



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

August 16, 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 Trudy Klassen
Councillor Ron Polillo
Councillor Cori Ramsay
Councillor Kyle Sampson
Councillor Susan Scott
Councillor Brian Skakun

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
Leslie Kellett, Deputy Corporate Officer

A. ADOPTION OF THE AMENDED AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Klassen

That the agenda for the regular meeting of Council scheduled for August 16, 2023, be amended by adding two new items of correspondence as agenda items G.4 and G.5, and that the agenda, BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

Carried Unanimously

B. MINUTES

B.1 Adoption of the Regular Council Meeting Minutes – July 24, 2023

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Klassen

That the minutes of the regular Council meeting held July 24, 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 Rocky Mountain Ranger Regimental Association (PG Branch)

Lieutenant-Colonel Amedeo Vecchio, Serving Member, Rocky Mountain Rangers, Dan McLaren and Harvey Smerchynski, Prince George Branch, Rocky Mountain Rangers Association, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the army reserve, recent contributions of the Rocky Mountain Rangers, upcoming events, and recruitment opportunities and benefits. Information was also presented to Council regarding the installation of four (4) signs at the entrances to Prince George with a request that Council consider supporting the installation of the signs through in-kind or monetary financial support.

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

Moved By Councillor Skakun

Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council AUTHORIZES Administration to use up to \$15,000 from the Council Contingency Fund provided as either a grant to the Rocky Mountain Ranger Association or for the City's internal reimbursement for the cost of installing four (4) 4' X 6' signs in the locations authorized by the permit granted to the Association from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.

Carried Unanimously

D. CONSENT AGENDA (FOR INFORMATION)

Councillor Frizzell requested further consideration of consent agenda item D.2.

D.1 Monthly Building Permit and Development Permit Summary (June & July 2023)

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

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated August 3, 2023, from the Director of Planning and Development titled “Monthly Building Permit and Development Permit Summary (June & July 2023)”.

Carried Unanimously

E. REPORTS

MAYOR SIMON YU

E.1 Amending Public Notice Bylaw No. 9329, 2022

Discussion commenced. W. Babicz, City Manager, K. Dalio, Director of Finance and IT Services, and D. Wasnik, Director of Planning and Development, J. Rogers, Manager of Communications, and L. Kellett, Deputy Corporate Officer, responded to questions of Council.

Councillor Frizzell exited Council Chambers at 7:13 p.m. and returned at 7:15 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Bennett
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council DIRECTS Administration to return for Council’s consideration a report including the financial and operational benefits and implications on Council’s consideration of an amendment to the City of Prince George Public Notice Bylaw No. 9329, 2022 that includes advertising in local media as a required means of publication for City of Prince George Public Notices in addition to the existing means of “Public Notice Page” and “Facebook Page”.

Moved By Councillor Skakun
Seconded By Councillor Klassen

That Council AMENDS the main motion by replacing the words “local media” with the words “local newspaper.”

Defeated

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

Main motion.

Defeated

Mayor Yu and Councillors Klassen, Ramsay, and Sampson and Skakun opposed.

Mayor Yu called a recess of the Regular Council Meeting at 8:17 p.m.

The Regular Council Meeting reconvened at 8:27 p.m.

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

Moved By Councillor Klassen
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council DIRECTS Administration to return for Council’s consideration an amendment to the “City of Prince George Public Notice Bylaw No. 9329, 2022” that includes “local newspaper” as a required means of publication for City of Prince George public notices in addition to the existing means of “Public Notice Page” and “Facebook Page.”

Defeated

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

CITY MANAGER – WALTER BABICZ

E.2 Support of Grant Application to Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Community to Community Program

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

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council SUPPORTS an application being submitted by the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George under the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) 2023 Regional Community to Community (C2C) Program in the amount of \$10,000 to initiate implementation of two C2C forums between the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation, City of Prince George and Regional District of Fraser-Fort George, and CONFIRMS that the City of Prince George will participate in the two planned C2C forums.

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – DEANNA WASNIK

E.3 Advisory Committee on Development Design – 2023 Membership

Discussion commenced. D. Wasnik, Director of Planning and Development, W. Babicz, City Manager, and L. Kellett, Deputy Corporate Officer, responded to questions of Council.

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council APPROVES the dissolution of the Advisory Committee on Development Design as outlined in the report dated August 2, 2023, from the Director of Planning and Development titled “Advisory Committee on Development Design – 2023 Membership.”

Carried

Councillor Klassen opposed.

Moved By Mayor Yu
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council DIRECTS Administration to return a report to Council with options for advertising future council committee recruitment opportunities.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council DIRECTS Administration to send a letter of appreciation to all previous members of the Advisory Committee on Development Design.

Carried Unanimously

E.4 Amendment to the "City of Prince George Subdivision and Development Servicing Bylaw No. 8618, 2014" (Bylaw No. 9397, 2023)

City of Prince George Subdivision and Development Servicing Bylaw No. 8618, 2014, Amendment Bylaw No. 9397, 2023

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

Councillor Frizzell exited Council Chambers at 8:52 p.m. and returned at 8:54 p.m.

