



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

June 12, 2024

6:00 pm

Council Chambers of City Hall

1100 Patricia Boulevard, Prince George, BC

PRESENT: Mayor Simon Yu
Councillor Tim Bennett
Councillor Garth Frizzell
Councillor Trudy Klassen
Councillor Ron Polillo
Councillor Cori Ramsay <via Zoom>
Councillor Kyle Sampson
Councillor Susan Scott
Councillor Brian Skakun <via Zoom>

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
Leslie Kellett, Deputy Corporate Officer
Catharine Sikobe, Legislative Services Assistant
Elisha Leclair, Legislative Services Assistant

A. ADOPTION OF THE AMENDED AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Klassen

That the agenda for the regular meeting of Council scheduled for June 12, 2024 be amended by adding one (1) new item of correspondence as agenda item G.3, and that the agenda, BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

Carried Unanimously

B. MINUTES

B.1 Adoption of the Regular Council Meeting Minutes – May 27, 2024

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That the minutes of the regular Council meeting held May 27, 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)

D. CONSENT AGENDA (FOR INFORMATION)

D.1 May 29, 2024 Standing Committee on Finance and Audit Agenda

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated May 30, 2024 from the Standing Committee on Finance and Audit titled "May 29, 2024 Standing Committee on Finance and Audit Agenda".

Carried Unanimously

E. REPORTS

COUNCILLOR KYLE SAMPSON

E.1 Notice of Motion - On-Street Parking Revamp - Downtown C1 Zone, and Hospital Area

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council DIRECTS Administration to undergo a full review of the Downtown C1 zone, and Hospital area parking model within the Parking and Traffic Bylaw #6056, with the intent of modernizing it, and shifting to a mixed model of free/pay parking that will provide a better service for the customer, continue to encourage folks to visit downtown businesses, and make parking accessible. And, that Administration will return a report with recommendations to Council to revamp the parking bylaw with enough time to rollout the changes in Q3 2025. It is intended that the review include consultation with stakeholders.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council DIRECTS Administration to return to Council as soon as practicable with recommendations for amendment to alleviate pressures surrounding on-street parking at the hospital due to current and ongoing construction projects, which have impacted parking for healthcare providers, and patients. That these recommendations for Council's consideration are intended to provide immediate relief on these pressures, while the overall full review of the Parking and Traffic Bylaw #6056 is being undertaken.

Carried Unanimously

STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS – COUNCILLOR GARTH FRIZZELL, CHAIR

E.2 Tax Sale Mandated Procedural Changes 2024

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Klassen

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated June 4, 2024 from the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs, titled “Tax Sale Mandated Procedural Changes 2024”.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council DIRECTS Administration to send a letter to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs to raise concerns regarding the challenges faced by the City in implementing the proposed changes to the municipal tax sale, substantially similar to the draft letter attached to the report dated June 4, 2024 from the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs, titled “Tax Sale Mandated Procedural Changes 2024”.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council DIRECTS Administration to send a copy of the letter addressed to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs referenced in the report dated June 4, 2024 from the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs titled “Tax Sale Mandated Procedural Changes 2024” to North Central Local Government Association members.

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF CIVIC OPERATIONS – BLAKE MCINTOSH

E.3 Transit Service Pattern Review for Davis Road

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Klassen

That Council DIRECTS Administration to work with BC Transit on implementing option 1 – “All trips travel via existing routing (no change from current), via Davis, Foster, and Baker Roads” regarding a transit service pattern for the 88 Westgate and 89 Hart service as described in the report dated June 10, 2024 from the Director of Civic Operations titled “Transit Service Pattern Review for Davis Road.”

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council AMENDS the main motion by replacing the words “no change from current” with the words “or an alternate route”.

Carried Unanimously

Main motion as amended.

Carried Unanimously

H. PUBLIC HEARING

The Regular Council Meeting adjourned to the Public Hearing at 7:24 p.m.

H.1 Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100806 (Bylaw No. 9443)

Applicant: McWalter Consulting Ltd. on behalf of Number 270 Holdings Ltd.,
Inc. No. BC0787781

Location: 4330 Giscome Road

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100806 (Bylaw No. 9443)" included:

- Previously submitted staff reported dated March 25, 2024 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100806 (Bylaw No. 9443)" (Considered at the May 6, 2024 regular council meeting);
- Location and Existing Zoning Map;
- Appendix "A" to Bylaw No. 9443;
- Exhibit "A" to Application No. RZ100806;
- Exhibit "B" to Application No. RZ100806;
- Application Letter and Concept Drawings; and
- Consultation Summary.

Applicant:

David McWalter (Applicant) was in attendance and available for questions.

Representations from Members of the Public:

There were no representations from members of the public.

Moved By Councillor Skakun

Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That the Public Hearing regarding "Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100806 (Bylaw No. 9443)", BE CLOSED.

Carried Unanimously

The Public Hearing adjourned to the Regular Council Meeting at 7:29 p.m.

City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9443, 2024

Moved By Councillor Scott

Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council GIVES THIRD READING of "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9443, 2024."

Carried Unanimously

E.4 Snow and Ice Control Policy

Councillor Frizzell exited Council Chambers at 7:30 p.m. and returned at 7:32 p.m.

