Covenant Support
- G.6 Correspondence dated January 23, 2026 from the Honourable Bowinn Ma, Minister of Infrastructure: Follow Up to the Meetings during the 2025 UBCM Convention
- G.7 Correspondence dated January 14, 2026 from Mayor Simon Yu: General Letter of Support for Northern FanCon Society
- G.8 Correspondence dated January 6, 2026 from Kristin Clausen, Executive Director of Heritage BC: BC Heritage Week
- G.9 Handout: Correspondence dated January 28, 2026 from Dave Abernethy and Anne Penner: Regarding Agenda Item E.1 – External Building Scheme and Covenant Support
- G.10 Handout: Correspondence dated February 1, 2026 from Tammy McLeod: Regarding Agenda Item E.1 – External Building Scheme and Covenant Support
- G.11 Handout: Correspondence dated February 1, 2026 from Milton J. Mahoney: Council Wages increases
- G.12 Handout: Correspondence dated January 31, 2026 from Irvin Leroux and Jill Moore: Regarding Agenda Item E.1 – External Building Scheme and Covenant Support

**Moved By** Councillor Scott  
**Seconded By** Councillor Frizzell

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION Correspondence Items G.1 to G.12.

**Carried Unanimously**

## **I. 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 9:44 P.M.

---

CHAIRPERSON

---

CERTIFIED CORRECT