

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of the City of Prince George, held in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 1100 Patricia Boulevard, Prince George, BC, on March 6, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

### PRESENT:

Acting Mayor Albert Koehler, Chairperson

Councillor Everitt <via telephone>  
Councillor Frizzell  
Councillor Krause  
Councillor McConnachie  
Councillor Merrick  
Councillor Scott

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Kathleen **Soltis**, City Manager; Mr. Walter **Babicz**, General Manager of Administrative Services; Mr. Kris **Dalio**, Director of Finance; Mr. Ian **Wells**, General Manager of Planning and Development; Mr. Dave **Dyer**, General Manager of Engineering and Public Works; Mr. Rob **Whitwham**, General Manager of Community Services; Mr. Rob **van Adrichem**, Director of External Relations; and Ms. Leslie **Jackson**, Legislative Assistant.

### A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION:**

Moved by Councillor McConnachie, seconded by Councillor Frizzell, that the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council scheduled for March 6, 2017, be amended by adding new report item F.7: Northern Development Initiative Trust – Grant Application – Project #4932-70 and that the agenda BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

Carried Unanimously

### B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

#### B.1 Report dated February 23, 2017 from Walter Babicz, General Manager of Administrative Services, regarding Adoption of Minutes.

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION:**

Moved by Councillor Scott, seconded by Councillor Merrick, that the minutes of the regular Council meeting held February 20, 2017 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 and bylaws passed and adopted by Council at that meeting.

Carried Unanimously

### C. DELEGATIONS

#### C.1 North College Park Support Group

Mr. George Church, Mr. Miles Hogan, Ms. Barbara Old and Mr. Peter Hill (Members of the North College Park Support Group) provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding their opposition to any future development in North College Park, including information regarding previous development proposals, 2015 site excavation activity, and a petition submitted to the City that included 935 signatures in opposition to future development in North College Park. Council was requested to consider designating North College Park land as a dedicated park under Section 30 of the *Community Charter*.

Discussion commenced. W. Babicz, General Manager of Administrative Services, I. Wells, General Manager of Planning and Development and G. Layte Liston, Director of Public Works, responded to questions of Council.

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION:**

Moved by Councillor Merrick, seconded by Councillor McConnachie, that the request by the North College Park Support Group for Council's consideration of designating North College Park as a dedicated park by bylaw under section 30 of the *Community Charter* NOT BE REFERRED to Administration.

Carried Unanimously

Acting Mayor Koehler called a recess at 6:38 p.m. to 6:41 pm.

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

**C.2 Prince George Youth Action Team**

Mr. Myles Mattila, Co-Chair, and Ms. Jillian Hooper, Youth Action Team Member, Prince George Youth Action Team, provided a presentation regarding the “Northern Balancing Our Minds Youth Summit” to be held in Prince George on May 24, 2017 including information on the event aimed towards youth about mental health wellness.

Discussion commenced.

**D. CONSENT AGENDA**

**D.1** Report dated February 24, 2017 from Walter Babicz, General Manager of Administrative Services, regarding Citizen Appointments to the Prince George Heritage Commission and the Prince George Public Library Board.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:**

Moved by Councillor Frizzell, seconded by Councillor McConnachie, that Consent Agenda item D.1, BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION.

**Carried Unanimously**

**F. REPORTS**

**MAYOR**

**F.1** Report dated February 22, 2017 from Mayor Lyn Hall regarding Nomination of Council Representative to the Canadian Urban Transit Association’s Transit Board Members Committee.

Ms. Kathleen Soltis, City Manager provided a brief overview of the subject report.

Discussion commenced and W. Babicz, General Manager of Administrative Services, responded to questions of Council.

Councillor Krause nominated Councillor Merrick as the Council Representative to the Canadian Urban Transit Associations’ Transit Board Members Committee. Councillor Merrick accepted the nomination.

Councilor Frizzell nominated Councillor Scott as the Council Representative to the Canadian Urban Transit Associations’ Transit Board Members Committee. Councillor Scott accepted the nomination.

