



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

September 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 Cori Ramsay
Councillor Kyle Sampson
Councillor Susan Scott
Councillor Brian Skakun <6:00 p.m. to 9:18 p.m.>

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 Bennett
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That the agenda for the regular meeting of Council scheduled for September 23, 2026 be amended by:

- Adding seven new items of correspondence to agenda item D.6;
- Adding one new item of correspondence to agenda item D.8;

- Moving agenda item D.3, D.4, and D.5 to be considered immediately following agenda item G.1; and

that the agenda, BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

Carried Unanimously

B. MINUTES

B.1 Adoption of the Regular Council Meeting Minutes – September 9, 2026

Moved By Councillor Polillo

Seconded By Councillor Scott

That the minutes of the regular Council meeting held September 9, 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

D. REPORTS

DIRECTOR OF CIVIC FACILITIES AND EVENTS – ANDY BEESLEY

D.3 2026 Civic Facilities Master Plan

Councillor Polillo and Councillor Skakun exited Council Chambers at 6:19 p.m. and returned at 6:20 p.m.

Councillor Skakun exited Council Chambers at 6:53 p.m. and returned at 6:55 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Ramsay

Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council DIRECTS Administration to include additional condition assessment details in future building condition reports, consistent with the level of detail provided in Table 1: Summary of Building Systems Conditions in the January 26, 2019 report titled “Civic Facilities Assessment.”

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Scott

Seconded By Councillor Klassen

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated September 10, 2026 from the Director of Civic Facilities & Events, titled “2026 Civic Facilities Master Plan”.

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – DEANNA WASNIK

D.4 Civic Core Business Case Project Update

Moved By Councillor Ramsay

Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council ENDORSES:

a) recommended: Option A, with a 2000 seat arena to be constructed on the Four Seasons Leisure Pool site, and with the performing arts centre, constructed on the Kopar Memorial Arena site, with seating amended to include:

- an 800-seat concert hall;
- a 350-seat theatre; and
- a 250-seat black box theatre; and

b) Option D;

for the purpose of finalizing the financial analysis and funding considerations required to complete the Civic Core Business Case, as identified in the report and presentation dated September 4, 2026, from the Director of Planning and Development titled “Civic Core Business Case Project Update”.

Moved By Councillor Klassen

Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council POSTPONES consideration of the main motion to the November 30, 2026 regular Council meeting.

Carried

Councillors Frizzell, Ramsay, Sampson, and Scott opposed.

Moved By Councillor Bennett

Seconded By Councillor Klassen

That Council DIRECTS Administration to host a lunch and learn session with the new Council following the 2026 general local election regarding the Civic Core Business Case Project before the November 30, 2026 regular Council meeting.

Carried Unanimously

Mayor Yu called a recess of the Regular Council meeting at 8:00 p.m.

The Regular Council meeting reconvened at 8:09 p.m.

The attendance of Council and Staff was the same as at the time the recess was called.

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council AMENDS the agenda by moving agenda item D.9 to be considered immediately following agenda item D.5.

Carried Unanimously

D.5 Wildfire Mitigation Update

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the staff report dated September 2, 2026 from the Director of Planning and Development titled “Wildfire Mitigation Update”.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council SUBMITS correspondence to the Province emphasizing the importance of FireSmart initiatives and a dedicated FireSmart coordinator in the community, and advocating for sustained funding beyond 2027.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Klassen
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council DIRECTS Administration to issue requests for proposals for mechanized and manual thinning, with annual treatment targets over the next five years.

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council AMENDS the main motion by replacing the word “proposals” with “information”.

Carried

Councillors Polillo, Ramsay, Sampson and Skakun opposed.

Main motion as amended.

Defeated

Councillors Bennett, Polillo, Ramsay, Sampson, Scott, and Skakun opposed.

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES – ERIC DEPENAU

D.9 Emergency Programs Funding Model Review

Councillor Skakun exited Council Chambers at 8:57 p.m. and returned at 8:59 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Ramsay

Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council DIRECTS Administration to engage with the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George to explore regional service delivery and cost-sharing models for emergency management programs and services, and report back to Council on potential options.

Defeated

Mayor Yu and Councillors Frizzell, Klassen, Polillo, Scott, and Skakun opposed.

Councillor Skakun exited Council Chambers at 9:18 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated September 8, 2026 from the Director of Administrative Services, titled “Emergency Programs Funding Model Review”.

Carried Unanimously

C. CONSENT AGENDA

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

C.2 Prince George Aquatic Centre Project Update September 2026

C.3 City Advertising Expenditures

C.4 Q2 2026 (April to June) Council Expense Summaries

Moved By Councillor Bennett

Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION Consent Agenda items C.1 to C.4.

Carried Unanimously

D. REPORTS

COUNCILLOR TRUDY KLASSEN

D.1 Capital Project Priorities

Councillor Frizzell exited Council Chambers at 9:21 p.m. and returned at 9:23 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Klassen

Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council DIRECTS staff to include two additional columns in the 2027-2031 Capital Plan Budget:

1. A column indicating the urgency of each individual item or initiative within its respective category, assessed on a scale of Low, Medium, or High priority; and
2. A column indicating the overall urgency of each item or initiative across the entire Capital Plan Budget, assessed on the same scale of Low, Medium, or High priority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff develop and document clear criteria for assigning these urgency ratings and present the updated format as part of the draft 2027-2031 Budget Financial Plan process.

