



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

June 26, 2023

6:00 pm

Council Chambers of City Hall

1100 Patricia Boulevard, Prince George, BC

PRESENT: Mayor Simon Yu <Chair>
Councillor Tim Bennett
Councillor Garth Frizzell
Councillor Ron Polillo
Councillor Cori Ramsay
Councillor Kyle Sampson
Councillor Susan Scott

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
Adam Davey, Director of Public Safety
Blake McIntosh, Director of Civic Operations
Maureen Connelly, Corporate Officer/Manager of Legislative Services
Leslie Kellett, Deputy Corporate Officer

A. ADOPTION OF THE AMENDED AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Bennett
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That the agenda for the regular meeting of Council scheduled for June 26, 2023, be amended by adding eighteen (18) new items of correspondence to agenda item E.8: Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100789 (Bylaw No. 9398), and that the agenda, BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

Carried Unanimously

B. MINUTES

B.1 Adoption of the Regular Council Meeting Minutes – June 12, 2023

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That the minutes of the regular Council meeting held June 12, 2023, 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. DELEGATIONS

C.1 Prince George Downtown Business Improvement Association (Downtown Prince George)

Colleen Van Mook, Executive Director, and Rev. Dr. Bob Fillier, Vice President, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding Downtown Prince George Business Improvement Association’s 2022 Annual Report and Projections for 2023 including information on the 2022 – 2023 Board of Directors, 2022 revenue and expenditures, clean and safe programs, grant summary, and 2023 actions and initiatives.

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

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council APPROVES the 2023 Budget for the Prince George Downtown Business Improvement Association as presented at the June 26, 2023 regular council meeting.

Carried Unanimously

D. CONSENT AGENDA (FOR INFORMATION)

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

D.1 June 12, 2023 Standing Committee on Finance and Audit Agenda

Discussion commenced.

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated June 16, 2023 from the Standing Committee on Finance and Audit titled “June 12, 2023 Standing Committee on Finance and Audit Agenda.”

Carried Unanimously

E. REPORTS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS - COUNCILLOR GARTH FRIZZELL, CHAIR

E.1 2023 Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Resolution regarding Reimbursing Local Governments for Medical Services Provided by Local Government Fire and Rescue Services

Discussion commenced.

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council:

1. *APPROVES the resolution attached as Appendix "A" to the report dated June 13, 2023 from the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs titled “2023 Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Resolution regarding Reimbursing Local Governments for Medical Services Provided by Local Government Fire and Rescue Services” to be submitted to the Union of BC Municipalities 2023 Convention; and*

2. *DIRECTS Administration to send the resolution by email to all local governments within the Union of BC Municipalities.*

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Ramsay

Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council DIRECTS Administration to send the resolution regarding “Reimbursing Local Governments for Medical Services Provided by Local Government Fire and Rescue Services” as approved at the June 26, 2023 regular council meeting to the North Central Local Government Association.

Carried Unanimously

CITY MANAGER – WALTER BABICZ

E.2 Northern Sport Centre Limited Annual Report

Don Bassermann, Chair, Lisa Haslett, Treasurer, and Iain Scott, Interim Manager, Northern Sport Centre Limited, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the 2022 – 2023 Northern Sport Centre Limited (NSCL) Activity and Financial Report including information on the NSCL’s mission, board of directors, operations, facility hours, membership revenue, capital reserve report, and financials for the year ended March 31, 2023.

Discussion commenced. L. Haslett and I. Scott responded to questions of Council.

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council APPROVES the Northern Sport Centre Limited Shareholders’ Resolutions attached as Schedule “B” to the report dated June 16, 2023 from the City Manager titled “Northern Sport Centre Limited Annual Report”; and AUTHORIZES the City Manager to sign the Shareholders’ Resolutions, as of June 30, 2023.

Carried Unanimously

E.3 City of Prince George 2022 Annual Report

W. Babicz, City Manager, K. Dalio, Director of Finance and IT Services, and J. Rogers, Manager of Communications, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the City of Prince George's 2022 Annual Report including information on the purpose of the annual report, the City’s accomplishments, and highlights of 2022, and 2022 financial information.

Discussion commenced. K. Dalio, Director of Finance and IT Services, responded to questions of Council.

Paul Robison, Chair, Tourism Prince George Society Board, and Colin Carson, Chief Executive Officer, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Tourism Prince George's 2021 annual report including information on the goals and objectives from the 2020 – 2024 strategic plan, 2021 highlights regarding destination development, sports tourism, meetings and conventions, marketing, visitor services, and organizational effectiveness.

Discussion commenced and C. Carson responded to questions of Council.

Paul Burry, Library Director, and Jen Rubadeau, Manager of Communications and Engagement, Prince George Public Library, provided a PowerPoint presentation

regarding the Prince George Public Library's 2022 annual report including information on the 2022 board of trustees, recruitment challenges, financials, return of in-person events, health and safety measure introduced, performance measures, facility upgrades, and projects and accomplishments throughout 2022.

Discussion commenced. P. Burry and J. Rubadeau responded to questions of Council.

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council APPROVES the Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2022, attached as Appendix “A” to the report from the City Manager dated June 1, 2023, titled “City of Prince George 2022 Annual Report.”

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – DEANNA WASNIK

E.4 Renaming of O’Grady Road – Update

Discussion commenced.

Moved By Councillor Polillo

Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION an update on the renaming of O’Grady Road to Dakelh Ti as described in the report dated May 30, 2023 from the Director of Planning and Development titled “Renaming of O’Grady Road - Update.”