Councillor Everitt exited the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Ballots were distributed to Council and W. Babicz, General Manager of Administration announced the results of the vote indicating a tie vote. A second set of ballots were distributed to Council and W. Babicz, General Manager of Administrative Services, announced the results of the voted as a tie vote.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:**

Moved by Councillor McConnachie, seconded by Councillor Krause, that Council POSTPONES to the next regular meeting of Council the appointment of one (1) of its members to serve as a City of Prince George Council Representative on the Canadian Urban Transit Association’s (CUTA) Transit Board Members Committee (TBMC) until the 2018 general local election.

**Carried Unanimously**

Councillor Everitt returned to the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

**E. INFORMAL HEARINGS – COMMENCING AT 7:09 P.M.**

Councillor Everitt exited the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of Council adjourned to the Informal Hearing at 7:09 p.m.

**Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100470**

**E.1 Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100470 to vary the “City of Prince George Sign Bylaw No. 7202, 2001”**

APPLICANT: James Wankel for NV Management Inc., Inc. No. BC0334239  
LOCATION: 4795 Continental Way

Council considered the following documentation in conjunction with Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100470:

1. Staff Report dated February 16, 2017 from Ian Wells, General Manager of Planning and Development regarding Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100470 to vary the “City of Prince George Sign Bylaw No. 7202, 2001”;
2. Location and Existing Zoning Map;
3. Development Variance Permit No. VP100470;
4. Exhibit “A” to VP100470;
5. Exhibit “B” to VP100470;
6. Correspondence Dated March 6, 2017 from James Wankel (Applicant) in Support of the Application.

Discussion commenced and I. Wells, General Manager of Planning and Development, responded to questions of Council.

Applicant:

Mr. James Wankel, Applicant, attended Centre Table and spoke in support of the application noting that identical animated signs have been previously permitted within the city.

Discussion commenced. Mr. Wankel, applicant, and I. Wells, General Manager of Planning and Development, responded to questions of Council.

Gallery:

Mr. Gary Neilsen, General Manager of Cap-it Prince George, attended Centre Table and spoke in support of the application noting the precedent within the city for similar animated signs and that a more visible sign is necessary for the success of his business.

**The Hearing adjourned to the Regular Meeting of Council at 7:22 p.m.**

Regular Meeting of Council (7:22 p.m.)

Discussion commenced.

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LOCATION: 4795 Continental Way

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:**

Moved by Councillor Frizzell, seconded by Councillor Krause, that Council DENIES Development Variance Permit No. VP100470 to vary “City of Prince George Sign Bylaw No. 7202, 2001” for Lot 14, District Lot 745, Cariboo District, Plan 29700, as follows:

- a. Vary Table 2 to increase the total sign area per site from 2% of the ground floor area of the principal building to 17.5% of the ground floor area of the principal building;
- b. Vary Table 3A to increase the maximum area per sign from 15 m<sup>2</sup> to 24 m<sup>2</sup>, as shown on Exhibit “A” to VP100470;
- c. Vary Table 3A to increase the maximum number of signs per site from 1 to 2, as shown in Exhibit “A” to VP100470; and
- d. Vary Table 4 to allow animated signs within the M3: Business Industrial zone, as shown on Exhibit “B” to VP100470.

**Carried**

**Councillor McConnachie opposed.**

Acting Mayor Koehler called a recess at 7:31 p.m. to 7:33 pm.

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

Councillor Everitt returned to the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

**F.2 COUNCIL COMMITTEE – SELECT COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

Report dated March 6, 2017 from Councillor Murry Krause, Chair of the Select Committee on Homelessness and Affordable Housing, regarding Dissolution of the Select Committee on Homelessness and Affordable Housing and Establishment of a Select Committee on A Healthy City Framework.

Councillor Krause introduced the report to Council regarding the Dissolution of the Select Committee on Homelessness and Affordable Housing and Establishment of a Select Committee on a Healthy City Framework. Ms. Chris Bone, Manager of Social Planning, attended Centre Table and provided an overview of the report to Council including information regarding the purpose of the proposed new Select Committee and its draft Terms of Reference.

