



## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

February 23, 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  
Councillor Garth Frizzell  
Councillor Trudy Klassen  
Councillor Ron Polillo  
Councillor Susan Scott <via Zoom>

**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

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### A. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

**Moved By** Councillor Frizzell  
**Seconded By** Councillor Bennett

That the agenda for the regular meeting of Council scheduled for February 23, 2026, be amended by moving agenda items E.4 and E.5 to be considered immediately following agenda item C.2, and that the agenda, BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

**Carried Unanimously**

**Moved By** Councillor Bennett  
**Seconded By** Councillor Frizzell

That the agenda for the regular meeting of Council scheduled for February 23, 2026, be amended by adding a new report regarding a public safety petition as agenda item E.12, and that the agenda, BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

**Carried Unanimously**

**B. MINUTES**

**B.1 Adoption of the Regular Council Budget Meeting Minutes – January 26 and 28, 2026**

**Moved By** Councillor Polillo

**Seconded By** Councillor Klassen

That the minutes of the regular Council budget meetings held January 26 and January 28, 2026, 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**

**B.2 Adoption of the Regular Council Meeting Minutes – February 2, 2026**

**Moved By** Councillor Polillo

**Seconded By** Councillor Klassen

That the minutes of the regular Council meeting held February 2, 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 UNBC JDC West**

Councillor Scott left the zoom meeting at 6:03 p.m. and returned at 6:05 p.m.

Presenters: Aryanshu, Co-Captain

Topic: Achievements of UNBC's JDC West Team

**C.2 Spruce City Men's Fastball Association**

Presenters: Harley Desjarlais and Robbie Antoine, Co-Chairs; Jessie Rankin, Specialist – Event Attraction, Tourism Prince George

Topic: 2026 Canadian Native Fastball Championships

**Moved By** Councillor Bennett

**Seconded By** Councillor Klassen

That Council REQUESTS the Mayor's Office provides a letter of support to the Spruce City Men's Fastball Association for use in their grant applications.

**Carried Unanimously**

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

**E.4 2026 Canadian Native Fastball Championships**

**Moved By** Councillor Frizzell

**Seconded By** Councillor Polillo

That Council APPROVES financial support of the 2026 Canadian Native Fastball Championships with funding in the amount of \$118,000 in monetary funding and up to \$60,000 in-kind and that these funds come from the Major Events Reserve, as described in the report dated February 11th, 2026, from the Director of Civic Facilities and Events, titled “2026 Canadian Native Fastball Championships”.

**Carried Unanimously**

**E.5 Prince George Events Group: 2025 Sport Hosting Review**

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

The Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated February 11, 2026 from the Director of Civic Facilities and Events, titled "Prince George Events Group: 2025 Sport Hosting Review".

**Carried Unanimously**

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

- D.1 Mayor's Monthly Expense Reports (September 2025 to December 2025)**
- D.2 Q3 2025 (July to September) Council Expense Summaries**
- D.3 Q4 2025 (October to December) Council Expense Summaries**
- D.4 2025 Q4 Council Contingency Report**
- D.5 2025 Q4 Procurement Quarterly Report**
- D.6 2025 Q4 Successful Grant Applications Report**
- D.7 Monthly Building Permit and Development Permit Summary (January 2026)**

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

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION Consent Agenda items D.1 to D.7.

**Carried Unanimously**

**E. REPORTS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY – MAYOR SIMON YU, CHAIR**

**E.1 Committee Recommendation to Study Cobourg Bylaw**

**Moved By** Mayor Yu  
**Seconded By** Councillor Frizzell

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated February 2, 2026 from the Chair of the Standing Committee on Public Safety, titled “Committee Recommendation to Study Cobourg Bylaw”.

**Carried Unanimously**

**Moved By** Councillor Klassen  
**Seconded By** Councillor Bennett

That Council DIRECTS Administration to inquire with Town of Cobourg, Ontario on their experience with Section 6.1(c) of their "Emergency Care Establishment Bylaw No. 18-2024."

**Carried Unanimously**

**Moved By** Councillor Bennett  
**Seconded By** Councillor Klassen

That Council AMENDS the main motion by adding the words "and their 'Good Neighbour Policy' after the words "No. 18-2024".