Councillor Scott exited Council Chambers at 7:34 p.m. and returned at 7:36 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council DIRECTS Administration to return a report to Council outlining the budget impact if the City were to cease clearing driveways as described in the Snow and Ice Control Policy.

Carried

Mayor Yu and Councillors Frizzell, Klassen, and Skakun opposed.

Moved By Councillor Klassen
Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council DIRECTS Administration to return a report to Council outlining the budget impacts for the following items related to the Snow and Ice Control Policy:

a) increase snow clearing service levels minimum metrics by 2.5 cm; and

b) reduce snow clearing service on statutory holidays.

Carried Unanimously

CITY MANAGER – WALTER BABICZ

E.5 Proposed Amendments to Freedom of Information & Protection of Privacy Bylaw

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council GIVES FIRST THREE READINGS to "City of Prince George Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Bylaw No. 8689, 2015, Amendment Bylaw No. 9481, 2024".

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES – ERIC DEPENAU

E.6 Addition to Reserve Application – Lheidli T’enneh First Nation

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated June 3, 2024 from the Director of Administrative Services, titled “Addition to Reserve Application – Lheidli T’enneh First Nation”.

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council POSTPONES consideration of the motion to the August 19, 2024 regular Council meeting or earlier following a meeting between the City of Prince George and the Lheidli T’enneh First Nation to discuss intent and goals in relation to the current and future “Addition to Reserve Applications”.

Defeated

Mayor Yu and Councillors Bennett, Frizzell, Klassen, Polillo, Ramsay, Scott, and Skakun opposed.

Main motion.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council DIRECTS administration to submit a letter, substantially similar to the draft letter attached to the report dated June 3, 2024 from the Director of Administrative Services titled "Addition to Reserve Application – Lheidli T'enneh First Nation" to Indigenous Services Canada in response to their request for a letter of support and technical comments.

Carried

Councillor Sampson opposed.

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council DIRECTS administration to arrange the signing of a Letter of Understanding, substantially similar to the draft as attached to the report dated June 3, 2024 from the Director of Administrative Services titled "Addition to Reserve Application – Lheidli T'enneh First Nation" and begin negotiations with the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation on associated agreements.

Carried

Councillor Sampson opposed.

E.7 2024 UBCM Direct Submissions and Meeting Planning

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council DIRECTS Administration to send correspondence to the Union of BC Municipalities requesting an update be provided to the Union of BC Municipalities membership on advocacy efforts to date and results of said advocacy regarding endorsed 2021 Resolution NR2 - "Improved Efficiencies in the Prosecution of Criminal Offences".

Carried Unanimously

E.8 Nuisance Abatement Bylaw Review

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated May 30, 2024, from the Director of Administrative Services titled "Nuisance Abatement Bylaw Review".

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – DEANNA WASNIK

E.9 Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100669

Applicant: Peter De Fauw & Henny De Fauw-Blomendal
Location: 4205 Austin Road W

Documents for Council's consideration regarding " Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100669" included:

- Staff Report dated May 14, 2024 from Director of Planning and Development titled "Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100669";

- Location and Existing Zoning Map;
- Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100669;
- Exhibit "A" to VP100669;
- Rationale Letter;
- Letters of Support and Associated Map; and
- Correspondence dated June 4, 2024 from Owen Olson noting concerns regarding the application.

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council APPROVES Development Variance Permit No. VP100669 to vary “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007” for the property legally described Lot 19, District Lot 4047, Cariboo District, Plan 9543, Except Plan PGP36687 as follows:

- a. Vary Section 10.2.4 1. by decreasing the minimum lot width from 15.0 m to 10.0 m, as shown on Exhibit “A” to VP100669; and*
- b. Vary Section 10.2.4 3. by increasing the maximum lot area from 0.2 ha to 0.3 ha, as shown on Exhibit “A” to VP100669.*

Carried Unanimously

F. BYLAWS – FINAL READING AND ADOPTION

F.1 City of Prince George Road Closure Bylaw No. 9460, 2024

Moved By Councillor Bennett
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION to “City of Prince George Road Closure Bylaw No. 9460, 2024.”

Carried Unanimously

F.2 City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9466, 2024

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Klassen

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION to “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9466, 2024.”

Carried Unanimously

F.3 City of Prince George Comprehensive Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 7557, 2004, Amendment Bylaw No. 9472, 2024

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION to “City of Prince George Comprehensive Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 7557, 2004, Amendment Bylaw No. 9472, 2024.”

Carried Unanimously

F.4 City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9458, 2024

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Klassen

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION to “City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9458, 2024.”

Carried Unanimously

F.5 City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9459, 2024

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION to “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9459, 2024.”

Carried Unanimously

G. CORRESPONDENCE

G.1 Correspondence dated May 24, 2024 from the Prince George Public Library regarding Support for the Prioritization of the Concrete Deck Upgrade at the Bob Harkins Branch of the Library

G.2 Correspondence dated May 29, 2024 from Mayor Yu to Pacific Economic Development Canada: Letter of Support for ICS - Hubspace's Submission to the Pacifican BizAP Pilot Service

G.3 Handout: Correspondence dated June 10, 2024 from Tina MacLean: Concern regarding Parking in and around the Hospital

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION Correspondence items G.1, G.2, and G.3.

Carried Unanimously

I. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Klassen

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

Carried Unanimously

THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 9:46 P.M.

CHAIRPERSON

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