



## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

June 24, 2024

6:00 pm

Council Chambers of City Hall

1100 Patricia Boulevard, Prince George, BC

**PRESENT:** Mayor Simon Yu  
Councillor Tim Bennett <via Zoom>  
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  
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

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### A. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

**Moved By** Councillor Scott

**Seconded By** Councillor Frizzell

*That the agenda for the regular meeting of Council scheduled for June 24, 2024, BE ADOPTED.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**B. MINUTES**

**B.1 Adoption of the Regular Council Meeting Minutes – June 12, 2024**

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

*That the minutes of the regular Council meeting held June 12, 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 Downtown Prince George**

**Moved By** Councillor Klassen  
**Seconded By** Councillor Polillo

*That Council APPROVES the 2024 Budget for the Prince George Downtown Business Improvement Association as presented at the June 24, 2024 regular Council meeting.*

**Carried Unanimously**

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

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

**D.1 Monthly Building Permit and Development Permit Summary (May 2024)**

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

*That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated June 11, 2024, from the Director of Planning and Development, titled “Monthly Building Permit and Development Permit Summary (May 2024)”.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**E. REPORTS**

MAYOR SIMON YU

**E.1 New Rural and Francophone Immigration Pilots**

**Moved By** Mayor Yu  
**Seconded By** Councillor Frizzell

*That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated June 19, 2024, from Mayor Yu titled, “New Rural and Francophone Immigration Pilots”.*

**Carried Unanimously**

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

*That Council AUTHORIZES Staff to explore the Rural Community Immigration Pilot and the Francophone Community Immigration Pilot programs and to submit an application to one or both pilots pending closer review of suitability and resources to undertake the program.*

**Carried Unanimously**

CITY MANAGER – WALTER BABICZ

**E.2 City of Prince George 2023 Annual Report**

Councillor Scott exited Council Chambers at 7:18 p.m. and returned at 7:21 p.m.

Councillor Polillo exited Council Chambers at 7:24 p.m. and returned at 7:25 p.m.

Councillor Ramsay exited Council Chambers at 7:34 p.m. and returned at 7:37 p.m.

**Moved By** Councillor Frizzell

**Seconded By** Councillor Sampson

*That Council APPROVES the Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2023, attached as Appendix “A” to the report from the City Manager dated June 17, 2024, titled “City of Prince George 2023 Annual Report.”*

**Carried Unanimously**

**E.3 Northern Sport Centre Limited Annual Report**

Councillor Ramsay exited Council Chambers at 8:02 p.m.

**Moved By** Councillor Frizzell

**Seconded By** Councillor Skakun

*That Council APPROVES the Northern Sport Centre Limited Shareholders’ Resolutions attached as Schedule “B” to the report dated June 16, 2024 from the City Manager titled “Northern Sport Centre Limited Annual Report”; and AUTHORIZES the City Manager to sign the Shareholders’ Resolutions, as of June 30, 2024.*

**Carried Unanimously**

DIRECTOR OF CIVIC FACILITIES AND EVENTS - ANDY BEESLEY

**E.4 Sponsorship of Northern Sport Centre Gym Main Court**

Councillor Klassen exited Council Chambers at 8:11 p.m. and returned at 8:13 p.m.

Councillor Ramsay returned to Council Chambers at 8:13 p.m.

**Moved By** Councillor Frizzell

**Seconded By** Councillor Polillo

*That Council APPROVES and AUTHORIZES the Director of Civic Facilities and Events to sign the Letter of Agreement for Sponsorship Naming of the NSC Gymnasium Main Court, as attached to the report dated June 6, 2024, from the Director of Civic Facilities and Events, titled “Sponsorship of NSC Gymnasium Main Court”.*

**Carried Unanimously**

Mayor Yu called a recess of the Regular Council meeting at 8:23 p.m.

The Regular Council meeting reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

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

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES – ERIC DEPENAU

**E.5 Follow Up to the Town Hall held May 28, 2024**

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

*That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated June 19, 2024, from the Director of Administrative Services titled “Post Community Safety Town Hall Update”.*

**Carried Unanimously**

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

*That Council ENDORSES the broad phasing proposed within the report dated June 19, 2024 from the Director of Administrative Services, titled “Post Community Safety Town Hall Update”, as a tool to communicate and organize activities related to the Lower Patricia Boulevard Encampment.*

**Carried Unanimously**

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

*That Council APPROVES the boundaries of the Lower Patricia Boulevard Encampment proposed within the report dated June 19, 2024 from the Director of Administrative Services, titled “Post Community Safety Town Hall Update”, as the City’s interpretation of the Court protected area.*

**Carried Unanimously**

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

*That Council DIRECTS Staff to re-establish perimeter fencing at the Lower Patricia Boulevard Encampment to better define the boundaries of the encampment as described within the report dated June 19, 2024 from the Director of Administrative Services, titled “Post Community Safety Town Hall Update”.*

