



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

October 18, 2021

6:00 pm

Council Chambers of City Hall

1100 Patricia Boulevard, Prince George, BC

PRESENT: Mayor Lyn Hall, Chair
Councillor Frank Everitt <via telephone>
Councillor Garth Frizzell
Councillor Murry Krause
Councillor Cori Ramsay
Councillor Kyle Sampson
Councillor Susan Scott

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. Walter Babicz, City Manager
Ms. Deanna Wasnik, Director of Planning and Development
Mr. Kris Dalio, Director of Finance
Mr. Blake McIntosh, Director of Civic Operations
Mr. Adam Davey, Director of Public Safety
Ms. Maureen Connelly, Manager of Legislative Services
Ms. Leslie Kellett, Legislative Coordinator

A. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That the agenda for the regular meeting of Council scheduled for October 18, 2021, BE ADOPTED.

Carried Unanimously

B. MINUTES

B.1 Adoption of Minutes – October 4, 2021

Moved By Councillor Everitt

Seconded By Councillor Krause

That the attached minutes of the regular Council meeting held October 4, 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 Community Arts Council of Prince George and District and Trinity United Church Prince George

Presenters: Rev. Dr. Bob Fillier, Lead Minister, Trinity United Church PG, and Sean Farrell, Executive Director, Community Arts Council of Prince George and District

Topic: Knox Bell Performance Theatre

Rev. Dr. Bob Fillier, Lead Minister, Trinity United Church PG, and Mr. Sean Farrell, Executive Director, Community Arts Council of Prince George and District, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Knox Bell Performance Theatre including information on the history of the Trinity Downtown (Knox Presbyterian/United Church), community comments, partnership between the Community Arts Council and Trinity United Church PG, and a funding request in the amount of \$5,000 from the City of Prince George in support of a proposed feasibility study to inform on the Knox Bell Performance Theatre as a mid-sized performing arts venue within the City of Prince George.

Discussion commenced. Rev. Dr. Fillier, Mr. Farrell, W. Babicz, City Manager, K. Dalio, Director of Finance, and C. Bone, Senior Manager of Strategic Initiatives and Partnerships, responded to questions of Council.

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Krause

That Council REFERS to Administration consideration of the Knox Bell Performance Theatre feasibility study in the development of the City of Prince George Arts Strategy.

Carried Unanimously

C.2 British Columbia Lung Association

Presenters: Dr. Noah Quastel, Director, Law and Policy, Health Indoor Environments, British Columbia Lung Association, and Dr. Anne-Marie Nicol, Professor, Faculty of Health Sciences, Simon Fraser University

Topic: From Radon Awareness to Action

Dr. Noah Quastel, Director, Law and Policy, Health Indoor Environments, British Columbia Lung Association, and Dr. Anne-Marie Nicol, Professor, Faculty of Health Sciences, Simon Fraser University provided a PowerPoint presentation via Zoom

regarding radon awareness and action in Prince George including information on radon as a new lung health challenge, high radon levels in Prince George, current law and policy, and steps Prince George can take to reduce risk and exposure to radon gas.

Discussion commenced. Dr. Quastel, Dr. Nicol, W. Babicz, City Manager, and D. Wasnik, Director of Planning and Development, responded to questions of Council.

D. CONSENT AGENDA (FOR INFORMATION)

Councillor Frizzell requested further consideration of Consent Agenda item D.1.

D.1 Monthly Building Permit and Development Permit Summary (September 2021)

Discussion commenced and D. Wasnik, Director of Planning and Development, responded to questions of Council.

D.2 2021 Q3 Consulting Report

D.3 2021 Q3 Delegated Authority Report

D.4 Procurement Quarterly report 2021 – Quarter 3 (July – September)

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION Consent Agenda Items D.1 to D.4.

Carried Unanimously

E. REPORTS

CITY MANAGER – WALTER BABICZ

E.1 Local Food PG Society and Everyone at the Table Collective – Consultation Feedback

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

Moved By Councillor Krause

Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated October 7, 2021 from the City Manager titled “Food Policy Council Structure Consultation”.

Carried Unanimously

E.2 Proposed Amendments to Officer Positions and Delegation of Authority Bylaw

Discussion commenced and W. Babicz, City Manager, responded to questions of Council.

City of Prince George Officer Positions and Delegation of Authority Bylaw No. 8340, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9251, 2021

Moved By Councillor Everitt
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council GIVES FIRST THREE READINGS to “City of Prince George Officer Positions and Delegation of Authority Bylaw No. 8340, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9251, 2021.”

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – DEANNA WASNIK

E.3 Development Variance Permit No. VP100603

Applicant: Bargy Homes Inc., Inc. No. BC562288
Location: 5571 Venta Drive W.

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "Development Variance Permit No. VP100603" included:

- Staff report dated September 29, 2021 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Development Variance Permit No. VP100603";
- Location and Existing Zoning Map;
- Development Variance Permit No. VP100603; and
- Exhibit "A" to VP100603.

Discussion commenced.

