



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

May 25, 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 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
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 May 25, 2026 be amended by adding two new items of correspondence as agenda items G.8 and G.9, and that the agenda, BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

Carried Unanimously

B. MINUTES

B.1 Adoption of the Regular Council Meeting Minutes – May 11, 2026

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That the minutes of the regular Council meeting held May 11, 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. CONSENT AGENDA

C.1 Monthly Building Permit and Development Permit Summary (April 2026)

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated May 12, 2026 from the Director of Planning and Development, titled “Monthly Building Permit and Development Permit Summary (April 2026)”.

Carried Unanimously

D. REPORTS

COUNCILLOR TRUDY KLASSEN AND COUNCILLOR BRIAN SKAKUN

D.1 CN Centre Envelope AAP Cost Transparency Information

Moved By Councillor Klassen
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council DIRECTS City staff to immediately take the following actions with respect to the CN Centre Targeted Facility Condition Assessment Report (Faulkner Browns Architects, Final Report dated October 24, 2023, RJC No. VAN.118538.0003):

1. Provide City Council and the public with the fully unredacted version of the report, including all Opinions of Probable Cost (OPC), cost thresholds, detailed cost estimates, and any supporting appendices or spreadsheets that were redacted in the version circulated to Council and published on the city website, no later than May 27th, 2026.

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council POSTPONES consideration of the main motion until after the procurement process is complete.

Defeated

Mayor Yu and Councillors Klassen, Sampson, Scott, and Skakun opposed.

Main motion.

Defeated

Councillors Frizzell, Polillo, Ramsay, Sampson, and Scott opposed.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS – COUNCILLOR
GARTH FRIZZELL, CHAIR

D.2 Union of BC Municipalities 2026 Resolutions

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Klassen

That Council APPROVES the resolutions titled “Strengthening Northern British Columbia’s Transportation Corridors to Drive Major Projects” and “Keeping BC Forestry Competitive: Improving Access to Wood, Jobs, and Investment”, as set out in the report dated May 11, 2026 from the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs, titled “Union of BC Municipalities 2026 Resolutions”; and DIRECTS Administration to submit the approved resolutions to the Union of BC Municipalities by the June 15, 2026 deadline.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council AMENDS the resolution titled "Restricting the Access of Children to Social Media and AI Tools" by renaming the resolution as "Restricting the Access of Children to Social Media and AI Chatbots" and replacing the words "generative AI tools" with "AI Chatbots", as set out in the report dated May 11, 2026 from the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs, titled "Union of BC Municipalities 2026 Resolutions"; and DIRECTS Administration to submit the amended approved resolution to the Union of BC Municipalities by the June 15, 2026 deadline.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council REQUESTS the Mayor to submit a letter, substantially similar to the draft letter attached to the report dated May 11, 2026 from the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs, titled “Union of BC Municipalities 2026 Resolution”, to the British Columbia Chamber of Commerce in support of their proposed resolution, titled “Keeping Forestry Competitive: Improving Access to Wood, Jobs, and Investment”.

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF CIVIC FACILITIES AND EVENTS – ANDY BEESLEY

D.3 Food Charter and Food Policy Council Update

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council APPROVES the Prince George Food Charter as a values-based, non-binding framework that reflects the community’s shared principles related to food security, sustainability, and local food systems, as attached to the report dated May 4, 2026 from the Director of Civic Facilities & Events, titled “Food Charter and Food Policy Council Update”.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Mayor Yu

Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council DIRECTS Administration to contact the City of Kamloops to learn their role in the establishment of the Kamloops Food Policy Council; and to share those learnings with Everyone at the Table and Council.

Carried Unanimously

D.4 Arts and Culture Planning

Moved By Councillor Klassen

Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council DIRECTS Administration to meet with stakeholders to develop plans and budget implications on the addition of a new “Arts and Culture” awards category to the Citizen Recognition Program, to present to Council well in advance of the next Citizen Recognition Program cycle.

Carried

Councillor Sampson opposed.

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated May 8, 2026 from the Director of Civic Facilities and Events, titled “Arts and Culture Planning.”

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF CIVIC OPERATIONS – BLAKE MCINTOSH

D.5 Commemorative Crosswalks

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council APPROVES the installation of three (3) commemorative crosswalks at the following locations, as outlined in the report dated May 15, 2026, from the Director of Civic Operations, titled “Commemorative Crosswalks”:

1. Ospika Blvd at CN Centre Access (site of a military training facility during WWII);
2. George Street at 6th Avenue (near Veterans Plaza); and
3. Dagg Rd at Glenview Dr (near Darren Fitzpatrick Park).

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES – ERIC DEPENAU

D.6 2026 UBCM Community Excellence Awards Submission

Moved By Councillor Scott

Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council SUPPORTS applying to the Union of BC Municipalities Community Excellence Awards 2026 for the CityFest Spring engagement event under the Excellence in Governance category as described in the report titled, “2026 UBCM Community Excellence Awards submission” from the Director of Administrative Services, dated May 19, 2026.

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – DEANNA WASNIK

D.7 Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100844 (Bylaw No. 9554)

Applicant: Catla Enterprises Ltd., Inc. No. BC1034348

Location: 1970-1978 Tamarack Street

Documents for Council’s consideration included:

1. Staff report dated April 6, 2026 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100844 (Bylaw No. 9554, 2025)";
 - a. Location and Existing Zoning Map;
 - b. Appendix "A" to Bylaw No. 9554; and
 - c. Letters of Support.