**Carried Unanimously**

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

*That Council DIRECTS Staff to explore redirecting existing staff resources to support the reinvigoration of the Community Safety Hub as a forum to promote coordination amongst partner agencies and to share quarterly updates on the management of social issues as described within the report dated June 19, 2024 from the Director of Administrative Services titled, “Post Community Safety Town Hall Update”, for additional public safety engagement.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**Moved By** Councillor Klassen  
**Seconded By** Councillor Sampson

*That Council DIRECTS Staff to set meetings where local government partners, namely the Regional District of Fraser Fort George and the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation, can provide input on the actions described within the report dated June 19, 2024 from the Director of Administrative Services titled, "Post Community Safety Town Hall Update."*

**Carried Unanimously**

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

*That Council DIRECTS Administration to develop a plan for bi-annual Town Hall events to take place to be led by Council on major topics/issues within the community, in a bid to improve two-way communication and hear feedback from residents, and that staff will bring back a report to Council outlining this plan for consideration and approval by end of Q3 2024.*

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

*That Council AMENDS the main motion by replacing the word "Q3" with the word "October".*

**Carried Unanimously**

**Main motion as amended.**

**Carried**

**Councillor Klassen opposed.**

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

*That Council DIRECTS Administration to set meetings with BC Housing and Northern Health to receive updates from their organizations and discuss the action items as described in the report dated June 19, 2024 from the Director of Administrative Services titled "Post Community Safety Town Hall Update."*

**Moved By** Councillor Bennett  
**Seconded By** Councillor Ramsay

*That Council AMENDS the main motion by adding the words "and Crown Counsel" after the words "Northern Health".*

**Carried Unanimously**

**Main motion as amended.**

**Carried Unanimously**

**DIRECTOR OF CIVIC OPERATIONS – BLAKE MCINTOSH**

**E.6 FCM Tree Grant**

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

*That Council APPROVES the City of Prince George applying for a funding opportunity from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Growing Canada’s Community Canopies initiative for Lheidli T’enneh Memorial Park Tree Replanting Plan project, as described in the report dated June 24, 2024 from the Director of Civic Operations titled "FCM Tree Grant" and if the application is successful, AUTHORIZES the Director of Civic Operations to sign the associated funding agreement(s).*

**Carried Unanimously**

MANAGER OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES/CORPORATE OFFICER – ETHAN ANDERSON

**E.7 Land-Use Bylaw Process Changes**

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

*That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated June 5, 2024 from the Manager of Legislative Services, titled "Land-Use Bylaw Process Changes".*

**Carried**

**Councillor Klassen and Councillor Skakun opposed.**

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – DEANNA WASNIK

**E.8 Agricultural Land Reserve Application No. AR100038**

Applicant: Gregory Maund and Anna Brkic  
Location: 8333 Castle Road

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "Agricultural Land Reserve Application No. AR100038" included:

- Staff Report dated May 27, 2024 from Director of Planning and Development titled "Agricultural Land Reserve Application No. AR100038";
- Location and Existing Zoning Map;
- Appendix “A” to AR100038; and
- Agricultural Land Reserve Application.

**Moved By** Councillor Ramsay  
**Seconded By** Councillor Frizzell

*That Council SUPPORTS the proposed Non-Adhering Residential Use within the Agricultural Land Reserve as described in the report dated May 27, 2024 from the Director of Planning and Development, titled “Agricultural Land Reserve Application No. AR100038”.*

**Carried Unanimously**

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

*That Council DIRECTS Administration to forward the resolution of support from Council to the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC).*

**Carried Unanimously**

**E.9 Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100817 (Bylaw No. 9474)**

Applicant: Jasdeep Singh Sran and Pamela Virk  
Location: 7435 Eugene Road

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100817 (Bylaw No. 9474)" included:

- Staff Report dated May 22, 2024 from Director of Planning and Development titled "Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100817 (Bylaw No. 9474)";
- Location and Existing Zoning Map; and
- Appendix "A" to Bylaw No. 9474.

**Moved By** Councillor Frizzell

**Seconded By** Councillor Scott

*That Council GIVES FIRST AND SECOND READING to "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9474, 2024".*

**Carried Unanimously**

**E.10 Official Community Plan Amendment Application No. CP100198 (Bylaw No. 9479, 2024) and Rezoning Amendment Application No. RZ100781 (Bylaw No. 9480, 2024)**

Applicant: SPD Enterprises Ltd. for Yogendra Cheta  
Location: 2679 Queensway

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "Official Community Plan Amendment Application No. CP100198 (Bylaw No. 9479, 2024) and Rezoning Amendment Application No. RZ100781 (Bylaw No. 9480, 2024)" included:

- Staff Report dated June 5, 2024 from Director of Planning and Development titled " Official Community Plan Amendment Application No. CP100198 (Bylaw No. 9479, 2024) and Rezoning Amendment Application No. RZ100781 (Bylaw No. 9480, 2024)";
- Location and Existing Zoning Map;
- Appendix "A" to Bylaw No. 9479; and
- Appendix "A" to Bylaw No. 9480.