Councillor Scott exited Council Chambers at 8:56 p.m. and returned at 9:01 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council GIVES FIRST THREE READINGS of “City of Prince George Subdivision and Development Servicing Bylaw No. 8618, 2014, Amendment Bylaw No. 9397, 2023”.

Carried

Councillor Klassen and Skakun opposed.

- E.5 **City of Prince George Development Procedures Bylaw No. 9423, 2023 and Consequential Amendments to the Sign Bylaw No. 7202, 2001 (Amendment Bylaw No. 9424, 2023) and Building Bylaw No. 8922, 2018 (Amendment Bylaw No. 9425, 2023)**

Discussion commenced. D. Wasnik, Director of Planning and Development, and M. Stanker, Manager of Subdivision and Building Inspection, responded to questions of Council.

City of Prince George Development Procedures Bylaw No. 9423, 2023

City of Prince George Sign Bylaw No. 7202, 2001, Amendment Bylaw No. 9424, 2023

City of Prince George Building Bylaw No. 8922, 2018, Amendment Bylaw No. 9425, 2023

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council GIVES FIRST THREE READINGS of “City of Prince George Development Procedures Bylaw No. 9423, 2023.”

Carried

Councillors Klassen and Skakun opposed.

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council GIVES FIRST THREE READINGS of “City of Prince George Sign Bylaw No. 7202, 2001, Amendment Bylaw No. 9424, 2023.”

Carried

Councillors Klassen and Skakun opposed.

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council GIVES FIRST THREE READINGS of “City of Prince George Building Bylaw No. 8922, 2018, Amendment Bylaw No. 9425, 2023.”

Carried

Councillors Klassen and Skakun opposed.

DIRECTOR OF CIVIC OPERATIONS – BLAKE MCINTOSH

E.6 Foothills Boulevard - 18th Avenue Roundabout Project

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

Councillor Skakun exited Council Chambers at 9:28 p.m. and returned at 9:29 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council APPROVES the change in scope for the Foothills Boulevard 18th Avenue Roundabout Project as described in the report dated August 1, 2023 from the Director of Civic Operations titled “Foothills Boulevard – 18th Avenue Roundabout Project.”

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF CIVIC FACILITIES AND EVENTS – ANDY BEESLEY

E.7 Tire Stewardship BC Grant for Funding Towards the KIN 3 Arena Skate Floor Replacement

Moved By Councillor Polillo

Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council AUTHORIZES the Director of Civic Facilities and Events to sign an agreement if successful on obtaining a grant of \$30,000 from Tire Stewardship BC, as detailed in the report dated August 3, 2023 from the Director of Civic Facilities and Events titled “Tire Stewardship BC Grant for funding towards the KIN 3 Arena Skate Floor Replacement.”

Carried Unanimously

F. BYLAWS – FINAL READING AND ADOPTION

F.1 City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9334, 2022

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of “City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9334, 2022.”

Carried Unanimously

F.2 City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9335, 2022

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. 9335, 2002.”

Carried Unanimously

F.3 City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9312, 2022

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 9:31 p.m.

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

Moved By Councillor Bennett

Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9312, 2022.”

Carried Unanimously

Mayor Yu returned to Council Chambers at 9:33 p.m. and resumed as Chair.

G. CORRESPONDENCE

Councillor Skakun requested further consideration of correspondence items G.1, G.4, and G.5.

G.1 Correspondence dated July 14, 2023 from Jim Burbee, Director, Caledonia Nordic Ski Club: Request for a Letter in Support of an Expansion Application to the Provincial Government

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

Moved By Councillor Bennett

Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council DIRECTS Administration to invite the Caledonia Nordic Ski Club to attend a future council meeting as a delegation with the purpose of presenting information related to their License of Occupation application to the provincial government.

Carried Unanimously

G.2 Correspondence dated July 26, 2023 from Councillor Jen Ford, President, Union of BC Municipalities: Canada Community-Building Fund - First Community Works Fund Payment for 2023/2024

G.3 Correspondence dated July 31, 2023 from Leonard Hiebert, Chair, Peace River Regional District: BC Wildfire Service Fire Fighting Equipment

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

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council REFERS the Correspondence dated July 31, 2023 from Leonard Hiebert, Chair, Peace River Regional District to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs.

Carried Unanimously

- G.4 Correspondence dated August 14, 2023 from Michelle Connolly: Caledonia Nordic Ski Club Request for Letter of Support from the City of Prince George
- G.5 Correspondence dated August 14, 2023 from Loraine Lavallee: Caledonia Nordic Ski Club request for a Letter of Support to Expand its License of Occupation

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION Correspondence items G.1 to G.5.

Carried Unanimously

H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

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

Carried Unanimously

THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 9:45 P.M.

CHAIRPERSON

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