



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

October 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
Dave Bradshaw, Manager of Transportation and Technical Services/Acting Director of Civic Operations
Leslie Kellett, Deputy Corporate Officer
Elisha Leclair, Legislative Services Assistant

A. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That the agenda for the regular meeting of Council scheduled for October 16, 2023, BE ADOPTED.

Carried Unanimously

B. MINUTES

B.1 Adoption of the Regular Council Meeting Minutes – September 25, 2023

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That the minutes of the regular Council meeting held September 25, 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. DELEGATION(S)

C.1 AiMHi – Prince George Association for Community Living

Mark Zuberbuhler, Chief Executive Officer, and Wendy Brophy, Chief Services Officer, AiMHi, provided a PowerPoint presentation for Community Living Month including information on the services that are provided in Prince George by AiMHi.

Discussion commenced. Mark Zuberbuhler and Wendy Brophy responded to questions of Council.

D. CONSENT AGENDA (FOR INFORMATION)

E. REPORTS

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

E.1 2024 Permissive Tax Exemptions

City of Prince George Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 9429, 2023

Councillor Polillo declared a conflict of interest due to his involvement with proposed recipients of a permissive tax exemption and exited Council Chambers at 6:21 p.m.

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

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council GIVES FIRST THREE READINGS to “City of Prince George Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 9429, 2023.”

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Polillo returned to Council Chambers at 6:35 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Bennett
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council REFERS to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs to consider opportunities in which local governments can recuperate the equivalent of property tax for childcare centres located on school property.

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY – ADAM DAVEY

E.2 Housekeeping Amendment to Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council GIVES FIRST THREE READINGS of “City of Prince George Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw No. 8813, 2016, Amendment Bylaw No. 9430, 2023.”

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF CIVIC OPERATIONS – BLAKE MCINTOSH

E.3 Localized Urban Green Space Management

Discussion commenced. D. Bradshaw, Manager of Transportation and Technical Services/Acting Director of Civic Operations, K. Dalio, Director of Finance and IT Services, and W. Babicz, City Manager, responded to questions of Council.

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council DIRECTS Administration to confirm and accept terms of the gift from Miracle Theatre and Prince George Community Foundation for the provision of a Structural Protection Unit intended to augment the current service plan and provide fire protection to residences and buildings, as described in the letter dated October 11, 2023 from Mindy Stroet, Director of Development, Prince George Community Foundation.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Ramsay

Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council DIRECTS Administration to return a report to Council summarizing the work completed regarding located tree and brush thinning projects in urban green space areas, as described in the report dated September 21, 2023 from the Director of Civic Operations titled “Localized Urban Green Space Management.”

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated September 21, 2023 from the Director of Civic Operations titled “Localized Urban Green Space Management” and APPROVES expenditures of up to \$60,000 from the City’s EVP Crown Land Forest account to fund localized tree and brush thinning projects in urban green space areas.

Carried

Councillor Klassen opposed.

H. PUBLIC HEARING

The Regular Council Meeting adjourned to the Public Hearing at 7:01 p.m.

H.1 Official Community Plan Amendment Application No. CP100192 (Bylaw No. 9341) and Rezoning Amendment Application No. RZ100746 (Bylaw No. 9342)

Applicant: 446065 B.C. Ltd., Inc. No. 446065

Location: 145 Brunswick Street

Documents for Council's consideration regarding “Official Community Plan Amendment Application No. CP100192 (Bylaw No. 9341) and Rezoning Amendment Application No. RZ100746 (Bylaw No. 9342)” included:

- Staff report dated September 20, 2023 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Consultation for Official Community Plan Amendment Application No. CP100192 (Bylaw No. 9341, 2022)";

- Distribution Area Map (Exhibit “A” to CP100192);
- Request for Comment Letter;
- Facebook Notice;
- Landscaping and Parking Plan; and
- Traffic Impact Analysis;
- Previously submitted staff report dated October 26, 2022 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Official Community Plan Amendment Application No. CP100192 (Bylaw No. 9341) and Rezoning Amendment Application No. RZ100746 (Bylaw No. 9342)" (Considered at the May 31, 2023 regular council meeting);
- Location and Existing Zoning Map;
- Appendix "A" to Bylaw No. 9341;
- Appendix "A" to Bylaw No. 9342;
- Exhibit "A" to Application No. CP100192; and
- Supporting Documents.

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

Applicant:

Curtis Armstrong, Publisher, Prince George Citizen (Applicant), attended Centre Table and spoke in support of the application noting that the subject property once was used as the newspaper printing press and subsequently has been used to store newspapers waiting for distribution.