**Carried Unanimously**

**Main motion as amended.**

**Carried Unanimously**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS – COUNCILLOR GARTH FRIZZELL, CHAIR**

**E.2 2026 North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) Resolutions**

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

That Council APPROVES for submission to the 2026 NCLGA AGM, Resolution 1: "Additional Resource Allocation for BC Crown Counsel" as set out in the report dated February 4, 2026 from Councillor Frizzell, Chair, Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs, titled "2026 North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) Resolutions".

**Carried Unanimously**

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

That Council APPROVES for submission to the 2026 NCLGA AGM, Resolution 2: "Creation of Indigenous-led Housing Alliance" as set out in the report to Council dated February 4, 2026 from Councillor Frizzell, Chair, Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs, titled "2026 North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) Resolutions".

**Carried Unanimously**

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

That Council APPROVES for submission to the 2026 NCLGA AGM, Resolution 3: "Federal Minister of Forests" as set out in the report dated February 4, 2026 from Councillor Frizzell, Chair, Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs, titled "2026 North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) Resolutions".

**Carried Unanimously**

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

That Council DIRECTS staff to submit the resolutions to NCLGA by the March 13, 2026 deadline.

**Carried Unanimously**

CITY MANAGER – WALTER BABICZ

**E.3 Update to the Whistleblower Policy**

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

That Council APPROVES the updated Whistleblower Policy, as attached to the report dated February 18, 2026 from the City Manager titled “Update to the Whistleblower Policy.”

**Carried**

**Mayor Yu and Councillor Klassen opposed.**

DIRECTOR OF CIVIC OPERATIONS – BLAKE MCINTOSH

**E.6 Capital Addition – District Energy System Connection**

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

That Council APPROVES the addition of the “District Energy Connection” project detailed in the report dated February 12, 2026, from the Director of Civic Operations to the City’s 2026 Financial Plan for a budget of \$503,580 with funding from 3rd Party Funding, with the City to own all infrastructure up to and including the Energy Transfer Station (ETS).

**Carried Unanimously**

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

That Council AUTHORIZES the City Manager to amend the budget for the "District Energy Connection" capital project in excess of the existing delegated authority, understanding that all monies spent will be recovered through 3rd Party Funding.

**Carried Unanimously**

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES – ERIC DEPENAU

**E.7 Hope and Healing Network Committee Recommendation**

**Moved By** Councillor Klassen  
**Seconded By** Councillor Polillo

That Council REFERS the staff report dated February 2, 2026 from the Director of Administrative Services, titled "Hope and Healing Network Committee Recommendation" for consideration in the Standing Committee on Finance and Audit's review of the City's Permissive Tax Exemption Policy.

**Carried Unanimously**

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

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated February 2, 2026 from the Director of Administrative Services titled, "Hope and Healing Network Committee Recommendation".

**Carried Unanimously**

**E.8 RCMP Auxiliary Program**

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

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated February 2, 2026 from the Director of Administrative Services, titled "RCMP Auxiliary Program".

**Carried Unanimously**

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

That Council DIRECTS Administration to return a report detailing expenses associated with the RCMP's Citizens on Patrol program.

**Carried Unanimously**

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

**E.9 Temporary Use Permit Application No. TU000109**

Applicant: L&M Engineering Ltd. for Awesome Cuts Ltd., Inc. No. BC1290082  
Location: 490 Lyon Street

Documents for Council's consideration included:

1. Staff report dated January 26, 2026 from the Director of Planning and Development, titled "Temporary Use Permit Application No. TU000109"
  - a. Location and Existing Zoning Map;
  - b. Exhibit "A" to TU000109;
  - c. Temporary Use Permit No. TU000109;
  - d. Rationale Letter; and
  - e. Letters of Support.

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

That Council APPROVES Temporary Use Permit No. TU000109 for the property legally described as Lot 23 & Lot 24, Block 51, District Lot 937, Cariboo District, Plan 752.