Discussion commenced. C. Bone, Manager of Social Planning, and Councillor Krause responded to questions of Council.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:**

**Moved by Councillor Krause, seconded by Councillor Scott, that Council APPROVES the establishment of a Select Committee on A Healthy City Framework.**

**Carried Unanimously**

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:**

**Moved by Councillor McConnachie, seconded by Councillor Merrick, that Council APPROVES the proposed Terms of Reference for a Select Committee on A Healthy City Framework.**

**Carried Unanimously**

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:**

**Moved by Councillor Scott, seconded by Councillor Frizzell, that Council DISSOLVES the Select Committee on Homelessness and Affordable Housing.**

**Carried Unanimously**

**GENERAL MANAGER OF ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS**

**F.3 Report dated February 22, 2017 from Dave Dyer, General Manager of Engineering and Public Works, regarding 2016 Utilities Division Activities.**

Ms. Gina Layte-Liston, Director of Public Works, provided a brief introduction to the subject report. Mr. Wil Wedel, Manager of Utilities, attended Centre Table and provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding 2016 Utilities Division Activities including information on capital works projects, maintenance activities, sewer and water service requests, source control program, and a 2017 Utilities Division action plan.

Discussion commenced. W. Wedel, Manager of Utilities, and G. Layte Liston, Director of Public Works, responded to questions of Council.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:**

**Moved by Councillor Frizzell, seconded by Councillor Scott, that the report dated February 22, 2017 from the General Manager of Engineering and Public Works titled “2016 Utilities Division Activities”, BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION.**

**Carried Unanimously**

**F.4 GENERAL MANAGER OF COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Report dated February 24, 2017 from Rob Whitwham, General Manager of Community Services, regarding SportPG – Sport Event Hosting Grant.

Discussion commenced. R. Whitwham, General Manager of Community Services, and B. Beckett, Manager of Community Partnerships, responded to questions of Council.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:**

Moved by Councillor Everitt, seconded by Councillor Scott, that Council APPROVES the general process for accessing the Major Events Reserve as described in the report dated February 24, 2017 from the General Manager of Community Services titled “SportPG – Sport Event Hosting Grant”.

Carried Unanimously

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:**

Moved by Councillor McConnachie, seconded by Councillor Frizzell, that Council APPROVES up to seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) per year for a “SportPG” – Sport Event Hosting Grant Program with funds allocated from the Major Events Reserve.

Carried Unanimously

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:**

Moved by Councillor Krause, seconded by Councillor Everitt, that Council APPROVES that Administration partner with Tourism Prince George for the purpose of developing criteria and adjudicating the “SportPG” Grant Program.

Carried Unanimously

**GENERAL MANAGER OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

**F.5** Report dated February 20, 2017 from Ian Wells, General Manager of Planning and Development, regarding Rezoning Application No. RZ100547 (Bylaw No. 8827, 2017).

**F.6** City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 8827, 2017

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:**

Moved by Councillor Frizzell, seconded by Councillor McConnachie, that Council GIVES FIRST and SECOND READINGS to “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 8827, 2017” to rezone Lot 13, District Lot 3050, Cariboo District, Plan 8332 and Lot A, District Lot 3050, Cariboo District, Plan 2002 Except Plans 20750 and 34971 from AR3: Rural Residential to RT3: Residential Cluster and AG: Greenbelt, as shown on Appendix “A” to Bylaw No. 8827, 2017.

Carried Unanimously

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:**

Moved by Councillor Krause, seconded by Councillor Frizzell, that the Public Hearing for proposed Bylaw No. 8827, 2017 BE WITHELD until the following requirement has been met to the satisfaction of Administration:

- a. Receipt of a Traffic Impact Analysis.

Carried Unanimously

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:**

Moved by Councillor McConnachie, seconded by Councillor Frizzell, that Final Reading of proposed Bylaw No. 8827, 2017 BE WITHELD until the following requirement has been met to the satisfaction of Administration:

- a. Receipt of a Servicing Brief.

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

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS

- F.7 Report dated March 3, 2017 from Rob van Adrichem, Director of External Relations, regarding Northern Development Initiative Trust – Grant Application – Project #4932 – 70.

Mr. Rob van Adrichem, Director of External Relations, attended Centre Table and provided an overview of the report. Discussion commenced and R. van Adrichem, Director of External Relations, responded to questions of Council.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:**

Moved by Councillor McConnachie, seconded by Councillor Scott, that Council SUPPORTS the City of Prince George application to Northern Development Initiative Trust's 'Community Halls and Recreation Facilities' grant program for a grant of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to extend the hard-surface landscaping for the Lheidli T'enneh Memorial Park Pavilion.