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

Moved By Councillor Skakun

Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That after adjournment, the Public Hearing regarding “Official Community Plan Amendment Application No. CP100192 (Bylaw No. 9341) and Rezoning Amendment Application No. RZ100746 (Bylaw No. 9342)”, BE RESUMED on October 30, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall and Administration BE DIRECTED to return a report to Council at the October 30, 2023 public hearing including information regarding the subject property’s history pertaining to zoning and permitted use.

Carried Unanimously

The Public Hearing adjourned to the Regular Council Meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Mayor Yu called a recess of the Regular Council Meeting at 7:27 p.m.

The Regular Council Meeting reconvened at 7:34 p.m.

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

DIRECTOR OF CIVIC FACILITIES AND EVENTS – ANDY BEESLEY

E.4 CN Centre Audio Renewal

Discussion commenced. A. Beesley, Director of Civic Facilities and Events, and K. Dalio, Director of Finance and IT Services, responded to questions of Council.

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council APPROVES Project # 3394 CN Centre Audio System Renewal be added to the 2023-2027 Financial Plan with a budget of \$950,000 in the 2023 year, funded from the Northern Capital and Planning Reserve fund as detailed in the report dated September 28, 2023 from the Director of Civic Facilities & Events titled “CN Centre Audio Renewal”.

Carried Unanimously

E.5 Budget Amendment - City Hall Transformer Replacement

Discussion commenced and D. Martens, Manager of Project Delivery and Maintenance, responded to questions of Council.

Moved By Councillor Skakun
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

The Council APPROVES a budget and scope amendment to Project # 3229– City Hall Transformer Replacement to allow a total cost of \$1,200,000, that includes the addition of \$890,000 funded from the Northern Capital and Planning Reserve, as described in the report dated September 28, 2023 from the Director of Civic Facilities & Events titled “Budget Amendment – City Hall Transformer Replacement”.

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – DEANNA WASNIK

E.6 Road Closure Application No. RCL00024 and Road Closure Application No. RCL00025 (Bylaw No. 9428, 2023)

Applicant: Steven and Joyce Leach & Kevin Gunning and Tiffany Coffey
Location: Road dedication between 8160 and 8174 St. John Crescent

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "Road Closure Application No. RCL00024 and Road Closure Application No. RCL00025 (Bylaw No. 9428, 2023)" include:

- Previously submitted staff report dated August 7, 2023 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Road Closure Application No. RCL00024 and Road Closure Application No. RCL00025 (Bylaw No. 9428, 2023)" (Considered at the September 25, 2023 regular council meeting);
- Location Map;
- Appendix "A" to Bylaw No. 9428; and
- Exhibit "A" - Proposed Consolidation Plan.

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

City of Prince George Road Closure Bylaw No. 9428, 2023

Moved By Councillor Bennett
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council GIVES THIRD READING of “City of Prince George Road Closure Bylaw No. 9428, 2023”.

Carried Unanimously

E.7 Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100795 (Bylaw No. 9427)

Applicant: Canna Northwest Enterprises Inc. for Blanleil Cranbrook Holdings Ltd., Inc.
No. BC0826729
Location: 2591 Vance Road

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100795 (Bylaw No. 9427)" include:

- Staff report dated September 20, 2023 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100795 (Bylaw No. 9427)";
- Location Map;
- Appendix "A" to Bylaw No. 9427; and
- Supporting Document.

City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9427, 2023

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council GIVES FIRST AND SECOND READING of “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9427, 2023”.

Carried Unanimously

E.8 Temporary Use Permit Application No. TU000083

Applicant: Kal Panaich for 1069961 B.C. Ltd., Inc. No. BC1069961
Location: 457 – 473 3rd Avenue

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "Temporary Use Permit Application No. TU000083" include:

- Staff report dated September 20, 2023 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Temporary Use Permit Application No. TU000083";
- Location and Existing Zoning Map;
- Temporary Use Permit No. TU000083;
- Exhibit "A" to TU000083; and
- Supporting Document.

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

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council APPROVES Temporary Use Permit No. TU000083 for the property legally described as Parcel A (Plan 30868), Block 141, District Lot 343, Cariboo District, Plan 1268.

Carried Unanimously

E.9 Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100628

Applicant: SmartCentres for First Prince George Developments Limited, Inc.
No. A56164
Location: 5900 Southridge Avenue

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100628" include:

- Staff report dated September 20, 2023 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100628";
- Location and Existing Zoning Map;
- Development Variance Permit No. VP100628;
- Exhibit "A" to VP100628;
- Exhibit "B" to VP100628;
- Exhibit "C" to VP100628; and
- Correspondence dated October 6, 2023 from Bonnie Hooge in opposition to the application.

