



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

April 27, 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 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
Leslie Kellett, Deputy Corporate Officer
Renata Ribas, Legislative Services Assistant

A. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That the agenda for the regular meeting of Council scheduled for April 27, 2026, be amended by:

- Adding one new item of correspondence as agenda item H.4;
- Removing the delegation presentation at agenda item C.1; and

that the agenda, BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

Carried Unanimously

B. MINUTES

B.1 Adoption of the Regular Council Meeting Minutes – April 13, 2026

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That the minutes of the regular Council meeting held April 13, 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 Removed at the Delegate's Request

C.2 Prince George Gymnastics

Presenters: Lauren Hawkes, President, Alencia Graham, and Danielle Bobbie, Prince George Gymnastics

Topic: Information and Update on Prince George Gymnastics

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council DIRECTS Administration to engage with Prince George Gymnastics as part of the Exhibition Park Master Plan review and advise on the process that will be taken in that review and gather initial feedback to help inform that process.

Carried Unanimously

D. CONSENT AGENDA (FOR INFORMATION)

D.1 2026 Q1 Consultant Spending Report

D.2 2026 Q1 Council Contingency Report

D.3 2026 Q1 Delegated Authority Report

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council APPROVES the Budget Amendment Form attached to the report dated April 17, 2026 from the Director of Finance and IT Services, titled "2026 Q1 Delegated Authority Report."

Carried Unanimously

D.4 2026 Q1 Successful Grant Applications Report

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council SUBMITS correspondence to Minister Parmar, with a copy distributed to the Union of BC Municipalities membership, highlighting the importance of the Province continuing funding the FireSmart Community Funding and Supports program which supports FireSmart planning and mitigation activities undertaken by First Nations and local governments.

Carried Unanimously

- D.5 2026 Q1 Procurement Quarterly Report
- D.6 Citizens on Patrol Program Expenses
- D.7 Monthly Building Permit and Development Permit Summary (March 2026)
- D.8 Q1 2026 (Jan to March) Council Expense Summaries
- D.9 Prince George Aquatic Centre Construction Update April 2026

Moved By Councillor Skakun

Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION Consent Agenda items D.1 to D.9.

Carried Unanimously

E. REPORTS

DIRECTOR OF CIVIC OPERATIONS – BLAKE MCINTOSH

- E.1 2026-2027 Annual Operating Agreement for the Prince George Transit System

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council DIRECTS Administration to work with BC Transit and report back to Council with options to expand Custom Transit Service in Prince George.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council GIVES FIRST THREE READINGS of “City of Prince George Transit Service Annual Operating Agreement 2026-2027 Authorization Bylaw No. 9625, 2026”.

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – DEANNA WASNIK

- E.2 City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9602, 2025

Moved By Councillor Skakun

Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9602, 2025”.

Carried Unanimously

E.3 Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100716

Applicants: Pratiksha Krantikumar and Rajtantra Lilhare

Location: 2460 Foot Street

Documents for Council's consideration included:

1. Staff report dated April 1, 2026 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100716";
 - a. Location and Existing Zoning Map;
 - b. Development Variance Permit No. VP100716;
 - c. Exhibit "A" to VP100716;
 - d. Support Letters and Associated Map.

Correspondence for Council's consideration include:

1. Correspondence dated March 19, 2026 from Ryan and Wendy McMaster in opposition to the Application; and
2. Correspondence dated March 21, 2026 from Dave Bullis in opposition to the Application.

Moved By Councillor Polillo

Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council APPROVES Development Variance Permit No. VP100716 to vary "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007" for the property legally described Lot 258 District Lot 2611 District Plan 21607 (PID 008-281-769) as follows:

- a. Vary Section 10.9.5 6 by decreasing the minimum front yard setback of a principal building from 4.5m to 0.5m as it applies to parking, as shown on Exhibit "A" to VP100716.

Carried Unanimously

E.4 Liquor Licence Application No. LL100204

Applicants: Amit Singh Bindra for 0770088 B.C. Ltd., Inc. No. BC0770088
(Bonnet Eatery)

Location: 6957 Giscome Road

Documents for Council's consideration included:

1. Staff report dated March 31, 2026 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Liquor Licence Application No. LL100204";
 - a. Location and Existing Zoning Map; and
 - b. Rationale Letter.

Correspondence for Council's consideration include:

1. Correspondence dated April 17, 2026 from JP Asquith in support of the Application.

Moved By Councillor Polillo

Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council:

1. CONFIRMS that its comments on the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch's prescribed considerations are as set out in the report dated March 31, 2026, from Deanna Wasnik, Director of Planning and Development for Liquor Licence Application No. LL100204; and
2. SUPPORTS the approval of the Patron Participant Endorsement for the Bonnet Eatery located at 6957 Giscome Road for the following reasons:

This application is not expected to have a negative impact on the community or produce any significant negative land use impacts on adjacent properties.

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND IT SERVICES – KRIS DALIO

E.5 2026 - 2030 Financial Plan Bylaw and 2026 Tax Rates Bylaw

Moved By Councillor Polillo

Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council GIVES FIRST THREE READINGS of "City of Prince George 5 – Year Operating and Capital Financial Plans Bylaw No. 9621, 2026".

Carried

Councillor Klassen and Councillor Sampson opposed.

Moved By Councillor Scott

Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council GIVES FIRST THREE READINGS of "City of Prince George Tax Rates Bylaw No. 9622, 2026".

Carried

Councillor Klassen and Councillor Sampson opposed.

F. BYLAWS – FINAL READING AND ADOPTION

G. NOTICE OF MOTION

COUNILLOR KYLE SAMPSON, COUNCILLOR BRIAN SKAKUN, AND COUNCILLOR CORI RAMSAY

G.1 Enhanced Parking Accessibility for Seniors and Harry Loder Park

H. CORRESPONDENCE

H.1 Correspondence dated March 17, 2026 from Heidi Martel, Event Coordinator, North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) AGM and Convention: NCLGA Sponsorship Options

H.2 Correspondence dated March 19, 2026 from Bettina Johnson, Communications Support, NCLGA: Consideration to Co-Sponsor City of

Dawson Creek Resolution to the 2026 NCLGA AGM - Improved Access to Publicly Funded Mental Health Services

Moved By Councillor Polillo

Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council CO-SPONSORS the City of Dawson Creek resolution to the 2026 NCLGA AGM regarding "Improved Access to Publicly Funded Mental Health Services" as described in the correspondence dated March 19, 2026 from Bettina Johnson, Communications Support, NCLGA.

Carried Unanimously

H.3 Correspondence dated April 13, 2026 from Amelia Merrick: Increased Duration Outdoors May Lead to Increased Demand for Public Toilets

H.4 Correspondence received April 26, 2026 from Mayor Wu Xiaohui, Jiangmen, China: Request to Support Official Establishment of International Sister City Relations between Jiangmen and Prince George

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council REFERS the letter dated April 26, 2026, from Mayor Wu Xiaohui, Jiangmen, China, to the Mayor's Office to develop, in consultation with members of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs, a welcoming program of activities for the Jiangmen delegation's visit in May 2026, with the purpose of supporting relationship-building between Jiangmen and Prince George.

Carried Unanimously

I. 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 8:11 P.M.

CHAIRPERSON

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