



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

August 30, 2021

6:00 pm

Council Chambers of City Hall

1100 Patricia Boulevard, Prince George, BC

PRESENT:

- Mayor Lyn Hall, Chair
- Councillor Frank Everitt
- Councillor Murry Krause <via Zoom>
- Councillor Terri McConnachie
- Councillor Cori Ramsay
- Councillor Kyle Sampson
- Councillor Susan Scott
- Councillor Brian Skakun

IN ATTENDANCE:

- Mr. Walter Babicz, City Manager
- Ms. Tiina Schaeffer, Manager of Infrastructure Planning and Engineering
- Mr. Kris Dalio, Director of Finance
- Mr. Blake McIntosh, Acting Director of Civic Operations
- Mr. Adam Davey, Director of Community Services and Public Safety
- Ms. Maureen Connelly, Manager of Legislative Services
- Ms. Leslie Kellett, Legislative Coordinator

A. ADOPTION OF THE AMENDED AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That the agenda for the regular meeting of Council scheduled for August 30, 2021, be amended by replacing Appendix "A" at agenda item D.1, adding three items of correspondence at agenda item D.6, adding two items of correspondence as agenda items F.8 and F.9, and moving agenda items E.1 and E.2 to be considered immediately following agenda item C.2, and that the agenda, BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

Carried Unanimously

B. MINUTES

B.1 Adoption of Minutes - August 16, 2021

Moved By Councillor Everitt

Seconded By Councillor Scott

That the attached minutes of the regular Council meeting held August 16, 2021, 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. DELEGATION(S)

C.1 BC Assembly of First Nations

Presenters: Regional Chief Terry Teegee, BC Assembly of First Nations, and Dr. Joseph Hermer, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Toronto

Topic: Impact that the proposed Safe Streets Bylaw will have on First Nations people in Prince George

Regional Chief Terry Teegee, BC Assembly of First Nations, and Dr. Joseph Hermer, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Toronto, spoke of concerns regarding impacts the proposed Safe Streets Bylaw will have on indigenous people in Prince George noting that the enactment of the bylaw will reduce the ability of the community to address the needs, safety, and inclusion of homeless and vulnerable people.

Discussion commenced and Regional Chief Teegee responded to questions of Council.

C.2 Together We Stand

Presenters: Amelia Merrick, Researcher, and Maybelline John, Together We Stand

Topic: Community-driven Solutions to Support Prince George's Housing Crisis

Ms. Amelia Merrick and Ms. Maybelline John, Together We Stand, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding community-driven solutions to support the Prince George housing crisis including information on Together We Stand, and concerns and consultation conducted by Together We Stand regarding the proposed “City of Prince George Safe Streets Bylaw No. 9209, 2021.”

Discussion commenced. Ms. Merrick and Ms. John responded to questions of Council.

C.3 Millar Addition Connaught Concerned Citizens Committee

Presenter: Alissa Nyheim-Rivet, Committee Member and Tammy Hull, Committee Member

Topic: Tent City in the Lower Patricia Boulevard and Fifth Avenue Area

Ms. Alissa Nyheim-Rivet and Ms. Tammy Hull, Committee Members, Millar Addition - Connaught Concerned Citizens Committee, provided a presentation regarding the tent city located on lower Patricia Boulevard and spoke of concerns to the safety of the residents in the Millar Addition and Connaught neighbourhoods.

Discussion commenced. Ms. Nyheim-Rivet, Ms. Hull, and A. Davey, Director of Community Services and Public Safety, responded to questions of Council.

Councillor McConnachie exited Council Chambers at 7:10 p.m. and returned at 7:12 p.m.

E. BYLAWS - FINAL READING AND ADOPTION

E.1 City of Prince George Safe Streets Bylaw No. 9209, 2021

Discussion commenced and A. Davey, Director of Community Services and Public Safety, responded to questions of Council.

Moved By Councillor McConnachie

Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION to "City of Prince George Safe Streets Bylaw No. 9209, 2021."

Carried

Councillors Everitt, Krause and Ramsay opposed.

E.2 City of Prince George Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw No. 8813, 2016, Amendment Bylaw No. 9210, 2021

Moved By Councillor McConnachie

Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION to "City of Prince George Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw No. 8813, 2016, Amendment Bylaw No. 9210, 2021."