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

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council APPROVES Development Variance Permit No. VP100628 to vary "City of Prince George Sign Bylaw No. 7202, 2001" for the property legally described as Lot 1, District Lot 2003, Cariboo District, Plan BCP3565 as follows:

- Vary Table 3A by increasing the maximum height of a freestanding sign from 9.0 m to 14.6 m, as shown on Exhibit "A" to VP100628; and*
- Vary Table 3A by increasing the maximum area of a freestanding sign from 15.0 m² to 42.5 m², as shown on Exhibit "A" to VP100628.*

Carried Unanimously

E.10 Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100643

Applicant: Eddie Green for 320163 Saskatchewan Ltd., Inc. No. A0072528

Location: 1975 Robertson Road

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100643" include:

- Staff report dated September 20, 2023 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100643";
- Location and Existing Zoning Map;
- Development Variance Permit No. VP100643;
- Exhibit "A" to VP100643;
- Exhibit "B" to VP100643; and
- Supporting Documents:
 - Rationale Letters and Photos; and
 - Letters of Support and Associated Map.

Moved By Councillor Polillo

Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council APPROVES Development Variance Permit No. VP100643 to vary "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007" for Lot B, District Lot 2508, Cariboo District, Plan PGP40603, as follows:

- Vary Section 12.1.6 3. to decrease the minimum front yard setback from 3.0 m to 1.8 m, as shown on Exhibits "A" and "B" to VP100643.*

Carried Unanimously

E.11 Request for Concurrence – Proposed Rogers Wireless Communications Facility (W6473)

Applicant: Cypress Land Services Inc. for Rogers Communications Inc.
Location: 8266 Domagala Road

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "Request for Concurrence – Proposed Rogers Wireless Communications Facility (W6473)" include:

- Staff report dated September 20, 2023 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Request for Concurrence – Proposed Rogers Wireless Communications Facility (W6473)";
- Location and Existing Zoning Map; and
- Public Consultation Package.

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

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Klassen

That Council INSTRUCTS the Corporate Officer to advise Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada in writing that:

- a. Rogers Communications Inc. (Rogers) has satisfactorily completed its consultation with the City of Prince George;*
- b. The City of Prince George is satisfied with Rogers public consultation process and does not require any further consultation with the public; and*
- c. The City of Prince George concurs with Rogers proposal to construct a wireless communications facility provided it be constructed substantially in accordance with the plans submitted to the City of Prince George for a 53.0 metres self-supported tower and ancillary equipment at 8266 Domagala Road (Lot B, District Lot 2424, Cariboo District, Plan 32043).*

Carried Unanimously

F. BYLAWS – FINAL READING AND ADOPTION

G. CORRESPONDENCE

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

Councillor Sampson requested further consideration of Correspondence item G.3.

Councillor Polillo requested further consideration of Correspondence item G.4.

G.1 Correspondence dated September 25, 2023 from Mayor Simon Yu to Work BC: Letter of Support for Community Futures Development Corporate of Fraser-Fort George's Application to the community Workforce Response Grant for Paramedic Training

G.2 Correspondence dated September 28, 2023 from Dan Adamson: Wildfire Hazard Assessment - Updating 2009 Report

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

Moved By Councillor Skakun
Seconded By Councillor Klassen

That Council REFERS to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs the letter dated September 28, 2023 from Dan Adamson regarding updating the 2009 Wildfire Hazard Assessment Report.

Carried Unanimously

- G.3 Correspondence dated September 21, 2023 from Silvia Welygan, Executive Director, and Spencer Hammond, Associate Director, Northern Community Counselling Centre Society: Request for a Resolution in Support of a NDI Grant Application**

Discussion commenced.

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That the City of Prince George SUPPORTS the Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) grant application from the Northern Community Counselling Centre Society in the amount of \$100,000 a year for three years, for a total of up to \$300,000 in order to support the Centre's program and capacity expansion from NDIT's Northern Healthy Communities Fund.

Carried Unanimously

- G.4 Correspondence September 19, 2023 from Jessica Verhagen, Chief Executive Officer, Hydra Energy Canada Corporation: Request for Letter in Support of a British Columbia Manufacturing and Jobs Fund Grant Application**

Discussion commenced.

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council PROVIDES a letter of support to Hydra Energy Canada Corporation regarding their British Columbia Manufacturing and Jobs Fund Grant Application.

Carried Unanimously

- G.5 Correspondence dated October 11, 2023 from Mindy Stroet, Director of Development, Prince George Community Foundation: Gift Offer to the City from Miracle Theatre and Prince George Community Foundation to Purchase a Structural Protection Unit**

Consideration of this correspondence item is noted at agenda item E.3.

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

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

Carried Unanimously

I. 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 8:35 P.M.

CHAIRPERSON

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