Carried Unanimously

E.5 Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100641

Applicant: Ingrid Cosio and Alexander Mackenzie

Location: 3581 McLarty Place

Documents for Council’s consideration regarding “Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100641” included:

- Staff report dated May 31, 2023 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100641";
- Location and Existing Zoning Map;
- Development Variance Permit No. VP100641;
- Supporting Documents:
 - Rationale Letter; and
 - Letters of Support and Associated Map; and
- Correspondence dated June 19, 2023 from Britt Martin in opposition to the application.

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council APPROVES Development Variance Permit No. VP100641 to vary “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007” for the property legally described as Lot 15, District Lot 2101, Cariboo District, Plan 19954 as follows:

- a. Vary Section 9.5.5 7. by decreasing the minimum rear yard setback of the principal development from 6.0 metres to 1.2 metres, as shown on Exhibit “A” to VP100641.

Carried Unanimously

E.6 Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100751 (Bylaw No. 9312)

Applicant: Mokammel Chowdhary for 0902613 B.C. Ltd., Inc. No. BC0902613
Location: 2414 Queensway

Documents for Council’s consideration regarding “Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100751 (Bylaw No. 9312)” included:

- Staff report dated May 31, 2023 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100751 (Bylaw No. 9312)";
Location and Existing Zoning Map;
- Appendix "A" to Bylaw No. 9312; and
- Exhibit “A” to RZ100751.

Mayor Yu declared a non-pecuniary conflict of interest due to his work as a consultant for the applicant, prior to taking office as Mayor and exited Council Chambers at 7:48 p.m.

Councillor Bennett, Acting Mayor in attendance at the meeting, assumed the role of Chair.

City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9312, 2022

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council GIVES FIRST AND SECOND READING of “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9312, 2022.”

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Polillo

Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council PERMITS that consideration of Final Reading of proposed Bylaw No. 9312 BE WITHHELD until the following requirements have been met to the satisfaction of Administration:

- a. Receipt of a Parking and Landscaping Plan and security in the amount of 120% of the cost of the landscaping works identified on the Landscaping Plan;*
- b. Receipt of a Servicing Brief;*
- c. Receipt that Lots 3 and 4, Block 10, District Lot 934, Cariboo District, Plan 701 have been consolidated; and*
- d. Confirmation that the encroachment into the adjacent laneway has been resolved.*

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

Carried Unanimously

Mayor Yu returned to Council Chambers at 7:50 p.m. and resumed as Chair.

E.7 Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100772 (Bylaw No. 9361)

Applicant: L&M Engineering Ltd. for T.R. Projects Ltd., Inc. No. BC0729296
Location: 2599 North Nechako Road

Documents for Council’s consideration regarding “Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100772 (Bylaw No. 9361)” included:

- Staff report dated May 31, 2023 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100772 (Bylaw No. 9361)";
Location and Existing Zoning Map; and
- Appendix "A" to Bylaw No. 9361.

City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9361, 2022

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council GIVES FIRST AND SECOND READING of “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9361, 2022.”

Carried Unanimously

E.8 Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100789 (Bylaw No. 9398)

Applicant: L&M Engineering Ltd. for 0920418 B.C. Ltd., Inc. No. BC1233971
Location: 4393 Handlen Road

Documents for Council’s consideration regarding “Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100789 (Bylaw No. 9398)” included:

- Staff report dated June 1, 2023 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100789 (Bylaw No. 9398)";
- Location and Existing Zoning Map;
- Appendix "A" to Bylaw No. 9398; and
- Supporting Document.

Discussion commenced. M. Connelly, Manager of Legislative Services/Corporate Officer, and D. Wasnik, Director of Planning and Development, responded to questions of Council.

City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9398, 2023

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council GIVES FIRST AND SECOND READING of “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9398, 2023.”

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Bennett
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council PERMITS that consideration of Final Reading of proposed Bylaw No. 9398 BE WITHHELD until the following requirements have been met to the satisfaction of Administration:

- a. Receipt of a Servicing Brief; and
- b. Receipt of a Traffic Impact Analysis.

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

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND IT SERVICES - KRIS DALIO

E.9 2022 Statements of Financial Information (SOFI)

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

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council APPROVES the 2022 Public Bodies Report attached to the report dated June 16, 2023 from the Director of Finance and IT Services titled “2022 Statements of Financial Information (SOFI)”.

Carried

Councillor Ramsay opposed.

E.10 2022 – 2026 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 9413

City of Prince George 5-Year Operating and Capital Financial Plans Bylaw No. 9296, 2022, Amendment Bylaw No. 9413, 2023

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council GIVES FIRST THREE READINGS of “City of Prince George 5 – Year Operating and Capital Financial Plans Bylaw No. 9296, 2022, Amendment Bylaw No. 9413, 2023”.

Carried Unanimously

F. BYLAWS – FINAL READING AND ADOPTION

F.1 City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9388, 2023

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9388, 2023.”

Carried Unanimously

F.2 City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9348, 2022

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9348, 2022.”

Carried Unanimously

G. CORRESPONDENCE

Councillor Ramsay requested further consideration of Correspondence item G.2.

- G.1 Correspondence dated June 7, 2023 from Lynsay Pacey, Program Officer, Union of BC Municipalities: 2022 Community Emergency Preparedness Fund - Emergency Support Services Equipment, Training, and Recognition**
- G.2 Correspondence dated June 13, 2023 from Mayor Simon Yu to the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills: Letter of Support for Stenberg College**
- G.3 Six Items of Correspondence in Support of the Queensway 5 Coalition and Everyone at the Table (EAT) Developing Funding Opportunities to Purchase 5 Acres of the Gillard Historical Farm**

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION Correspondence items G.1 to G.3.

Carried Unanimously

H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

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

Carried Unanimously

THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 8:22 P.M.

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