Carried

Councillors Everitt, Krause, and Ramsay opposed.

Mayor Hall called a recess of the Regular Council Meeting at 8:10 p.m.

The Regular Council Meeting reconvened at 8:21 p.m.

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

D. REPORTS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RESOLUTIONS - COUNCILLOR BRIAN SKAKUN, CHAIR

D.1 Resolution Submission to the UBCM Executive Regarding No Barrier Housing

Discussion commenced and M. Connelly, Manager of Legislative Services, responded to questions of Council.

Moved By Councillor Skakun
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council:

1. *APPROVES the resolution attached as Appendix A to the report dated August 16, 2021 from the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Resolutions titled “2021 UBCM Resolution regarding No Barrier Housing Options” to be submitted to the Union of BC Municipalities; and*
2. *REQUESTS the Mayor's Office send a letter advising of Council's resolution to all BC local governments.*

Carried Unanimously

CITY MANAGER - WALTER BABICZ

D.2 Proposed Childcare Development - Malaspina Avenue

Discussion commenced. W. Babicz, City Manager, and C. Bone, Senior Manager of Strategic Initiatives and Partnerships, responded to questions of Council.

Moved By Councillor McConnachie
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council AUTHORIZES Administration to expend up to \$30,000 to enable completion of a geotechnical investigation and a site survey at 8008 Malaspina Avenue, the proposed site of an 83 space childcare centre funded by the Province of BC.

Carried Unanimously

ACTING DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DIRECTOR - DEANNA WASNIK

D.3 Integrated Stormwater Management Plan-Guiding Document & Roadmap

Ms. Kristy Bobbie, Asset Manager, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the integrated stormwater management plan guiding document and roadmap including information on Technical Working Paper 3: Policy and Regulations, Technical Working Paper 4: Financial Options, and upcoming public engagement opportunities including an online public education story map and online survey.

Discussion commenced. K. Bobbie, Asset Manager, K. Dalio, Director of Finance, and W. Babicz, City Manager, responded to questions of Council.

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Krause

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated August 30, 2021, from the Acting Director of Planning and Development Services, titled “Integrated Stormwater Management Plan – Guiding Document & Roadmap”.

Carried Unanimously

D.4 2021 Significant Capital Projects: Construction Update

Ms. Tiina Schaeffer, Manager of Infrastructure Planning and Engineering, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding a 2021 significant capital projects construction update including information on the significant capital projects, budgeted or actual costs greater than one million dollars, debt-funded projects with no established threshold, and spending in the "Emergency Infrastructure Reinvestment" program within the Civic Facilities service category.

Discussion commenced. T. Schaeffer, Manager of Infrastructure Planning and Engineering, K. Dalio, Director of Finance, W. Babicz, City Manager, and B. McIntosh, Acting Director of Civic Operations, responded to questions of Council.

Moved By Councillor McConnachie

Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated August 17, 2021 from the Acting Director of Planning and Development Services titled "2021 Significant Capital Projects: Construction Update."

Carried Unanimously

D.5 Renaming of O'Grady Road - Process and Considerations

Discussion commenced. T. Schaeffer, Manager of Infrastructure Planning and Engineering and W. Babicz, City Manager, responded to questions of Council.

Moved By Councillor Skakun

Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council DIRECTS Administration to proceed with renaming O'Grady Road in consultation with the Lheidli T'enneh, and report back to Council on the road name decision and the next steps regarding implementation of the road name change.

Carried Unanimously

D.6 Rezoning Amendment Application No. RZ100702 (Bylaw No. 9196)

Applicant: Jagdev Gill

Location: 2709 Petersen Road

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "Rezoning Amendment Application No. RZ100702 (Bylaw No. 9196)" included:

- Previously submitted staff report dated July 5, 2021, from the Acting Director of Planning and Development Services, titled "Rezoning Amendment Application No. RZ100702 (Bylaw No. 9196)" (*Considered at the July 26, 2021 regular Council meeting*);
- Location and Existing Zoning Map;
- Appendix "A" to Bylaw No. 9196;
- Correspondence dated August 24, 2021 from Shannon Doucette in opposition to the application;
- Handout: Correspondence received August 29, 2021 from Mary Reyers in opposition to the application;

- Handout: Correspondence dated August 28, 2021 from D. Gobin and petition including 58 names, in opposition to the application; and
- Handout: Correspondence dated August 30, 2021 from Ron Shaw in opposition to the application.

