



## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

April 22, 2024  
6:00 pm  
Council Chambers of City Hall  
1100 Patricia Boulevard, Prince George, BC

*We respectfully acknowledge the unceded ancestral lands of the Lheidli T'enneh, on whose land we live, work, and play.*

**PRESENT:**

- Mayor Simon Yu
- Councillor Tim Bennett
- Councillor 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 Services
- Kris Dalio, Director of Finance & IT Services
- Andy Beesley, Director of Civic Facilities and Events
- Blake McIntosh, Director of Civic Operations
- Ethan Anderson, Corporate Officer/Manager of Legislative Services
- Elisha Leclair, Legislative Services Assistant

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### A. ADOPTION OF THE AMENDED AGENDA

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

*That the agenda for the regular meeting of Council scheduled for April 22, 2024, BE AMENDED to include FIVE (5) letters associated with item E.6, FIVE (5) letters of correspondence, and to move item E.6 to be considered before item E.1, and that the agenda be ADOPTED AS AMENDED.*

Carried Unanimously

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

*That the agenda for the regular meeting of Council scheduled for April 22, 2024, BE AMENDED to include correspondence dated April 19, 2024 from Hon. Ravi Kahlon, Minister for Housing.*

Carried Unanimously

**B. MINUTES**

**B.1 Adoption of the Regular Council Meeting Minutes - April 8, 2024**

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

*That the minutes of the regular Council meeting held April 8, 2024, 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 BC Builds**

Presenter: Lisa Helps, Executive Lead, BC Builds, Project Origination and Process Innovation

Topic: BC Builds Overview

**Moved By** Councilor Skakun  
**Seconded By** Councillor Frizzell

*That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the presentation from Lisa Helps, “BC Builds.”*

Carried Unanimously

**C.2 Prince George Hospice Palliative Care Society**

Presenter: Donna Flood, Executive Director

Topic: Update on Hospice and programs including Home Hospice and Palliative Care Centre

**Moved By** Councillor Sampson  
**Seconded By** Councillor Skakun

*That Council REFERS to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs to invite Donna Flood to a committee meeting to discuss advocacy options to support PG Hospice.”*

Carried Unanimously

**D. CONSENT AGENDA (FOR INFORMATION)**

- D.1 2024 M3 Mayor's Expense Summary**
- D.2 2024 Q1 Consultant Report**
- D.3 2024 Q1 Council Contingency**
- D.4 2024 Q1 Delegated Authority**
- D.5 2024 Q1 Procurement Report**
- D.6 Monthly Building Permit and Development Permit Summary (March 2024)**

**Moved By** Councillor Scott

**Seconded By** Councillor Polillo

*That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION Consent Agenda items D.1 to D.6.*

**Carried Unanimously**

Councillor Ramsay left Council Chambers from 6:57 p.m. to 6:58 p.m.

**E. REPORTS**

**E.6 Temporary Use Permit Application No. TU000091 - 397 3rd Avenue**

Applicant: Provincial Rental Housing Corporation for the City of Prince George

Location: 397 3rd Avenue

Documents for Council's consideration regarding Temporary Use Permit Application No. TU000091 include:

- Staff report dated March 25, 2024 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Temporary Use Permit Application No. TU000091";
- Location and Existing Zoning Map;
- Temporary Use Permit No. TU000091;
- Memorandum of Understanding;
- Council Resolution dated January 15, 2024; and
- Supporting Document

BC Housing Preliminary Site Plan

BC Housing Public Consultation Summary

Correspondence for Council's consideration regarding Temporary Use Permit Application No. TU000091 include:

- Ed Bryson - Conditional Support
- Madelaine Deevy - Opposition
- Beth Chng - Support