Moved By Councillor Polillo

Seconded By Councillor Klassen

That Council GIVES FIRST THREE READINGS of “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9554, 2025”.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Scott

Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council PERMITS that consideration of Final Reading of proposed Bylaw No. 9554, 2025 BE WITHHELD until the following requirements have been met to the satisfaction of Administration:

- a. Registration of a Section 219 Covenant on the legal title that restricts “Restaurant” use from occurring on the subject properties.

In addition, any recommendations presented in the preceding items must be addressed to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning and Development.

Carried Unanimously

D.8 Expanded Notification Area for Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100827 (Bylaw No. 9548)

Applicant: HyLand Properties on behalf of Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) British Columbia, Inc. No. S0008191

Location: 2000 Central Street E

Documents for Council’s consideration included:

1. Staff report dated May 8, 2026 from the Director of Planning and Development, titled "Expanded Notification Area for Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100827 (Bylaw No. 9548)";
 - a. Location and Existing Zoning Map; and
 - b. Exhibit “A” to RZ100827.

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council EXPANDS from 30 metres distance to the notification area shown on Exhibit “A” to RZ100827, as required in the "City of Prince George Development Procedures Bylaw No. 9423, 2023", for the mailing of notice of Third Reading for the City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9548, 2025".

Carried Unanimously

MANAGER OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES/CORPORATE OFFICER – ETHAN ANDERSON

D.9 Repeal and Replace the Election and Other Voting Procedures Bylaw

Moved By Councillor Scott

Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council GIVES FIRST THREE READINGS of “City of Prince George Election and Other Voting Procedures Bylaw No. 9629, 2026.”

Carried Unanimously

D.10 CNC Proposal regarding Trail Cameras

Councillor Frizzell declared a conflict of interest due to his employment with the College of New Caledonia, and exited Council Chambers at 7:33 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Ramsay

Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council APPROVES the proposal outlined in the March 19, 2026 letter from Zach Fleck, Project Planner for College of New Caledonia Research Forest Department, in support of research project, “Wild Neighbours: Supporting Coexistence with Wildlife in Urban Areas”, conditional on:

1. Approval of finalized privacy, camera deployment, and data management protocol by relevant City staff, including those responsible for privacy and parks management;
2. Completion of any other reviews or approval processes required to the satisfaction of relevant City staff.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Frizzell returned to Council Chambers at 7:37 p.m.

E. BYLAWS – FINAL READING AND ADOPTION

E.1 City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9616, 2026

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9616, 2026.”

Carried Unanimously

E.2 City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 9525, 2025, Amendment Bylaw No. 9590, 2025

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of “City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 9525, 2025, Amendment Bylaw No. 9590, 2025.”

Carried Unanimously

E.3 City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9591, 2025

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9591, 2025.”

Carried Unanimously

E.4 City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9593, 2025

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9593, 2025.”

Carried Unanimously

F. NOTICE OF MOTION

COUNCILOR TRUDY KLASSEN

F.1 Budget Transparency

COUNCILOR TIM BENNETT AND COUNCILLOR GARTH FRIZZELL

F.2 Emergency Support Services (ESS) Funding Model Review

COUNCILOR SUSAN SCOTT, COUNCILLOR GARTH FRIZZELL, AND COUNCILLOR KYLE SAMPSON

F.3 Establishing Free Curbside “Big Item” Waste Collection Days

G. CORRESPONDENCE

G.1 Correspondence dated May 10, 2026 from Linda Jearound, Co- founder, View Royal Climate Coalition: Density without Demolition (DWD) Roadmap - Pilot Proposal

G.2 Correspondence dated May 8, 2026 from Ross Siemens, Mayor, City of Abbotsford: Letter to The Honourable Brenda Bailey, Minister of Finance - Provincial Sales Tax Expansion

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council DIRECTS Administration to submit a letter on behalf of Mayor and Council to the BC Minister of Finance in support of the City of Abbotsford's correspondence dated May 8, 2026 from Mayor Ross Siemens regarding the provincial sales tax expansion.

Carried Unanimously

G.3 Correspondence dated May 12, 2026 from Bettina Johnson, Communications Support, NCLGA: Opportunity for Accord Signatories to Sign a Request for an Independent Expert Led Review of Universal Mental Health Care in British Columbia

G.4 Correspondence received May 11, 2026 from Glen Desjardine, Director of Operations BC, Ebus/Red Arrow's: Request for a Letter in Support of Continued Reliable Intercity Bus Service

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council REQUESTS the Mayor to send a letter in support of Ebus/Red Arrow's continued reliable intercity bus service.

Carried Unanimously

- G.5 Correspondence dated May 19, 2026 from Mayor Yu: Letter in Support of the BC Parks Foundation Grant Application to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities’ Growing Canada’s Community Canopies Initiative
- G.6 Correspondence dated May 19, 2026 from Chrisie Berry, Executive Director, Downtown Prince George: Downtown Security Camera Pilot Program Update and Expansion Funding Allocation Request

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council DIRECTS Administration to return a report to Council regarding the request for expanded funding allocation in support of the Downtown Security Camera Pilot Program, as outlined in the correspondence dated May 19, 2026 from Downtown Prince George, including information from business owners who have experienced success using private security services.

Carried Unanimously

- G.7 Correspondence dated May 19, 2026 from Dean Murdock, Mayor, The Corporation of the District of Saanich: BC Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP) - Funding Continuation
- G.8 Handout correspondence dated May 23, 2026 from Sherry Thibault in support of the expanded notification area regarding Application RZ100827 (2000 Central St E)
- G.9 Handout correspondence dated May 20, 2026 between Mayor Simon Yu and Superintendent Darrin Rappel, Prince George RCMP: State of Public Safety

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION correspondence agenda items G.1 to G.9.

Carried Unanimously

H. 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 7:53 P.M.

CHAIRPERSON

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