



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

May 27, 2024

6:00 pm

Council Chambers of City Hall

1100 Patricia Boulevard, Prince George, BC

PRESENT: Mayor Simon Yu <via Zoom>
Councillor Tim Bennett
Councillor Garth Frizzell
Councillor Trudy Klassen <Acting Mayor>
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
Eric Depenau, Director of Administrative Services
Blake McIntosh, Director of Civic Operations
Ethan Anderson, Manager of Legislative Services/Corporate Officer
Leslie Kellett, Deputy Corporate Officer

A. ADOPTION OF THE AMENDED AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That the agenda for the regular meeting of Council scheduled for May 27, 2024 be amended by adding "City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9341, 2022" and "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9342, 2022" as agenda items F.4 and F.5, and by moving agenda item H.6 to immediately follow agenda item C.2, and that the agenda, BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

Carried Unanimously

B. MINUTES

B.1 Adoption of the Regular Council Meeting Minutes – May 6, 2024

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That the minutes of the regular Council meeting held May 6, 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 Save Your Skin Foundation

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Klassen

That Council DIRECTS Administration to investigate the sunscreen dispenser initiative available through Save Your Skin Foundation.

Carried Unanimously

C.2 Northern Bear Awareness Society

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Klassen

That Council REFERS the presentation provided by the Northern Bear Awareness Society to the Advisory Committee on Bear Awareness.

Carried Unanimously

H. CORRESPONDENCE

H.6 Correspondence dated May 20, 2024 from Guru Nanak Darbar Sikh Society: Petition including 279 signatures Opposing the Relocation of the Bus Stand from Foster/Davis Roads on to Ospika Blvd

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council REFERS to Administration for a report back to Council with options regarding the concerns expressed in the correspondence dated May 20, 2024 from Guru Nanak Darbar Sikh Society regarding the relocation of the bus stop from Foster/Davis Roads to Ospika Boulevard.

Carried Unanimously

D. CONSENT AGENDA (FOR INFORMATION)

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

D.1 M4 2024 (April) Mayor Expense Summary

Moved By Councillor Skakun
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated May 6, 2024 from Mayor Simon Yu titled “M4 2024 (April) Mayor Expense Summary.”

Carried Unanimously

D.2 Monthly Building Permit and Development Permit Summary (April 2024)

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Mayor Yu

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated May 13, 2024 from the Director of Planning and Development titled “Monthly Building Permit and Development Permit Summary (April 2024).”

Carried Unanimously

E. REPORTS

MAYOR SIMON YU

E.1 Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot Program

Moved By Mayor Yu
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated May 16, 2024 from Mayor Yu titled “Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot Program.”

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council AUTHORIZES the Office of the Mayor to write to the Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship requesting that the City of Prince George be added to future rounds of the Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot program should any take place.

Carried Unanimously

COUNCILLOR SKAKUN AND COUNCILLOR KLASSEN

E.2 Notice of Motion – Nuisance Abatement and Cost Recovery Bylaw

Moved By Councillor Skakun
Seconded By Councillor Klassen

As Council desires to be transparent and accountable for our bylaws, we need to ensure they are effective and accomplishing the desired effect, and whereas the Nuisance Abatement and Cost Recovery Bylaw #8940 has been in effect since 2018, Council requests a report outlining the effectiveness and utility of the bylaw:

1. *Council requests staff return with a report detailing the current policy and procedures for this bylaw.*

2. Council requests a report on the effectiveness of the use of the bylaw as an educational tool.
3. Council requests a report on the number of instances this bylaw has been used to recover costs, including the total amount collected.

Carried Unanimously

CITY MANAGER – WALTER BABICZ

E.3 Process for Business Improvement Levy Bylaw Renewal

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council APPROVES the use of the process under section 213 of the Community Charter for the renewal of the Downtown Business Improvement Area Bylaw No. 8929, 2018, and authorizes administration to communicate the intent to use the section 213 process to the Prince George Downtown Business Improvement Association (Downtown Prince George).

Carried Unanimously

E.4 Advisory Committee on Bear Awareness – Terms of Reference

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council APPROVES the draft Terms of Reference for the Advisory Committee on Bear Awareness as attached to the report dated May 16, 2024 from the Manager of Legislative Services titled “Advisory Committee on Bear Awareness – Terms of Reference.”

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF CIVIC OPERATIONS – BLAKE MCINTOSH

E.5 Park Grant Application - Outdoor Recreation Fund of BC

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council APPROVES the City of Prince George applying for the Outdoor Recreation Fund of BC, as described in the report dated May 27, 2024, from the Director of Civic Operations, titled "Park Grant Application - Outdoor Recreation Fund of BC"; and, if any of the applications are successful, AUTHORIZES the Director of Civic Operations to sign the associated funding agreement(s).

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF CIVIC FACILITIES AND EVENTS – ANDY BEESLEY

E.6 Proposed Amendments to Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 7557, 2004

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council GIVES FIRST THREE READINGS to “City of Prince George Comprehensive Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 7557, 2004, Amendment Bylaw No. 9472, 2024”.