- Tracy Frost - Opposition
- Nikki Crawford, Advanced Industrial Group Inc. - Opposition
- K.A. MacDonald - Conditional Support
- Dan Duckworth - Conditional Support
- Debra Yorston - Opposition
- Siegfried and Yvonne Hemmerich - Opposition
- Eduard Hausot - Conditional Support
- Cornelia Jonker - Request for additional actions
- Irene Krake - Conditional Support
- Glen Thielmann - Conditional Support
- Eric Long - Conditional Support
- Nini Long - Conditional Support
- Liz Neville - Opposition
- Maura O'Malley - Opposition
- Michelle Stephen - Conditional Support
- Michael Holt - Opposition
- Rob Murphy - Conditional Support
- Sam Vassallo - Opposition
- Richard Leask - Opposition
- Paul Bentley - Opposition
- Darren Andreychuk - Opposition
- Marie Hay – Concerns
- Erin Angove - Concerns
- Holly Klitch - Opposition
- Chris Lear - Opposition
- Fallow Matte - Opposition
- Mia Reimers - Opposition

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

*That Council APPROVES Temporary Use Permit No. TU000091 for the property legally described as Lot A, District Lot 343, Cariboo District, Plan EPP102681.*

**Carried Unanimously**

Councillor Ramsay left Council Chambers from 7:07 p.m. to 7:10 p.m.

**COUNCILLORS SAMPSON, RAMSAY AND BENNETT**

**E.1 Notice of Motion: Community Safety Town Hall**

**Moved By** Councillor Sampson

**Seconded By** Councillor Bennett

1.

*A. That Council HOSTS a Community Safety Town Hall meeting at the soonest possible opportunity within the month of May, to provide an opportunity for community members, business owners, and other stakeholders to share their concerns, ask questions, and share ideas with key City of Prince George staff and members of Council in addressing the encampments, and complex social issues throughout our community. In addition to City of PG staff, invitations for representatives from the Northern Health Authority and BC Housing to participate must be sent, and;*

*B. That Council DIRECTS Administration to coordinate the Town Hall, with a budget of up to \$20,000.00 from the Council Contingency Fund for use towards venue, A/V, display materials, advertising/mailouts, a facilitator, and any other directly related expenses.*

2.

*A. That Council COMMITS to participating in and DIRECTS Administration to coordinate a facilitated follow up workshop with Council and City Administration for the purpose of strategizing and identifying clear action items based on the information and data provided and gathered through the Town Hall at its soonest opportunity, and;*

*B. That Council DIRECTS Administration to bring back a subsequent report to a public Council meeting with actionable items towards addressing the community's concerns and the recommendations to a regular Council Meeting no later than one month following the completion of the workshop.*

***Division of the Question was requested.***

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**Carried Unanimously**

*B. That Council DIRECTS Administration to coordinate the Town Hall, with a budget of up to \$20,000.00 from the Council Contingency Fund for use towards venue, A/V, display materials, advertising/mailouts, a facilitator, and any other directly related expenses.*

**Carried**

Mayor Yu, Councillor Klassen, Councillor Skakun opposed.

2.

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**Carried**

Mayor Yu, Councillor Klassen opposed.

*B. That Council DIRECTS Administration to bring back a subsequent report to a public Council meeting with actionable items towards addressing the community's concerns and the recommendations to a regular Council Meeting no later than one month following the completion of the workshop.*

**Carried**

Mayor Yu opposed.

Mayor Yu called a recess at 8:49 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:59 p.m.

Councillor Skakun entered Council Chambers at 9:00 p.m.

**A. BEESLEY, DIRECTOR OF CIVIC FACILITIES AND EVENTS**

**E.2 Prince George Aquatic Center Mechanical & Building Envelope Upgrades: Financial Plan Amendment and Council Direction**

**Moved By** Councillor Frizzell

**Seconded By** Councillor Bennett

*That Council;*

*1. APPROVES increasing the budget for Phase 1 of Project # 3108 – AQC-Mechanical/Building Envelope Upgrade from \$8,580,000 to \$14,880,000 with an additional funding source of the successful 2020 grant funding amount of \$6,300,000 received from the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – British Columbia – Green Infrastructure – Climate Change Mitigation - CleanBC Communities Fund.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**Moved By** Councillor Frizzell

