



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

July 6, 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 <6:00 p.m. to 7:18 p.m.>
Councillor Ron Polillo
Councillor Cori Ramsay
Councillor Kyle Sampson
Councillor Susan Scott
Councillor Brian Skakun

IN ATTENDANCE: Walter Babicz, City Manager
Deklan Corstanje, Manager of Economic Development/Acting 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 Klassen
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That the agenda for the regular meeting of Council scheduled for July 6, 2026, be amended by:

- Adding two new items of correspondence to agenda item E.3, and

- Moving agenda items D.5 and E.1, to be considered in that order immediately following 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 – June 22, 2026

Moved By Councillor Scott

Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That the minutes of the regular Council meeting held June 22, 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 Places of Belonging - PG

Presenters: Dr. Amelia Merrick and Rosita Chrano

Topic: Introduction of Places of Belonging PG Project

Moved By Councillor Klassen

Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council REFERS to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs for advocacy regarding the recommendations outlined in the presentation from Places of Belonging – PG, specifically:

1. Coordination and data hub;
2. Trauma-informed and de-escalation practices; and
3. Improved coordination of the standard of practice for restricted access.

Carried Unanimously

D. CONSENT AGENDA

D.5 Proposed Review of the Nuisance Abatement Bylaw

Councillor Frizzell exited Council Chambers at 6:59 p.m. and returned at 7:00 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated June 29, 2026 from the Director of Administrative Services, titled “Proposed Review of the Nuisance Abatement Bylaw”.

Carried Unanimously

E. REPORTS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND AUDIT - COUNCILLOR CORI RAMSAY, CHAIR

E.1 Permissive Tax Exemption Policy July 2026

Moved By Councillor Klassen
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council REFERS to the Standing Committee on Finance and Audit the matter of amendments to the Permissive Tax Exemption Policy for further consideration.

Defeated

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

Councillor Klassen exited Council Chambers at 7:18 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council APPROVES the revised Proposed Permissive Tax Exemption Policy to take effect for the 2028 budget year, as attached to the report dated June 26, 2026 from the Director of Finance and IT Services, titled “Permissive Tax Exemption Policy 2026”.

Carried Unanimously

D.1 June 24, 2026 Standing Committee on Finance and Audit Agenda

D.2 Library Skylight Renewal – Information and Budget Report

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated May 29, 2026 from the Director of Civic Facilities and Events, titled “Library Skylight Renewal - Information and Budget Report”.

Carried Unanimously

D.3 Prince George Aquatic Centre Construction Update

D.4 Food Charter and Food Policy Council Update # 3

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION consent agenda items D.1, D.3, and D.4.

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT - DEANNA WASNIK

E.2 Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100709

Applicant: Kirk Robert Gable
Location: 2592 Hazelton Street

Documents for Council's consideration included:

1. Staff report dated May 29, 2026, from the Director of Planning and Development, titled "Development Variance Permit No. VP100709";
 - a. Location and Existing Zoning Map;
 - b. Development Variance Permit No. VP100709;
 - c. Exhibit "A" to VP100709;
 - d. Supporting documents:
 - a. Riparian Assessment; and
 - b. Flood Hazard Exemption Report.

Moved By Councillor Bennett
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council APPROVES Development Variance Permit No. VP100709 to vary Sections 10.2.5 5. and 10.2.5 7. of "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007" for the property legally described as Lot 8, Block 8, District Lot 933, Cariboo District, Plan 727 as follows:

- a. Decrease the minimum front yard setback from 4.5 m to 1.2 m; and
- b. Decrease the minimum exterior side yard setback from 3.0 m to 1.2 m.

Carried Unanimously

E.3 Development Variance Permit Application No. VP2026-14

Applicant: Mehsem Holding Ltd., Inc. No. 450385
Location: 2239 Croft Road

Documents for Council's consideration included:

1. Staff report dated May 25 2026, from the Director of Planning and Development, titled "Development Variance Permit Application No. VP2026-

14";

- a. Locations and Existing Zoning Map;
- b. Development Variance Permit No. VP2026-14; and
- c. Exhibit "A" to VP2026-14.