**Moved By** Councillor Ramsay

**Seconded By** Councillor Sampson

*That Council GIVES FIRST READING to "City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9479, 2024".*

**Carried Unanimously**

**Moved By** Councillor Skakun

**Seconded By** Councillor Sampson

*That Council CONSIDERS "City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9479, 2024", in conjunction with the current Financial Plan and confirm there are no issues.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**Moved By** Councillor Klassen  
**Seconded By** Councillor Sampson

*That Council CONSIDERS “City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9479, 2024”, in conjunction with the current Regional District of Fraser Fort-George Solid Waste Management Plan and confirm there are no issues.*

**Carried Unanimously**

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

*That Council CONSIDERS “City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9479, 2024”, in conjunction with City of Prince George Strategic Framework for a Sustainable Prince George and confirm there are no issues.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**Moved By** Councillor Ramsay  
**Seconded By** Councillor Polillo

*That Council GIVES SECOND READING to “City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9479, 2024”.*

**Carried Unanimously**

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

*That Council EXPANDS, from 30.0 meters distance to 50.0 meters, as required in the “City of Prince George Development Procedures Bylaw No. 9423, 2024,” for the mailing of notice of the public hearing for the “City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9479, 2024” and “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7580, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9480, 2024”.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**Moved By** Councillor Ramsay  
**Seconded By** Councillor Scott

*That Council APPROVES the following public consultation process to fulfill the requirements of Section 475 of the Local Government Act:*

- a. *Request for written comment from properties identified within 50.0 m of the subject property.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**Moved By** Councillor Polillo  
**Seconded By** Councillor Ramsay

*That Council GIVES FIRST AND SECOND READING to “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9480, 2024”.*

**Carried Unanimously**



**Moved By** Councillor Klassen  
**Seconded By** Councillor Sampson

*That Council PERMITS the Public Hearing for proposed Bylaw No. 9479 and Bylaw No. 9480 BE WITHHELD until the following requirements have been met to the satisfaction of Administration:*

- a. *Receipt of security in the amount of 120% of the cost of the landscaping works identified on the Landscape Plan;*
- b. *Receipt of security in the amount of 120% of the cost of the paving works identified on the Paving and Parking Plan; and*
- c. *Receipt of Traffic Summary.*

**Carried Unanimously**

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

*That Council EXTENDS the regular Council meeting to 10:30 p.m.*

**Carried Unanimously**

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND IT SERVICES – KRIS DALIO

**E.11 2023 Statements of Financial Information (SOFI)**

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

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

**Carried Unanimously**

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

*That Council APPROVES the 2023 Public Bodies Report attached to the report dated June 14, 2024 from the Director of Finance and IT Services titled “2023 Statements of Financial Information (SOFI)”.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**E.12 2023 - 2024 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 9473**

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

*That Council GIVES FIRST THREE READINGS to “City of Prince George 5 – Year Operating and Capital Financial Plans Bylaw No. 9395, 2023, Amendment Bylaw No. 9473, 2024”.*

**Carried Unanimously**

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

**F.1 City of Prince George Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Bylaw No. 8689, 2015, Amendment Bylaw No. 9481, 2024**

**Moved By** Councillor Scott

**Seconded By** Councillor Ramsay

*That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION to “City of Prince George Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Bylaw No. 8689, 2015, Amendment Bylaw No. 9481, 2024.”*

**Carried Unanimously**

**G. CORRESPONDENCE**

Mayor Yu requested further consideration of correspondence item G.1.

Councillor Ramsay requested further consideration of correspondence item G.2.

**G.1 Correspondence dated May 28, 2024 from Mayor Kermit Dahl, City of Campbell River: State of Forestry in BC**

**G.2 Correspondence dated June 11, 2024 from Councillor Katie Neustaeter, Deputy Mayor, City of Kamloops: Support for Downloading Costs on Municipalities**

**Moved By** Councillor Ramsay

**Seconded By** Councillor Frizzell

*That Council REFERS for discussion at the fall 2024 Council Strategic Planning session, the correspondence dated June 11, 2024 from Councillor Katie Neustaeter, Deputy Mayor, City of Kamloops: Support for Downloading Costs on Municipalities.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**Moved By** Councillor Scott

**Seconded By** Councillor Klassen

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

**Carried Unanimously**

**H. 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 10:35 P.M.**

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CHAIRPERSON

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