**Carried Unanimously**

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

- G.1 City of Prince George Purchasing Bylaw No. 8841, 2017

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:**

Moved by Councillor Merrick, seconded by Councillor McConnachie, that “City of Prince George Purchasing Bylaw No. 8841, 2017”, BE GRANTED FINAL READING AND ADOPTION.

**Carried Unanimously**

- G.2 Rustad Park Dedicated Pathway Closure Bylaw No. 8842, 2017

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:**

Moved by Councillor McConnachie, seconded by Councillor Krause, that “Rustad Park Dedicated Pathway Closure Bylaw No. 8842, 2017”, BE GRANTED FINAL READING AND ADOPTION.

**Carried Unanimously**

- G.3 City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 8828, 2016

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:**

Moved by Councillor Merrick, seconded by Councillor Scott, that “City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 8828, 2016”, BE GRANTED FINAL READING AND ADOPTION.

**Carried Unanimously**

- G.4 City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 8829, 2016

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:**

Moved by Councillor Scott, seconded by Councillor McConnachie, that “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 8829, 2016”, BE GRANTED FINAL READING AND ADOPTION.

**Carried Unanimously**

H. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Councillors Krause, Frizzell and Merrick requested further consideration of Correspondence items H.1, H.2, H.3, H.5 and H.6.

**H.1** Mike Bundock, First Vice President, Elder Citizens Recreation Association: Reduction of Gaming Grant Funding

Discussion commenced.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:**

Moved by Councillor Krause, seconded by Councillor McConnachie, that Council DIRECTS Administration to write a letter on behalf of City Council to the local Members of the Legislative Assembly in support of the letter dated February 20, 2017 from the Elder Citizens Recreation Association.

**Carried Unanimously**

**H.2** Mike Bundock, First Vice President, Elder Citizens Recreation Association: Request for Resolution in Support of a Grant Application to Northern Development Initiative Trust

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:**

Moved by Councillor Krause, seconded by Councillor McConnachie, that Council SUPPORTS the application from the Elder Citizens Recreation Association to Northern Development Initiative Trust's 'Community Halls and Recreation Facilities' grant program for a grant of up to thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for their kitchen expansion project.

**Carried Unanimously**

**H.3** Tony Parent, Head of Maintenance and Rochelle Sucholotosky, President, Kinsmen Club of Prince George: Request for Resolution in Support of a Grant Application to Northern Development Initiative Trust

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:**

Moved by Councillor Frizzell, seconded by Councillor Scott, that Council SUPPORTS the application to Northern Development Initiative Trust from The Kinsmen Club of Prince George for a 'Community Halls and Recreation Facilities' grant program for a grant of up to thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) from the Prince George Regional Development Account to replace the east-wing section of roof on the Kinsmen Community Complex located at 777 Kinsmen Place.

**Carried Unanimously**

**H.4** Mayor Jim Garlick, District of Coldstream: Provincial Private Moorage Program

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:**

Moved by Councillor Everitt, seconded by Councillor Frizzell, that Correspondence item H.4, BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION.

**Carried Unanimously**

**H.5** Kelsy Polnik, Game Quest: Request to Amend the "City of Prince George Second-Hand Dealers and Pawnbrokers Bylaw No. 8098, 2008" regarding Collectible and Trading Cards

Discussion commenced and I. Wells, General Manager of Planning and Development, responded to questions of Council.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:**

Moved by Councillor Merrick, seconded by Councillor Frizzell, that Council REFERS to Administration the request for amendments to the "City of Prince George Second-Hand Dealers and Pawnbrokers Bylaw No. 8098, 2008" regarding collectible and trading cards for consideration and report back to Council.

**Carried Unanimously**

**H.6** Heather O'Hara, Executive Director and Wylie Bystedt, Board of Directors President, BC Association of Farmers' Markets: BC Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program in Prince George

Discussion commenced.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:**

Moved by Councillor Merrick, seconded by Councillor Krause, that Council PROVIDES a letter of support to the BC Association of Farmers' Markets in support of the BC Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program in Prince George.

**Carried Unanimously**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:**

Moved by Councillor Everitt, seconded by Councillor Merrick, that there being no further business, the Regular Meeting of Council, BE ADJOURNED.

**Carried Unanimously**

THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 8:37 P.M.

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CHAIRPERSON

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