Correspondence for Council's consideration include:

1. Correspondence dated June 29, 2026 from Mike and Vanessa Godfrey in opposition to the application;
2. Correspondence dated June 29, 2026 from Chris Arronge in opposition to the application;
3. Correspondence dated June 29, 2026 from Darrel Orosz in opposition to the application; and
4. Correspondence received June 30, 2026 from Celia Godin-James in opposition to the application.
5. Handout correspondence dated July 2, 2026 from Jim and Gayle Hesse noting concerns regarding the application; and
6. Handout correspondence dated July 3, 2026 from Krista French noting concerns regarding the application.

Moved By Councillor Skakun

Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council APPROVES Development Variance Permit No. VP2026-14 to vary "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007" for the property legally described as Lot A, District Lot 4046, Cariboo District, Plan 28244 (006-077-0123) as follows:

- a. Vary Section 10.1.5 8. by Decreasing the minimum rear yard setback of a principal building from 6.0 m to 1.17 m, as shown on Exhibit "A" to VP2026-14.

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council REFERS the main motion to Administration to return a report outlining legal considerations related to the City's position and financial implications regarding Development Variance Permit Application No. VP2026-014 at 2239 Croft Road.

Defeated

Mayor Yu and Councillors Frizzell, Polillo, Ramsay, and Skakun opposed.

Main motion.

Defeated

Mayor Yu and Councillors Bennett, Sampson, and Scott opposed.

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES – ERIC DEPENAU

E.4 Proposed Amendment to Smoke and Vape Free Places Bylaw No. 8591

Moved By Councillor Polillo

Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council GIVES FIRST THREE READINGS of the "City of Prince George Smoke and Vape Free Places Bylaw No. 8591, 2016, Amendment Bylaw 9624, 2026".

Carried Unanimously

E.5 Ongoing Nuisance Abatement Files – July 2026

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council ACKNOWLEDGES SATISFACTION of the active Nuisance Abatement Orders currently in effect on the properties located at civic address 7003 Adam Drive, 389 Nicholson Street, 1105 Vancouver Street and 4235 Quentin Avenue, as detailed in the report dated June 29, 2026 from the Director of Administrative Services, titled "Ongoing Nuisance Abatement Orders - July 2026".

Carried Unanimously

MANAGER OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES/CORPORATE OFFICER – ETHAN ANDERSON

E.6 Proposed Amendments to the Committees, Commissions and Boards Procedure Manual

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council APPROVES the amended "Committees, Commissions, and Boards Procedures Manual" as attached to the report dated June 16, 2026 from the Manager of Legislative Services, titled "Proposed Amendments to the Council Procedures Bylaw and the Committees, Commissions, and Boards Procedures Manual."

Carried Unanimously

F. BYLAWS - FINAL READING AND ADOPTION

F.1 City of Prince George 5-Year Operating and Capital Financial Plans Bylaw No. 9538, 2025, Amendment Bylaw No. 9623, 2026

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of “City of Prince George 5-Year Operating and Capital Financial Plans Bylaw No. 9538, 2025, Amendment Bylaw No. 9623, 2026”.

Carried Unanimously

F.2 City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9630, 2026

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9630, 2026".

Carried Unanimously

G. CORRESPONDENCE

G.1 Correspondence dated June 19, 2026 from Mayor Simon Yu: Letter in Support of the Recycling & Environmental Action Planning Society Application to BC Community Gaming Grant

G.2 Correspondence dated June 26, 2026 from Jose E. Auffray, Country Director, Nilhts'i Ecoener Energy Corp (NILHST'I): Request for a Letter in Support of the Energy Resource Activity Act (ERAA) submission of Nilhts'i Ecoener Wind Project

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION correspondence items G.1 and G.2.

Carried Unanimously

H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Councillor Polillo

Seconded By Councillor Skakun

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

Carried Unanimously

THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 8:12 P.M.

CHAIRPERSON

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