**Seconded By** Councillor Sampson

*That Council EXTEND the meeting to 11:00 p.m.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**Moved By** Councillor Sampson  
**Seconded By** Councillor Frizzell

*That Council REFER the item to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs for advocacy options.*

**Carried Unanimously**

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

*That Council REFER the item to the Standing Committee on Finance and Audit for consideration of funding sources.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**Moved By** Councillor Frizzell  
**Seconded By** Councillor Polillo

*2. APPROVES Phase 1a increasing the budget for Project # 3108 – AQC-Mechanical/Building Envelope Upgrade by \$1,300,000 with a funding source of MFA Debt Proceeds, as described in the report to Council dated April 9, 2024 titled “Prince George Aquatic Center Mechanical & building Envelope Upgrades: Financial Plan Amendment and Council Direction”.*

**Carried**

Mayor Yu and Councillor Klassen opposed.

**Moved By** Councillor Frizzell  
**Seconded By** Councillor Skakun

*3. APPROVES Phase 1b increasing the budget for Project # 3108 – AQC-Mechanical/Building Envelope Upgrade by \$1,850,000 with a funding source of MFA Debt Proceeds, as described in the report to Council dated April 9, 2024 titled “Prince George Aquatic Center Mechanical & building Envelope Upgrades: Financial Plan Amendment and Council Direction”.*

**Carried**

Mayor Yu and Councillor Klassen opposed.

**Moved By** Councillor Polillo  
**Seconded By** Councillor Frizzell

*4. APPROVES Phase 2 increasing the budget for Project # 3108 – AQC-Mechanical/Building Envelope Upgrade by \$7,900,000 with a funding source of MFA Debt Proceeds, as described in the report to Council dated April 9, 2024 titled “Prince George Aquatic Center Mechanical & building Envelope Upgrades: Financial Plan Amendment and Council Direction”.*

**Carried**

Mayor Yu and Councillor Klassen opposed.

**Moved By** Councillor Skakun  
**Seconded By** Councillor Scott

5. *APPROVES Phase 3 increasing the budget for Project # 3108 – AQC-Mechanical/Building Envelope Upgrade by \$4,500,000 with a funding source of MFA Debt Proceeds, as described in the report to Council dated April 9, 2024 titled “Prince George Aquatic Center Mechanical & building Envelope Upgrades: Financial Plan Amendment and Council Direction”.*

**Carried**

Mayor Yu and Councillor Klassen opposed.

**Moved By** Councillor Polillo  
**Seconded By** Councillor Frizzell

6. *APPROVES Phase 4 increasing the budget for Project # 3108 – AQC-Mechanical/Building Envelope Upgrade by \$6,600,000 with a funding source of MFA Debt Proceeds, as described in the report to Council dated April 9, 2024 titled “Prince George Aquatic Center Mechanical & building Envelope Upgrades: Financial Plan Amendment and Council Direction”.*

**Carried**

Mayor Yu and Councillor Klassen opposed.

Councillor Skakun left Council Chambers from 9:52 p.m. to 9:53 p.m.

**Moved By** Councillor Bennett  
**Seconded By** Councillor Polillo

*That Council MOVE item F.1 to be considered next.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**F.1 Rezoning Application No. RZ100794 (Bylaw No. 9426, 2023)**

**Moved By** Councillor Bennett  
**Seconded By** Councillor Klassen

*That Council GIVES FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9426, 2023.”*

**Carried Unanimously**

**K. DALIO, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND IT SERVICES**

**E.3 2024 Temporary Borrowing Bylaws**



**Moved By** Councillor Frizzell  
**Seconded By** Councilor Polillo

*That Council give first three readings to "Civic Facility Roof Replacements 2019-2022 Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 9009, 2019, Temporary Borrowing Bylaw No. 9461, 2024."*

