



## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

August 28, 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  
Debbie Heywood, Manager of Event Services/Acting Director of Civic Facilities and Events  
Adam Davey, Director of Public Safety  
Blake McIntosh, Director of Civic Operations  
Leslie Kellett, Deputy Corporate Officer  
Elisha Leclair, Legislative Services Assistant

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### A. ADOPTION OF THE AMENDED AGENDA

**Moved By** Councillor Sampson  
**Seconded By** Councillor Polillo

*That the agenda for the regular meeting of Council scheduled for August 28, 2023, be amended by adding one new items of correspondence as agenda item F.4, and that the agenda, BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.*

**Carried Unanimously**

### B. MINUTES

#### B.1 Adoption of the Regular Council Meeting Minutes – August 16, 2023

**Moved By** Councillor Scott  
**Seconded By** Councillor Frizzell

*That the minutes of the regular Council meeting held August 16, 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. CONSENT AGENDA (FOR INFORMATION)**

Councillor Frizzell requested further consideration of consent agenda item C.1.

**C.1 Q2 2023 (April to June) Council Expense Summary**

Discussion commenced.

**Moved By** Councillor Polillo

**Seconded By** Councillor Klassen

*That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated July 24, 2023 from Mayor Simon Yu titled “Q2 2023 (April to June) Council Expense Summary).*

**Carried Unanimously**

**D. REPORTS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND AUDIT – COUNCILLOR CORI RAMSAY**

**D.1 Fees and Charges for 2024 – 2027**

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

**Moved By** Councillor Ramsay

**Seconded By** Councillor Bennett

*That Council GIVES FIRST THREE READINGS of “City of Prince George Comprehensive Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 7557, 2004, Amendment Bylaw No. 9420, 2023.”*

**Carried**

**Councillor Skakun opposed.**

**DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – DEANNA WASNIK**

**D.2 Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100792 (Bylaw No. 9417, 2023)**

Applicant: L&M Engineering Ltd. For Giuliu Investments Ltd., Inc. No. BC0660654  
Location: 9800 Sintich Road

Documents for Council’s consideration regarding “Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100792 (Bylaw No. 9417, 2023)” included:

- Staff report dated August 2, 2023 from the Director of Planning and Development titled “Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100792 (Bylaw No. 9417, 2023)”;
- Location and Zoning Map; and
- Exhibit “A” to RZ100792.

**City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9417, 2023**

**Moved By** Councillor Skakun

**Seconded By** Councillor Polillo

*That Council GIVES FIRST AND SECOND READINGS of “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9417, 2023.”*

**Carried Unanimously**

**D.3 Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100647**

Applicant: L&M Engineering Ltd. For 1127415 BC Ltd., Inc. No. BC1127415  
Location: 9048 Sintich Road

Documents for Council’s consideration regarding “Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100647” included:

- Staff report dated July 13, 2023 from the Director of Planning and Development titled “Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100647”;
- Location and Zoning Map;
- Development Variance Permit No. VP100647; and
- Exhibit “A” to VP100647.

**Moved By** Councillor Scott

**Seconded By** Councillor Klassen

*That Council APPROVES Development Variance Permit No. VP100647 to vary “City of Prince George Subdivision and Development Servicing Bylaw No. 8618, 2014” for the property legally described Lot 1, District Lot 751, Cariboo District, Plan 14660, Except Plan 22376 (012-138-401) as follows:*

- a. *Vary Table 1 Section 7.4 by varying the requirement for City sewage collection and disposal system including service laterals to Proposed Lot 2 to allow for an on-site private sewage disposal system, as shown on Exhibit “A” to VP100647.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**D.4 Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100649**

Applicant: Ronald and Wendolynn Reimer  
Location: 2816 Killarney Drive

Documents for Council’s consideration regarding “Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100649” included:

- Staff report dated August 2, 2023 from the Director of Planning and Development titled “Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100649”;
- Location and Zoning Map;
- Development Variance Permit No. VP100649;
- Exhibit “A” to VP100649; and
- Supporting Documents:
  - Rationale Letter; and
  - Letters of Support and Associated Map.