The main motion was withdrawn by unanimous consent of Council.

Moved By Councillor Klassen

Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council DIRECTS Administration to include rationale in the project description of the Capital Plan that details the consequence of not moving forward with the project

Moved By Councillor Ramsay

Seconded By Councillor Klassen

That Council AMENDS the main motion by adding the Building condition assessment data where applicable including the full Builder table from the condition assessment report in the report card section of the Financial Plan

Carried

Councillor Polillo opposed.

Main motion as amended.

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council DEFERS consideration of the main motion until after the matter of how Council considers capital projects and the information needed for that consideration is discussed at a future Council strategic planning session.

Defeated

Mayor Yu and Councillors Frizzell, Klassen, Polillo, and Scott opposed.

Main motion as amended.

Carried

Councillor Scott opposed.

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND AUDIT – COUNCILLOR CORI RAMSAY,
CHAIR**

D.2 2027 Permissive Tax Exemptions

Councillor Polillo declared a pecuniary and non-pecuniary conflict of interest due to his employment with AiMHi and his volunteer position with The Italian Club and exited Council Chambers at 9:48 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council EXTENDS the regular Council meeting to 11:00 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Bennett

Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council GIVES FIRST THREE READINGS of “City of Prince George Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 9504, 2024, Amendment Bylaw No. 9643, 2026”.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Polillo returned to Council Chambers at 9:50 p.m.

D.6 Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ2025-104 (Bylaw No. 9595)

Applicant: L&M Engineering Ltd. on behalf of Kidd Real Estate Holdings Ltd., Inc.
No. BC821509

Location: 5058 Ferguson Lake Road

Documents for Council's consideration included:

1. Staff report dated August 25, 2026 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ2025-104 (Bylaw No. 9595)";
 - a. Location and Existing Zoning Map;
 - b. Appendix "A" to Bylaw No. 9595; and
 - c. Supporting documents:
 - i. Servicing Suitability Study.

Correspondence for Council's consideration included:

1. Correspondence dated September 14, 2026 from Tristan Pearce in opposition to the application;
2. Correspondence dated September 14, 2026 from Brittney Creuzot noting concerns regarding the application;
3. Correspondence dated September 14, 2026 from Samantha Sabatino in opposition to the application;
4. Correspondence dated September 14, 2026 from Kassy Meroniuk noting concerns regarding the application;
5. Correspondence dated September 14, 2026 from Dennis Ward noting concerns regarding the application;
6. Correspondence dated September 14, 2026 from Kathy Flieger in opposition to the application;
7. Correspondence dated September 14, 2026 from Donna Bornholdt noting concerns regarding the application;
8. Correspondence dated September 15, 2026 from Kara Merik in opposition to the application;
9. Correspondence dated September 15, 2026 from George Merik in opposition to the application;
10. Correspondence dated September 16, 2026 from Karen Tardif in opposition to the application; and
11. Correspondence dated September 17, 2026 from Amy Taylor noting concerns regarding the application.
12. Handout: Correspondence dated September 18, 2026 from Lauren Boyd noting concerns regarding the application;
13. Handout: Correspondence dated September 21, 2026 from Pam Liimatainen noting concerns regarding the application;
14. Handout: Correspondence received on September 22, 2026 from Ashley Thandi, Senior Community Planner, L&M Engineering (Applicant) in support of the application;
15. Handout: Correspondence dated September 22, 2026 from Dana Thomas noting concerns regarding the application;
16. Handout: Correspondence dated September 22, 2026 from Cristine Loveng noting concerns regarding the application;
17. Handout: Correspondence dated September 23, 2026 from Krista Desmond noting concerns regarding the application; and
18. Handout: Correspondence dated September 23, 2026 from Jayme Peterson in opposition to the application.

Moved By Mayor Yu
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council GIVES FIRST THREE READINGS of “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9595, 2025”.

Carried Unanimously

D.7 Official Community Plan Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ2026-014 (Bylaw No. 9632) and Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ2026-014 (Bylaw No. 9633)

Applicant: L&M Engineering Ltd. on behalf of 1261775 B.C. Ltd., Inc. No. BC1261775

Location: Inglewood Road (PID: 017-472-300)

Documents for Council's consideration included:

1. Staff report dated August 27, 2026 from the Director of Planning and Development, titled "Official Community Plan Amendment Application No. RZ2026-014 (Bylaw No. 9632); and Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ2026-014 (Bylaw No. 9633)";
 - a. Location and Existing Zoning Map;
 - b. Appendix "A" to Bylaw No. 9632;
 - c. Appendix "A" to Bylaw No. 9633;
 - d. Exhibit "A" to Application No. RZ2026-014;
 - e. Supporting Documents:
 - i. Servicing Suitability Report; and
 - ii. Trip Generation Letter.