**Carried Unanimously**

**Moved By** Councillor Frizzell  
**Seconded By** Councillor Bennett

*That Council give first three readings to "Aquatic Centre Renewal and Upgrade Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 9010, 2019 Temporary Borrowing Bylaw No. 9462, 2024."*

**Carried Unanimously**

**Moved By** Councillor Sampson  
**Seconded By** Councillor Scott

*That Council give first three readings to "Critical Street Light and Traffic Signal Replacement Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 9017, 2019, Temporary Borrowing Bylaw No. 9463, 2024"*

**Carried Unanimously**

**E.4 2024-2028 Financial Plan and Tax Rates Bylaws**

**Moved By** Councillor Polillo  
**Seconded By** Councillor Bennett

*That Council GIVES FIRST THREE READINGS to "City of Prince George 5 – Year Operating and Capital Financial Plans Bylaw No. 9464, 2024".*

**Carried Unanimously**

Councillor Sampson left the chambers at 10:18 p.m. to 10: 20 p.m.

**Moved By** Councillor Bennett  
**Seconded By** Councillor Scott

*That Council GIVES FIRST THREE READINGS to "City of Prince George Tax Rates Bylaw No. 9465, 2024".*

**Carried Unanimously**

D. WASNIK, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

**E.5 2024 Temporary Uses Permitted in Light Industrial Areas**

**Moved By** Councillor Sampson

**Seconded By** Councillor Ramsay

*That Council DIRECTS Administration to use the report to inform changes to zoning in the light industrial area.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**Moved By** Councillor Klassen

**Seconded By** Councillor Frizzell

*That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated March 8, 2024, from the Director of Planning and Development titled “Temporary Use Permits Considered in Light Industrial Areas”.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**E.7 2024 Request for Concurrence W6475**

Applicant: Cypress Land Services on behalf of Rogers Communications Inc.

Location: 2519 Queensway

Documents for Council's consideration:

1. Staff report dated March 25, 2024 from the Director of Planning and Development titled, Request for Concurrence – Proposed Rogers Wireless Communications Facility (W6475);
2. Location and Existing Zoning Map;
3. Public Consultation Package

**Moved By** Councillor Sampson

**Seconded By** Councillor Ramsay

*1. 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 30.0 m self-supported tower and ancillary equipment at 2519 Queensway (Parcel 1, District Lot 934, Cariboo District, Plan BCP3365).*

**Carried Unanimously**

**E.8 Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100667 - 1735 11th Avenue**

Applicant: Blake Buckham and Alicia Kirkby

Location: 1735 11th Avenue

Documents for Council's consideration regarding Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100667 include:

- Staff report dated March 25, 2024 from the Director of Planning and Development titled, "Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100667";
- Location and Existing Zoning Map
- Development Variance Permit No. VP100667
- Exhibit "A" to VP100667

**Moved By** Councillor Sampson

**Seconded By** Councillor Scott

*That Council APPROVE Development Variance Permit No. VP100667 to vary City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007 for Lot 7, Block 207, District Lot 343, Cariboo District, Plan 1268 as follows:*

*a. Vary Section 10.4.4 1. by decreasing the minimum lot width from 7.5 m to 7.1 m, as shown on Exhibit "A" to VP100667.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**F. BYLAWS - FINAL READING AND ADOPTION**

**F.2 Rezoning Application No. RZ100786 (Bylaw No. 9390, 2023)**

Mayor Yu declared a Conflict of Interest as he has a pecuniary interest in the project. Mayor Yu left the Chambers at 10:29 p.m.

Acting Mayor Frizzell took the chair.

**Moved By** Councillor Scott

**Seconded By** Councillor Polillo

*That Council GIVES FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9390, 2023."*

**Carried Unanimously**

Mayor Yu returned to the Chambers at 10:30 p.m.