**Moved By** Councillor Polillo

**Seconded By** Councillor Sampson

*That Council APPROVES Development Variance Permit No. VP100649 to vary “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007” for the subject property legally described as Lot 129, District Lot 4046, Cariboo District, Plan 21748 as follows:*

- a. *Vary Section 10.1.5 7. by decreasing the minimum rear yard setback of the principal development from 6.0 m to 4.5 m, as shown on Exhibit “A” to VP100649.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**D.5 Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100652**

Applicant: JR & Sons Enterprises Ltd. for Russell and Maria Crick  
Location: 2438 Estate Road

Documents for Council’s consideration regarding “Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100652” included:

- Staff report dated August 2, 2023 from the Director of Planning and Development titled “Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100652”;
- Location and Zoning Map;
- Development Variance Permit No. VP100652;
- Exhibit “A” to VP100652; and
- Supporting Documents:
  - Rationale Letter; and
  - Letters of Support and Associated Map.

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

**Moved By** Councillor Skakun

**Seconded By** Councillor Ramsay

*That Council DENIES Development Variance Permit No. VP100652 to vary “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007” for the subject property legally described as Parcel B (Being a Consolidation of Lots 45 and 46, See BB1003258), District Lot 808, Cariboo District, Plan 20832 as follows:*

- a. *Vary Section 9.5.6 1. by increasing the maximum total combined gross floor area of accessory buildings and structures on a site from 90.0 m<sup>2</sup> to 147.0 m<sup>2</sup>, as shown on Exhibit “A” to VP100652.*

**Carried**

**Mayor Yu, Councillor Klassen, and Councillor Polillo opposed.**

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

**E.1 City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9398, 2023**

**Moved By** Councillor Sampson

**Seconded By** Councillor Frizzell

*That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9398, 2023.”*

**Carried Unanimously**

**E.2 City of Prince George Subdivision and Development Servicing Bylaw No. 8618, 2014, Amendment Bylaw No. 9397, 2023**

**Moved By** Councillor Bennett

**Seconded By** Councillor Sampson

*That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of “City of Prince George Subdivision and Development Servicing Bylaw No. 8618, 2014, Amendment Bylaw No. 9397, 2023.”*

**Carried**

**Councillor Klassen and Councillor Skakun opposed.**

**E.3 City of Prince George Development Procedures Bylaw No. 9423, 2023**

**Moved By** Councillor Frizzell  
**Seconded By** Councillor Scott

*That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of “City of Prince George Development Procedures Bylaw No. 9423, 2023.”*

**Carried**

**Councillor Klassen and Councillor Skakun opposed.**

**E.4 City of Prince George Sign Bylaw No. 7202, 2001, Amendment Bylaw No. 9424, 2023**

**Moved By** Councillor Sampson  
**Seconded By** Councillor Ramsay

*That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of “City of Prince George Sign Bylaw No. 7202, 2001, Amendment Bylaw No. 9424, 2023.”*

**Carried Unanimously**

**E.5 City of Prince George Building Bylaw No. 8922, 2018, Amendment Bylaw No. 9425, 2023**

**Moved By** Councillor Polillo  
**Seconded By** Councillor Scott

*That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of “City of Prince George Building Bylaw No. 8922, 2018, Amendment Bylaw No. 9425, 2023.”*

**Carried**

**Councillor Klassen and Councillor Skakun opposed.**

**F. CORRESPONDENCE**

Councillor Ramsay requested further consideration of correspondence item F.1.

Councillor Klassen requested further consideration of correspondence item F.2.

Councillor Sampson requested further consideration of correspondence item F.4.

**F.1 Correspondence dated August 4, 2023 from Rebecca Bishop, Program Officer, Union of BC Municipalities: 2023 Next Generation 911 Funding - Approval Agreement and Terms of Conditions of Funding**

Discussion commenced.