**Carried Unanimously**

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND IT SERVICES – KRIS DALIO and MANAGER OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES/CORPORATE OFFICER – ETHAN ANDERSON

**E.10 2026 Loan Authorization, Equipment Financing Bylaw and Approval of the Electors’ Options**

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

That Council GIVES FIRST THREE READINGS of “City of Prince George Equipment Financing Bylaw No. 9607, 2026”.

**Carried**

**Councillor Klassen opposed.**

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

That Council AUTHORIZES an alternative approval process in accordance with section 86 of the Community Charter be used for the purpose of seeking approval of the electors in relation to “City of Prince George Equipment Financing Bylaw No. 9607, 2026”.

**Carried**

**Councillor Klassen opposed.**

**Moved By** Councillor Frizzell  
**Seconded By** Councillor Bennett

That Council AUTHORIZES Elector Response Form for “City of Prince George Equipment Financing Bylaw No. 9607, 2026”, as attached to report dated January 28, 2026, titled “2026 Loan Authorization, Equipment Financing Bylaw and Approval of the Electors’ Options”.

**Carried**

**Councillor Klassen opposed.**

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

That Council GIVES FIRST THREE READINGS of “Stormwater System Renewal Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 9608, 2026”.

**Carried**

**Councillor Klassen opposed.**

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

That Council AUTHORIZES, subject to obtaining statutory approval from the Inspector of Municipalities for "Stormwater System Renewal Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 9608, 2026", an alternative approval process in accordance with section 86 of the Community Charter be used for the purpose of seeking approval of the electors in relation to "Stormwater System Renewal Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 9608, 2026".

**Carried**

**Councillor Klassen opposed.**

**Moved By** Councillor Frizzell  
**Seconded By** Councillor Bennett

That Council AUTHORIZES Elector Response Form for "Stormwater System Renewal Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 9608, 2026", as attached to report dated January 28, 2026 titled "2026 Loan Authorization, Equipment Financing Bylaw and Approval of the Electors' Options".

**Carried**

**Councillor Klassen opposed.**

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

That Council GIVES FIRST THREE READINGS of "CN Centre Building Envelope Renewal Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 9609, 2026".

**Carried**

**Mayor Yu and Councillor Klassen opposed.**

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

That Council AUTHORIZES, subject to obtaining statutory approval from the Inspector of Municipalities for "CN Centre Building Envelope Renewal Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 9609, 2026", an alternative approval process in accordance with section 86 of the Community Charter be used for the purpose of seeking approval of the electors in relation to "CN Centre Building Envelope Renewal Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 9609, 2026".

**Carried**

**Mayor Yu and Councillor Klassen opposed.**

**Moved By** Councillor Bennett  
**Seconded By** Councillor Frizzell

That Council AUTHORIZES Elector Response Form for "CN Centre Building Envelope Renewal Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 9609, 2026", as attached to report dated January 28, 2026, titled "2026 Loan Authorization, Equipment Financing Bylaw and Approval of the Electors' Options".

**Carried**

**Mayor Yu and Councillor Klassen opposed.**

**Moved By** Councillor Bennett  
**Seconded By** Councillor Frizzell

That Council GIVES FIRST THREE READINGS of "Memorial Park Cemetery Expansion Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 9610, 2026".

**Carried**

**Councillor Klassen opposed.**

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

That Council AUTHORIZES, subject to obtaining statutory approval from the Inspector of Municipalities for "Memorial Park Cemetery Expansion Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 9610, 2026", an alternative approval process in accordance with section 86 of the Community Charter be used for the purpose of seeking approval of the electors in relation to "Memorial Park Cemetery Expansion Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 9610, 2026".

**Carried**

**Councillor Klassen opposed.**

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

That Council AUTHORIZES Elector Response Form for "Memorial Park Cemetery Expansion Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 9610, 2026", as attached to report dated January 28, 2026 titled "2026 Loan Authorization, Equipment Financing Bylaw and Approval of the Electors' Options".

**Carried**

**Councillor Klassen opposed.**

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

That Council GIVES FIRST THREE READINGS of "Civic Facilities Roof Replacements Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 9611, 2026".

**Carried**

**Councillor Klassen opposed.**

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

That Council AUTHORIZES, subject to obtaining statutory approval from the Inspector of Municipalities for "Civic Facilities Roof Replacements Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 9611, 2026", an alternative approval process in accordance with section 86 of the Community Charter be used for the purpose of seeking approval of the electors in relation to "Civic Facilities Roof Replacements Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 9611, 2026".