**G. Notices of Motion**

**G.1 Notice of Motion - Bear Aware Advisory Committee & Bear Proofing our Community**

In accordance with City of Prince George Council Procedures Bylaw No. 8388, 2011, notice of the proposed motion is provided. The proposed motions will be included on the May 6, 2024 Council Meeting agenda for Council's consideration.

**H. CORRESPONDENCE**

Council requested further consideration of Correspondence Item H.1, H.2 and items H.3 to H.25.

- H.1 Correspondence dated April 10, 2024 from Heidi Klepsch, Accessibility Coordinator for Theatre NorthWest regarding request for Resolution of Support in an application to Northern Development Initiative Trust**

**Moved By** Councillor Polillo  
**Seconded By** Councillor Frizzell

*That the City of Prince George SUPPORTS the application to Northern Development Initiative Trust from Theatre NorthWest for essential lighting and sound upgrades for a grant of up to \$300,000.*

**Carried Unanimously**

- H.2 Correspondence dated April 3, 2024 from Mayor Scott Goodmanson, City of Langford regarding Support for Bill C-277**

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

*That the item BE REFERRED to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs.*

**Carried Unanimously**

- H.3 Correspondence dated April 15, 2024 from Beth Hodgson regarding Lower Patricia Encampment**

- H.4 Correspondence dated April 10, 2024 from Philip Rice regarding Lower Patricia Encampment**

- H.5 Correspondence dated April 15, 2024 from Kerrie Roberts regarding Lower Patricia Encampment**

- H.6 Correspondence dated April 14, 2024 from Anne Rushton regarding Lower Patricia Encampment**

- H.7 Correspondence dated April 17, 2024 from Sigfried and Yvonne Hemmerich regarding Lower Patricia Encampment**

- H.8 Correspondence dated April 16 and 17, 2024 from Karen Wong regarding Lower Patricia Encampment**

- H.9 Correspondence dated April 15, 2024 from Harry Yates regarding Lower Patricia Encampment**

- H.10 Correspondence dated April 14, 2024 from Loretta Minke regarding Lower Patricia Encampment**

- H.11 Correspondence dated April 17, 2024 from Eldrid Dube regarding Lower Patricia Encampment
- H.12 Correspondence from Steven Castelli regarding Lower Patricia Encampment
- H.13 Correspondence dated April 14, 2024 from Ella Gagnon regarding Lower Patricia Encampment
- H.14 Correspondence dated April 17, 2024 from Lynn Bergmann regarding Lower Patricia Encampment
- H.15 Correspondence dated April 16, 2024 from Richard Leask regarding Lower Patricia Encampment
- H.16 Correspondence dated April 15, 2024 from Christian Lear regarding Lower Patricia Encampment
- H.17 Correspondence dated April 15, 2024 from Barry Mckinnon regarding Lower Patricia Encampment
- H.18 Correspondence from Arnold Ashton regarding Lower Patricia Encampment
- H.19 Correspondence dated April 15, 2024 from Joe Postnikoff, Derrick and Sandy Przysieny, Tee Box Golf regarding Lower Patricia Encampment
- H.20 Correspondence from Tina and Carlyle Garlick regarding the Lower Patricia Encampment
- H.21 Correspondence dated April 12, 2024 from Wendy Pibworth regarding Lower Patricia Encampment
- \*H.22 Correspondence dated April 17, 2024 from Nancy Hollywood regarding Lower Patricia Encampment
- \*H.23 Correspondence dated April 17, 2024 from Jillian MacMillan regarding Lower Patricia Encampment
- \*H.24 Correspondence dated April 17, 2024 from April Ottesen regarding Lower Patricia Encampment
- \*H.25 Correspondence dated April 21, 2024 from Susan Weatherly regarding Lower Patricia Encampment
- \*H.26 Correspondence dated April 19, 2024 from Hon. Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Housing regarding HEART/HEARTH

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved By** Councillor Polillo

**Seconded By** Councillor Frizzell

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

**Carried Unanimously**

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 10:32 P.M.**

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CHAIRPERSON

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