**Moved By** Councillor Ramsay  
**Seconded By** Councillor Skakun

*That Council AUTHORIZES the City Manager or designate to sign the approval agreement acknowledging and agreeing to the general Terms and Conditions and the requirements for receipt of a grant in the amount of \$45,000 to the City of Prince George under the 2023 Next Generation 911 funding program administered by the Union of BC Municipalities.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**F.2 Correspondence dated August 10, 2023 from Herb Langin: Urgent Action Needed Revisiting the Bear Problem in Prince George**

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

**Moved By** Councillor Sampson

**Seconded By** Councillor Skakun

*That Council DIRECTS Administration to return a report to Council exploring options to reduce bear-human interactions including consideration of incentivizing fruit tree removal from private properties and other options.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**F.3 Correspondence dated August 8, 2023 from Mayor Ron Paull, City of Quesnel: Request for Support of the Quesnel Highway 97 North-South Interconnector Project**

**F.4 Correspondence dated August 25, 2023 from Eoin Foley, President, Downtown Prince George: Downtown Explosion Incident – August 22, 2023 – Funding and Meeting Requests**

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 DIRECTS Administration to return a report to Council with options to work with Downtown Prince George to establish a grant in the amount of up to \$20,000 from the Council Contingency Fund to provide one-time emergency relief to merchants impacted by the explosion that occurred at 4th and Dominion on August 22, 2023.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**Moved By** Councillor Bennett

**Seconded By** Councillor Scott

*That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION Correspondence items F.1 to F.4.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**G. PUBLIC HEARING**

The Regular Council Meeting adjourned to the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m.

**G.1 Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100790 (Bylaw No. 9414)**

Applicant: Thrive Liquor & Cannabis Advisors for 1357837 BC Ltd., Inc.

No. BC1357837

Location: 2270 – 2302 Hart Highway

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100790 (Bylaw No. 9414)" included:

- Previously submitted staff report dated June 15, 2023 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100790 (Bylaw No. 9414)" (Considered at the July 10, 2023 Council Meeting);
- Location and Existing Zoning Map;
- Appendix "A" to Bylaw No. 9414; and

- Supporting Document.

Correspondence for Council's consideration regarding "Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100790 (Bylaw No. 9414)" included:

- Correspondence dated August 21, 2023 from Rebecca Hardin, Liquor & Cannabis Advisor, Thrive Advisors (Applicant) including 97 letters in support of the application.

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

**Applicant:**

Rebecca Hardin, Thrive Liquor and Cannabis Advisor, Thrive Advisors, was available for questions via telephone.

The owners, Mr. and Ms. Bassi, attended Centre Table and provided information in support of their application including their interest in the subject property, proposed rezoning, and application for a retail cannabis license.

**Representations from Members of the Public:**

There were no representations from members of the public.

**Moved By** Councillor Frizzell

**Seconded By** Councillor Scott

*That the Public Hearing regarding “Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100790 (Bylaw No. 9414)”, BE CLOSED.*

**Carried Unanimously**

The Public Hearing adjourned to the Regular Council Meeting at 7:10 p.m.

**City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9414, 2023**

**Moved By** Councillor Skakun

**Seconded By** Councillor Frizzell

*That Council GIVES THIRD READING of "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9414, 2023."*

**Carried Unanimously**

**G.1.1 Cannabis Licence Application No. CN000022**

Applicant: Thrive Liquor & Cannabis Advisors for 1357837 BC Ltd., Inc.  
No. BC1357837

Location: 2280 Hart Highway

Documents for Council's consideration regarding “Cannabis Licence Application No. CN000022” included:

- Staff report dated August 2, 2023 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Cannabis Licence Application No. CN000022";
- Location and Existing Zoning Map;
- Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch Approval; and
- Supporting Document.

Correspondence for Council's consideration regarding "Cannabis Licence Application No. CN000022" included:

- Correspondence dated August 21, 2023 from Rebecca Hardin, Liquor & Cannabis Advisor, Thrive Advisors (Applicant) including 97 letters in support of the application.