City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9196, 2021

Discussion commenced. M. Connelly, Manager of Legislative Services, and T. Schaeffer, Manager of Infrastructure Planning and Engineering, responded to questions of Council.

Moved By Councillor McConnachie

Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council GIVES THIRD READING to "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9196, 2021."

Carried

Councillor Scott and Councillor Skakun opposed.

D.7 Temporary Use Permit Application No. TU000071

Applicant: Robin Thibault

Location: 8997 Buckingham Road

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "Temporary Use Permit Application No. TU000071" included:

- Staff report dated August 4, 2021, from the Acting Director of Planning and Development Services, titled "Temporary Use Permit Application No. TU000071";
- Location and Existing Zoning Map;
- Temporary Use Permit No. TU000071;
- Letter of Intent;
- Correspondence from Paulette Blinch in support of the application; and
- Correspondence dated August 9, 2021 from Dan Toopitsin in support of the application.

Discussion commenced. M. Connelly, Manager of Legislative Services, and T. Schaeffer, Manager of Infrastructure Planning and Engineering, responded to questions of Council.

Moved By Councillor Scott

Seconded By Councillor McConnachie

That Council APPROVES Temporary Use Permit No. TU000071 for the property legally described as Lot 2, Block 20, District Lot 1593, Cariboo District, Plan 1385.

Carried Unanimously

D.8 Development Variance Permit No. VP100591

Applicant: The Hub Collection for 1268628 B.C. Ltd., Inc. No. BC1268628
Location: 4500 Ospika Boulevard

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "Development Variance Permit No. VP100591" included:

- Staff report dated August 6, 2021, from the Acting Director of Planning and Development Services, titled "Development Variance Permit No. VP100591";
- Location and Existing Zoning Map;
- Development Variance Permit No. VP100591;
- Exhibit "A" to VP100591;
- Exhibit "B" to VP100591;
- Rational Letter for Variances; and
- Supporting Documents including a Site Plan, Visual Renderings, Shadow Study, and Landscaping Plan.

Discussion commenced. W. Babicz, City Manager, and T. Schaeffer, Manager of Infrastructure Planning and Engineering, responded to questions of Council.

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Everitt

That Council EXTENDS the Regular Council Meeting from 10:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Ramsay

Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council POSTPONES consideration of Development Variance Permit No. VP100591 to the September 20, 2021 regular Council meeting.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Everitt

Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council DIRECTS Administration to prepare a supplementary report regarding Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100591 including relevant background and information previously communicated to Council regarding the proposed parking and massing of the student housing structure.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor McConnachie exited Council Chambers at 10:12 p.m.

D.9 Development Variance Permit No. VP100595

Applicant: Shuswap Design Inc. on behalf of Great West (Prince George) Investments Ltd., Inc. No. BC1180684

Location: 7411 Riggs Crescent

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "Development Variance Permit No. VP100595" included:

- Staff report dated August 9, 2021, from the Acting Director of Planning and Development Services, titled "Development Variance Permit No. VP100595";
- Location and Existing Zoning Map;
- Development Variance Permit No. VP100595; and
- Exhibit "A" to VP100595.

Moved By Councillor Scott

Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council APPROVES Development Variance Permit No. VP100595 to vary "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007" for the property legally described as Lot 103, District Lots 748 and 750, Cariboo District Plan EPP99266 as follows:

- a. Vary Section 12.1.6 2. by increasing the maximum height for an industrial building from 12.0 metres to 13.0 metres, as shown on Exhibit "A" to VP100595.*

Carried Unanimously

Councillor McConnachie returned to Council Chambers at 10:13 p.m.

Councillor Skakun exited Council Chambers at 10:13 p.m.