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council GIVES FIRST READING of "City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 9525, 2025, Amendment Bylaw No. 9632, 2026".

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council CONSIDERS "City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 9525, 2025, Amendment Bylaw No. 9632, 2026", in conjunction with the current Financial Plan and confirm there are no issues.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Bennett

Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council CONSIDERS "City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 9525, 2025, Amendment Bylaw No. 9632, 2026", in conjunction with the current Regional District Solid Waste Management Plan; and confirm there are no issues.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council CONSIDERS “City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 9525, 2025, Amendment Bylaw No. 9632, 2026”, in conjunction with the City of Prince George Strategic Framework for a Sustainable Prince George and confirm there are no issues.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Bennett
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council GIVES SECOND READING of “City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 9525, 2025, Amendment Bylaw No. 9632, 2026”.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Klassen

That Council APPROVES the following public consultation process to fulfill the requirements of Section 475 of the Local Government Act:

- a. Request for written comment from properties identified on Exhibit “A” to RZ2026-014;
- b. Publish notification of public consultation in accordance with the “City of Prince George Public Notice Bylaw No. 9329, 2022”; and
- c. One (1) public meeting.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Bennett
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council EXPANDS from 30 metres distance to the notification area shown on Exhibit “A” to RZ2026-014, as required in the "City of Prince George Development Procedures Bylaw No. 9423, 2023", for the mailing of notice of the public hearing for the "City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 9525, 2025, Amendment Bylaw No. 9632, 2026" and "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7580, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9633, 2026."

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council GIVES FIRST AND SECOND READING of “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9633, 2026”.

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 Development Variance Permit Application No. VP2026-19

Applicant: Chernoff Thompson Architects North on behalf of Mayross Ventures Incorporated, Inc. No. BC1295460
Location: 1115 La Salle Ave

Documents for Council's consideration included:

1. Staff report dated August 18, 2026 from the Director of Planning and Development, titled "Development Variance Permit Application No. VP2026-19";
 - a. Location and Existing Map;
 - b. Development Variance Permit No. VP2026-19;
 - c. Exhibit "A" to VP2026-19;
 - d. Site Plan and Elevation Drawings; and
 - e. Rationale Letter

Correspondence for Council's consideration included:

1. Correspondence received on September 22, 2026 from Crystal Higman in opposition to the application.

Moved By Councillor Polillo

Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council APPROVES Development Variance Permit No. VP2026-19 to vary "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007" for the property legally described as Parcel B Block 12 District Lot 933 Cariboo District Plan 727 [032-139-047] as follows:

- a. Vary Section 10.11.5 6. by Decreasing the minimum interior side yard setback from 3 m to 1.8 m, as shown on Exhibit "A" to VP2026-19.
- b. Vary Section 10.11.5 7. by Decreasing the minimum exterior side yard setback from 3 m to 1.82 m, as shown on Exhibit "A" to VP2026-19.

Carried Unanimously

E. NOTICE OF MOTION

COUNCILLOR KYLE SAMPSON, COUNCILLOR SUSAN SCOTT AND COUNCILLOR BRIAN SKAKUN

E.1 Cremation Capacity and Access

This notice of motion will be considered at the October 5, 2026 regular Council meeting.

F. CORRESPONDENCE

- F.1 Correspondence dated September 8, 2026 from Martin Johansen, Mayor, Town of Oliver: Letter in Support of the City of Prince George's UBCM Resolution regarding the Northern-Rural Homeowners Grant**

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council SUBMITS correspondence in thanks to the local governments who extended their written support for the City's UBCM resolution regarding the Northern-Rural Homeowners Grant.

Carried Unanimously

- F.2 Correspondence dated September 9, 2026 from Maria McFaddin, Mayor, City of Castlegar: Letter in Support of the City of Prince George's UBCM Resolution regarding the Northern-Rural Homeowners Grant**

- F.3 Correspondence dated September 9, 2026 from Lara Beckett, Chair, Regional District of Fraser-Fort George Board of Directors: Request for a Letter in Support of the Regional District's Application to the 2026-2027 UBCM Community-to-Community Program**

Moved By Councillor Ramsay

Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council REQUESTS the Mayor provide a letter in support of the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George's application to the 2026 – 2027 UBCM Community-to-Community program.

Carried Unanimously

- F.4 Correspondence dated September 4, 2026 from Ron Oszust, Mayor, Town of Golden: Letter in Support of the City of Prince George's UBCM Resolution regarding the Northern-Rural Homeowners Grant**

- F.5 Correspondence dated September 10, 2026 from Laura H Graham: Letter regarding Urban Bee Hives Allowance**

- F.6 Correspondence dated September 11, 2026 from Leroy Dekens, Mayor, Village of Telkwa: Letter in Support of the City of Prince George's UBCM Resolution regarding the Northern-Rural Homeowners Grant**

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Klassen

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION correspondence items F.1 to F.6.

Carried Unanimously

G. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Scott

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

Carried Unanimously

THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 10:04 P.M.

CHAIRPERSON

CERTIFIED CORRECT