**Moved By** Councillor Ramsay

**Seconded By** Councillor Sampson

*That Council:*

1. *CONFIRMS that its comments on the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch's prescribed considerations are as set out in the report dated August 2, 2023, from Deanna Wasnik, Director of Planning and Development for Cannabis License Application No. CN000022;*
2. *CONFIRMS the methods used to gather the views of potentially affected property owners are in accordance with Section 4: Statutory Notification and Public Consultation of the City of Prince George Liquor and Cannabis Licensing Policy and that the views of affected residents are as summarized in the minutes of the Public Hearing held on August 28, 2023; and*
3. *SUPPORTS the approval of the Cannabis License to allow "Retail, Cannabis" for 1357837 BC Ltd., Inc. No. BC1357837 located at 2280 Hart Highway, subject to the adoption of "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9414, 2023", for the following reasons:*

*This application is not expected to have a negative impact on the community or produce any significant negative land use impacts on adjacent properties.*

**Carried Unanimously**

The Regular Council Meeting adjourned to the Public Hearing at 7:11 p.m.

**G.2 Official Community Plan Amendment Application No. CP100193 (Bylaw No. 9356) and Rezoning Amendment Application No. RZ100769 (Bylaw No. 9357)**

Applicant: City of Prince George

Location: 2021 Foothills Boulevard

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "Official Community Plan Amendment Application No. CP100193 (Bylaw No. 9356) and Rezoning Amendment Application No. RZ100769 (Bylaw No. 9357)" included:

- Staff report dated August 1, 2023 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Consultation for Official Community Plan Amendment Application No. CP100193 (Bylaw No. 9356, 2022);
- Distribution Area Map (Exhibit "A" to CP100193);
- Request for Comment Letter;
- Public Notice;
- Correspondence Received;
- Previously submitted staff report dated January 17, 2023 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Official Community Plan Amendment Application No. CP100193 (Bylaw No. 9356) and Rezoning Amendment Application No. RZ100769 (Bylaw No. 9357)" (Considered at the February 6, 2023 Council Meeting);
- Location and Existing Zoning Map;



- Appendix "A" to Bylaw No. 9356;
- Appendix "A" to Bylaw No. 9357; and
- Exhibit "A" to CP100193.

Correspondence for Council's consideration regarding "Official Community Plan Amendment Application No. CP100193 (Bylaw No. 9356) and Rezoning Amendment Application No. RZ100769 (Bylaw No. 9357)" included:

- Correspondence dated August 21, 2023 from Eunice Crossley in support of the application;
- Correspondence dated August 21, 2023 from Jacqueline Trudel in support of the application;
- Correspondence dated August 22, 2023 from Brad Douglas in support of the application;
- Handout: Correspondence dated August 22, 2023 from Cindy White in support of the application;
- Handout: Correspondence dated August 23, 2023 from Kathleen Haines in support of the application;
- Handout: Correspondence dated August 23, 2023 from Veronica Henkel in support of the application;
- Handout: Correspondence dated August 23, 2023 from Gillian Recknell in support of the application;
- Handout: Correspondence dated August 24, 2023 from John Huybers in support of the application; and
- Handout: Correspondence dated August 24, 2023 from Jamie Philcox in support of the application.

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

**Applicant:**

D. Wasnik, Director of Planning and Development, provided an overview of the subject report.

**Representations from Members of the Public:**

Kathleen Haines, 3007 Riverview Road, attended Centre Table and spoke in support of the application recognizing the efforts of the City of Prince George, the previous property owners, and park advocates to dedicate the subject property as parkland.

**Moved By** Councillor Polillo

**Seconded By** Councillor Sampson

*That the Public Hearing regarding "Official Community Plan Amendment Application No. CP100193 (Bylaw No. 9356) and Rezoning Amendment Application No. RZ100769 (Bylaw No. 9357)", BE CLOSED.*

**Carried Unanimously**

The Public Hearing adjourned to the Regular Council Meeting at 7:21 p.m.

**City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9356, 2022**

**City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9357, 2022**

**Moved By** Councillor Scott  
**Seconded By** Councillor Frizzell

*That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated August 1, 2023, from the Director of Planning and Development, titled “Consultation for Official Community Plan Amendment Application No. CP100193 (Bylaw No. 9356, 2022)”.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**Moved By** Councillor Sampson  
**Seconded By** Councillor Bennett

*That Council GIVES THIRD READING to “City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9356, 2022.”*

**Carried Unanimously**

**Moved By** Councillor Frizzell  
**Seconded By** Councillor Klassen

*That Council GIVES THIRD READING to “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9357, 2022.*

**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 7:25 P.M.**

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