Carried Unanimously

E.7 Prince George Playhouse Theatrical Rigging Upgrade – Project Update

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council APPROVES increasing the budget for Project # 3351 – Playhouse Rigging Replacement from \$271,500 to \$356,500 with the additional \$85,000 to be funded by the Canada Community-Building Fund reserve for \$68,000 and the General Infrastructure Reinvestment Fund Reserve for \$17,000, as described in the report to council dated May 15, 2024 from the Director of Civic Facilities & Events, titled “Prince George Playhouse Theatrical Rigging Upgrade – Project Update”.

Carried Unanimously

ACTING DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES – ERIC DEPENAU

E.8 Provincial Open Burning Categories and PG Fire Rescue Local Response

Councillor Frizzell exited Council Chambers at 7:37 p.m. and returned at 7:38 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Polillo

Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated May 15, 2024, from the Acting Director of Administrative Services titled “Provincial Open Burning Categories and PG Fire Rescue Local Response”.

Carried Unanimously

E.9 PG Fire Services Response Levels

Moved By Councillor Skakun

Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated May 15, 2024 from the Acting Director of Administrative Services titled “PG Fire Services Response Levels.”

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Ramsay

Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council REFERS to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs the report dated May 15, 2024 from the Acting Director of Administrative Services titled “PG Fire Services Response Levels” with the request to further establish the actual costs, including labour and supplies, associated with PG Fire Service medical-related calls.

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council AMENDS the main motion by adding the words “and to review the management of health services in Prince George.” after the word “calls.”

Carried Unanimously

Main motion as amended.

Carried Unanimously

E.10 Simon Fraser University – Wildfire Study

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council AGREES to be a community partner to the Simon Fraser University Environment and Infrastructure Wildfire Risk Assessment (EIWA) project as outlined in the report dated May 17, 2024 titled “Simon Fraser University – Wildfire Study”; and that Council SUPPLIES a support letter to this effect substantially in the form of the draft letter attached to the report.

Carried Unanimously

Acting Mayor Klassen called a recess of the Regular Meeting of Council at 8:37 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of Council reconvened at 8:45 p.m.

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

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – DEANNA WASNIK

E.11 Temporary Use Permit Application No. TU000090

Applicant: MarLim Ecological Consulting Ltd., Inc. No. 517185
Location: 650 3rd Avenue

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "Temporary Use Permit Application No. TU000090" included:

- Staff report dated April 26, 2024 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Temporary Use Permit Application No. TU000090";
- Location and Existing Zoning Map;
- Temporary Use Permit No. TU000090; and
- Letter of Intent.

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council APPROVES Temporary Use Permit No. TU000090 for the property legally described as Lot 16, Block 38, District Lot 343, Cariboo District, Plan 1268.

Carried Unanimously

E.12 Temporary Use Permit Application No. TU000097

Applicant: Indian Corner Ltd. For Northstar Lyon Holding Ltd., Inc. No. 0880652
Location: 1798 Nicholson Street S

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "Temporary Use Permit Application No. TU000097" included:

- Staff report dated April 29, 2024 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Temporary Use Permit Application No. TU000097";
- Location and Existing Zoning Map;
- Temporary Use Permit No. TU000097;
- Letter of Intent;
- Letters of Support and Associated Map; and

- Correspondence dated May 17, 2024 from C. Prieston noting concerns regarding the application.

Moved By Mayor Yu

Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council APPROVES Temporary Use Permit No. TU000097 for the property legally described as Lot 51, District Lot 936, Cariboo District, Plan 10868.

Carried Unanimously

E.13 Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100666

Applicant: Textor Contracting for Amos and Nikki-Lee Fort
Location: 6415 Delhi Place

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100666PG" included:

- Staff report dated April 25, 2024 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100666";
- Location and Existing Zoning Map;
- Exhibit "A" to VP100666;
- Supporting Documents:
 - Rationale Letter; and
 - Letters of Support and Associated Map; and
- Correspondence dated May 18, 2024 from Lori Cruddas in support of the application.

Moved By Councillor Scott

Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council APPROVES Development Variance Permit No. VP100666 to vary "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007" for the property legally described as Lot 35, District Lot 754, Cariboo District, Plan 20922 as follows:

- a. Vary Section 10.2.5. 7. By decreasing the minimum rear yard setback for the principal development from 6.0 metres to 2.4 metres, as shown on Exhibit "A" to VP100666.*

Carried Unanimously

E.14 Zoning Bylaw Amendment to Implement Small-Scale Multi-Unit Housing and Transit Oriented Areas (Bylaw No. 9466)

Applicant: City of Prince George
Location: City-Wide

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "Zoning Bylaw Amendment to Implement Small-Scale Multi-Unit Housing and Transit Oriented Areas (Bylaw No. 9466)" included:

- Staff report dated April 8, 2024 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Zoning Bylaw Amendment to Implement Small-Scale Multi-Unit Housing and Transit Oriented Areas (Bylaw No. 9466)";
- Exhibit "A" to RZ100816;
- Exhibit "B" to RZ100816; and
- Appendix "A" to Bylaw 9466.