Moved By Councillor Everitt
Seconded By Councillor Krause

That Council APPROVES Development Variance Permit No. VP100603 to vary City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007 for the property legally described as Lot 16, District Lot 2425, Cariboo District, Plan EPP107750, as follows:

- a. Vary Section 10.2.5 6. by decreasing the minimum exterior side yard setback from 3.0 m to 2.1 m, as shown on Exhibit “A” to VP100603.*

Carried Unanimously

E.4 7920 Highway 97 Road Closure Bylaw No. 9245, 2021

Applicant: City of Prince George
Location: 7920 Highway 97

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "7920 Highway 97 Road Closure Bylaw No. 9245, 2021" included:

- Staff report dated September 28, 2021 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "7920 Highway 97 Road Closure Bylaw No. 9245, 2021";
- Appendix "A" - Proposed Road Closure;
- Exhibit "A" - Location Map; and
- Exhibit "B" - Proposed Consolidation.

City of Prince George 7920 Highway 97 Road Closure Bylaw No. 9245, 2021

Moved By Councillor Scott

Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council GIVES FIRST AND SECOND READING to “City of Prince George 7920 Highway 97 Road Closure Bylaw No. 9245, 2021”.

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF CIVIC OPERATIONS – BLAKE MCINTOSH

E.5 People, Pets, and Parks Off Leash Program Update

Discussion commenced. B. McIntosh, Director of Civic Operations, and K. Dalio, Director of Finance, responded to questions of Council.

Moved By Councillor Ramsay

Seconded By Councillor Krause

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated October 18, 2021 from the Director of Civic Operations titled “People, Pets and Parks Off Leash Program Update.”

Carried Unanimously

E.6 Four Seasons Leisure Pool and Fire Hall No. 1 Demolition and Remediation

Discussion commenced. B. McIntosh, Director of Civic Operations, K. Dalio, Director of Finance, W. Babicz, City Manager, L. Hanson, Manager of Project Delivery, and A. Davey, Director of Public Safety, responded to questions of Council.

Moved By Councillor Ramsay

Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council REFERS to Administration the Public Art Policy for review.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Krause

That Council RATIFIES the addition of the Days Inn Land Acquisition and Days Inn/Four Seasons Leisure Pool Demolition to the 2021-2025 Financial Plan for an amount of \$7,000,000 to be funded by the Endowment Reserve Fund, and AMENDS that budget for an additional \$2,577,485 to be funded by the Endowment Reserve Fund.

Carried

Councillor Sampson opposed.

Moved By Councillor Everitt

Seconded By Councillor Krause

That Council APPROVES the addition of the Fire Hall No. 1 Pool Demolition project to the 2021-2025 Financial Plan for a total budget of \$1,345,000 to be funded by the Endowment Reserve Fund.

Carried

Councillor Sampson opposed.

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Krause

That Council AUTHORIZES Administration to demolish the Centennial Mosaic in Prince George Community Foundation Park.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council AUTHORIZES Administration to relocate the Terry Fox statue from the Prince George Community Foundation Park to the new Downtown Pool location.

Carried Unanimously

E.7 Downtown Renewable Energy System – Connection Budget Establishment

Discussion commenced and W. Wedel, Manager of Utilities Division, responded to questions of Council.

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council APPROVES the addition of the “Ramada DES Design and Build” capital project to the 2021 – 2025 Financial Plan with a budget of \$300,000 to be funded by the Northern Capital Planning Reserve Fund as detailed in the report dated September 13, 2021 from the Director of Civic Operations titled “Downtown Renewable Energy System – Connection Budget Establishment.”

Carried Unanimously

E.8 Prince George Transit System – January 2022 Expansion

Discussion commenced and M. Coulson, Transit Planner, responded to questions of Council.

Moved By Councillor Krause
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated September 27, 2021 from the Director of Civic Operations titled “Prince George Transit System – January 2022 Expansion.”

Carried Unanimously

F. BYLAWS - FINAL READING AND ADOPTION

F.1 City of Prince George Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 9075, 2019, Amendment Bylaw No. 9243, 2021

Councillor Ramsay declared a non-pecuniary conflict of interest due to her role as the Board President for the Two Rivers Art Gallery, an organization recommended for a permissive tax exemption and exited Council Chambers at 8:31 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION to "City of Prince George Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 9075, 2019, Amendment Bylaw No. 9243, 2021."

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Ramsay returned to Council Chambers at 8:32 p.m.

F.2 City of Prince George Cemetery Bylaw No. 8046, 2008, Amendment Bylaw No. 9220, 2021

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Krause

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION to "City of Prince George Cemetery Bylaw No. 8046, 2008, Amendment Bylaw No. 9220, 2021."

Carried Unanimously

F.3 City of Prince George Comprehensive Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 7557, 2004, Amendment Bylaw No. 9221, 2021

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Everitt

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION to "City of Prince George Comprehensive Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 7557, 2004, Amendment Bylaw No. 9221, 2021."

Carried Unanimously

F.4 City of Prince George Council Procedures Bylaw No. 8388, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9250, 2021

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION to "City of Prince George Council Procedures Bylaw No. 8388, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9250, 2021."

Carried Unanimously

G. CORRESPONDENCE

Councillor Sampson requested further consideration of Correspondence Item G.1.

G.1 Correspondence dated October 7, 2021 from Wendy Bauer, Township Clerk, Township of Langley: Letter to Premier Horgan regarding Financial Assistance for COVID-19 Related Budget Shortfalls

Discussion commenced.

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council REFERS to Administration the correspondence dated October 7, 2021 from the Township of Langley regarding Financial Assistance for COVID-19 Related Budget Shortfalls to provide recommendations for consideration by the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Resolutions.

Carried Unanimously

H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Everitt

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

Carried Unanimously

THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 8:35 P.M.

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