**Carried**

**Councillor Klassen opposed.**

**Moved By** Councillor Bennett  
**Seconded By** Councillor Frizzell

That Council AUTHORIZES Elector Response Form for "Civic Facilities Roof Replacements Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 9611, 2026", as attached to report dated January 28, 2026, titled "2026 Loan Authorization, Equipment Financing Bylaw and Approval of the Electors' Options".

**Carried**

**Councillor Klassen opposed.**

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

That Council ESTABLISHES the deadline of 5:00 p.m. on June 2, 2026 for receiving Elector Response Forms for the alternative approval processes for Bylaws 9607, 9608, 9609, 9610, & 9611, 2026.

**Carried**

**Councillor Klassen opposed.**

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

That Council APPROVES the determination of the total number of electors of the area to which the five (5) alternative approval processes apply for Bylaws 9607, 9608, 9609, 9610 and 9611, 2026 as 57, 667 electors, on the basis described in the report dated January 28, 2026 from the Director Finance and IT Services and Manager of Legislative Services titled “2026 Loan Authorization, Equipment Financing Bylaw and Approval of the Electors’ Options”.

**Carried**

**Councillor Klassen opposed.**

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

That Council DIRECTS the Corporate Officer to report the results of the five (5) alternative approval processes for Bylaws 9607, 9608, 9609, 9610 and 9611, 2026 and if approval of the electors has been obtained, to return Bylaws 9607, 9608, 9609, 9610 and 9611, 2026 for Council’s consideration of final reading and adoption.

**Carried**

**Councillor Klassen opposed.**

**MANAGER OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES/CORPORATE OFFICER – ETHAN ANDERSON**

**E.11 Proposed Amendment to 2026 Council Meeting Calendar to Add a Committee of the Whole Meeting**

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

That Council AMENDS the 2026 Council Meeting Calendar by adding a Committee of the Whole meeting on June 10, 2026 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00

p.m., for the purpose of reviewing unfunded capital projects referred from the January budget deliberations.

**Carried Unanimously**

**E.12 Support for Public Safety Petition**

**Moved By** Councillor Polillo

**Seconded By** Councillor Klassen

That Council SUPPORTS the Mayor writing to all British Columbia Local Governments encouraging their support for petition e-7063 to the Minister of Justice regarding public safety as described in the Mayor's report to Council dated February 23, 2026, titled, "Support for Public Safety Petition".

**Carried Unanimously**

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

**F.1 City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9582, 2025**

**Moved By** Councillor Bennett

**Seconded By** Councillor Polillo

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9582, 2025."

**Carried Unanimously**

**G. CORRESPONDENCE**

**G.1 Correspondence dated January 26, 2026 from Mayor Simon Yu to the Pacific Salmon Foundation: City Support of Spruce City Wildlife Association's Application to the Community Salmon Program**

**G.2 Correspondence dated February 4, 2026 from Chrissy Cossentine, Executive Assistant to City Council, City of Kamloops: Resolution for Consideration - Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (DRIPA) and Heritage Conversation Act**

**G.3 Correspondence dated January 29, 2026 from Martin Krell, President, Prince George Farmers' Market Association: Request for a Resolution in Support of a Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) Grant Application**

**Moved By** Councillor Polillo

**Seconded By** Councillor Frizzell

That the City of Prince George SUPPORTS the Economic Infrastructure program grant application to Northern Development Initiative Trust from the Prince George Farmers' Market Association in the amount of \$99,955.72 to support building improvements at their downtown market facility.

**Carried Unanimously**

**G.4 Correspondence dated February 18, 2026 from Zach Fleck, Project Planner, College of New Caledonia Research Forest Department: Request support of a proposed research project - Wild Neighbors: Supporting Coexistence with Wildlife in Urban Areas**

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

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION Correspondence Items G.1 to G.4.

**Carried Unanimously**

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

**Carried Unanimously**

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 9:00 P.M.**

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CHAIRPERSON

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CERTIFIED CORRECT