Moved By Councillor Skakun
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council GIVES THIRD READING to “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9466, 2024.”

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Mayor Yu

That Council REFERS to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs to inform on advocacy opportunities to the province regarding alternate or additional Transit Oriented Areas designated in Prince George to areas with greater transit and ridership statistics.

Carried Unanimously

E.15 Road Closure Application No. RCL00035 (Bylaw No. 9460)

Applicant: L&M Engineering Ltd. On behalf of Ridgecrest Development Group Inc.,
Inc. No. BC1284633

Location: Road Dedication within 8640 St. Lawrence Avenue and 2800 Vista Ridge Drive

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "Road Closure Application No. RCL00035 (Bylaw No. 9460)" included:

- Staff report dated March 18, 2024 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Road Closure Application No. RCL00035 (Bylaw No. 9460)";
- Location Map;
- Appendix “A” to Bylaw No. 9460;
- Exhibit “A” to RCL00035 – Proposed Consolidation Plan;
- Exhibit “B” to RCL00035 – Road Closure Plan prepared by L&M Engineering Ltd; and
- Correspondence dated May 3, 2024 from Jonathan Russell in opposition to the application.

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council GIVES THIRD READING to “City of Prince George Road Closure Bylaw No. 9460, 2024.”

Carried Unanimously

MANAGER OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES/CORPORATE OFFICER – ETHAN ANDERSON

E.16 Results of Alternative Approval Process for Equipment Financing Bylaw No. 9451, 2024 and Stormwater System Renewal Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 9452, 2024

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the Certificate of Insufficiency attached as Appendix “A” to the report dated May 14, 2024 from the Manager of Legislative Services/Corporate Officer titled “Results of Alternative Approval Process for Equipment Financing Bylaw No. 9451, 2024 and Stormwater System Renewal Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 9452, 2024.”

Carried Unanimously

F. BYLAWS – FINAL READING AND ADOPTION

F.1 City of Prince George Equipment Financing Bylaw No. 9451, 2024

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION to “City of Prince George Equipment Financing Bylaw No. 9451, 2024.”

Carried Unanimously

F.2 Stormwater System Renewal Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 9452, 2024

Moved By Councillor Bennett
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION to “Stormwater System Renewal Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 9452, 2024.”

Carried Unanimously

F.3 City of Prince George Transit Services Annual Operating Agreement 2024 – 2025 Authorization Bylaw No. 9469, 2024

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION to “City of Prince George Transit Services Annual Operating Agreement 2024 – 2025 Authorization Bylaw No. 9469, 2024.”

Carried Unanimously

F.4 City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9341, 2022

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION to “City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9341, 2022.”

Carried Unanimously

F.5 City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9342, 2022

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION to “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9342, 2022”.

Carried Unanimously

G. NOTICE OF MOTION

COUNCILLOR KYLE SAMPSON AND COUNCILLOR RON POLLILO

G.1 Revision of Business License Fees for Retail Cannabis

In accordance with City of Prince George Council Procedures Bylaw No. 8388, 2011, notice of the proposed motion is provided. The proposed motion will be included on the January 8, 2024 Council Meeting agenda for Council's consideration.

H. CORRESPONDENCE

Councillor Scott and Councillor Skakun requested further consideration of agenda item H.1.

Councillor Ramsay requested further consideration of agenda item H.2.

H.1 Correspondence from Dr. Annie Booth requesting funding for Inspiring Women Among Us 2024

Moved By Councillor Scott

Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council APPROVES a financial contribution of \$7500 to the 2024 Inspiring Women Among Us event to be paid from Council Contingency.

Carried

Councillor Klassen and Councillor Sampson opposed.

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council DIRECTS Administration to provide information on the City of Prince George grant streams and sponsorship opportunities and on opportunities to obtain a letter of support for 3rd party grant funding applications.

Carried

Councillor Klassen opposed.

H.2 Correspondence dated May 1, 2024 from Rick Jelfs, Secretary, Transport Action British Columbia: Restoring Passenger Rail Service - Sea-to-Sky Corridor

Moved By Councillor Ramsay

Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council PROVIDES a letter in support of the District of Lillooet's efforts lobbying the province to reinstate Sea-to-Sky passenger rail service.

Carried

Councillor Frizzell and Councillor Scott opposed.

H.3 Correspondence dated May 6, 2024 from Laurel Grimm, Director of Corporate Affairs, District of Logan Lake, to Premier Eby regarding Support for Bill-34

H.4 Correspondence dated May 9, 2024 from Mayor Yu to BC Housing: Letter of Support for the Carrier Sekani Family Services

H.5 Correspondence dated May 21, 2024 from Mayor Yu to Community Gaming Grants: Spruce City Wildlife Association's Community Gaming Grant Application

Moved By Councillor Bennett

Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

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

Carried Unanimously

I. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Councillor Bennett

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 9:43 P.M.

CHAIRPERSON

CERTIFIED CORRECT