ACTING DIRECTOR OF CIVIC OPERATIONS - BLAKE MCINTOSH

D.10 Amendment to the BC Transit Annual Operating Agreement

City of Prince George Transit Service Annual Operating Agreement 2021/2022 Authorization Bylaw No. 9208, 2021, Amendment Bylaw No. 9231, 2021

Discussion commenced.

Moved By Councillor Ramsay

Seconded By Councillor Everitt

That Council GIVES FIRST THREE READINGS to "City of Prince George Transit Service Annual Operating Agreement 2021/2022 Authorization Bylaw No. 9208, 2021, Amendment Bylaw No. 9231, 2021."

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Skakun returned to Council Chambers at 10:15 p.m.

D.11 Budget Amendment - Parks Water Truck

Discussion commenced. W. Babicz, City Manager, and K. Dalio, Director of Finance, responded to questions of Council.

Moved By Councillor Everitt

Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council APPROVES a budget amendment to Project #3295 – "Parks Water Truck" to show a total project cost of \$360,000 that includes the addition of \$60,000, funded through the Northern Capital and Planning Reserve Fund.

Carried

Councillor Sampson opposed.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY - ADAM DAVEY

D.12 Reopening of the Prince George Conference and Civic Centre

Discussion commenced and A. Davey, Director of Community Services and Public Safety, responded to questions of Council.

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report titled, "Reopening of the Prince George Conference and Civic Centre," dated August 16, 2021, from the Director of Community Services & Public Safety.

Carried Unanimously

E. BYLAWS - FINAL READING AND ADOPTION

E.3 City of Prince George 2215 McBride Crescent Road Closure Bylaw No. 9183, 2021

Moved By Councillor Skakun

Seconded By Councillor McConnachie

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION to "City of Prince George 2215 McBride Crescent Road Closure Bylaw No. 9183, 2021."

Carried Unanimously

E.4 City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9184, 2021

Applicant: L&M Engineering Ltd. for Century Group Lands Corporation, Inc.
No. 648774

Location: St. Lawrence Avenue

Moved By Councillor Scott

Seconded By Councillor McConnachie

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION to "City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9184, 2021."

Carried Unanimously

E.5 City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9185, 2021

Applicant: L&M Engineering Ltd. for Century Group Lands Corporation, Inc.
No. 648774

Location: St. Lawrence Avenue

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION to "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9185, 2021."

Carried Unanimously

E.6 City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9181, 2021

Applicant: Deadfall Brewing Company Ltd. for Brookwood Properties Inc., Inc.
No. 762283

Location: 1733 Nicholson Street

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor McConnachie

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION to "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9181, 2021."

Carried Unanimously

F. CORRESPONDENCE

- F.1 Correspondence dated July 21, 2021, from Mayor Jack Crompton, Resort Municipality of Whistler: Opioid Crisis and a Call for an Overdose Action Plan
- F.2 Correspondence dated August 25, 2021 from Alissa Nyheim-Rivet and Ed Bryson: Letter of Support for Removal of Encampment on Lower Patricia/Fifth Avenue
- F.3 Correspondence received August 23, 2021 from Betty Bekkering regarding Safety of Residents in the Millar Addition
- F.4 Correspondence dated August 17, 2021 from Helen Robertson: Support for the Concerned Citizens Group
- F.5 Correspondence dated August 24, 2021 from Carey-Lynn Campioni: Crime Negatively Impacting North 54 Restaurant
- F.6 Correspondence dated August 24, 2021 from Jillian MacMillan: Letter of Support for the Removal of the Illegal Encampment on Lower Patricia/5th Avenue
- F.7 Correspondence dated August 18, 2021 from Todd Corrigan, CEO, Prince George Chamber of Commerce to Premier John Horgan: Community Health and Safety

Discussion commenced.
- F.8 Correspondence dated August 26, 2021 from Omineca Artist Run Centre Society Board of Directors, Omineca Arts Centre: Statement Imploring Prince George Mayor and Council to Defeat Proposed Safe Streets Bylaw
- F.9 Correspondence dated August 28, 2021 from Peter de Fauw: Downtown Safety Discussion

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor McConnachie

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION Correspondence Items F.1 to F.9.

Carried Unanimously

G. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor McConnachie

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

Carried Unanimously

THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 10:28 P.M.

CHAIRPERSON

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