



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

October 7, 2024

6:00 pm

Council Chambers of City Hall

1100 Patricia Boulevard, Prince George, BC

PRESENT: Mayor Simon Yu <Chair>
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
Mandy Stanker/Manager of Development Services/Acting 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 AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That the agenda for the regular meeting of Council scheduled for October 7, 2024, be amended by adding one handout at agenda item E.1, and that the agenda, BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

Carried Unanimously

B. MINUTES

B.1 Adoption of the Regular Council Meeting Minutes – September 25, 2024

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That the minutes of the regular Council meeting held September 25, 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 United Way British Columbia

Presenters: Krisi Rintoul, Director, Community Impact & Investment, Victoria Awodele, Regional Coordinator, and Patricia Prince, Indigenous Relations Lead
Topic: United Way British Columbia In Prince George

D. CONSENT AGENDA (FOR INFORMATION)

D.1 Referral for Information from Public Safety Committee

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council DIRECTS Administration to return a report to Council at either the October 21 or November 4, 2024 Regular Council Meeting regarding the City's plan to update the Millar-Addition residents and adjacent businesses regarding their concerns raised related to public safety in the area.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated October 2, 2024 from the Committee Chair, titled, "Referral for Information from the Public Safety Committee".

Carried Unanimously

E. REPORTS

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

E.1 2025 Permissive Tax Exemptions

Councillor Polillo declared a non-pecuniary conflict of interest due to his employment and volunteer affiliation with AiMHi – Prince George Association for Community Living and the Prince George Italian Club, respectively, and exited Council Chambers at 6:37 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council GIVES FIRST THREE READINGS to "City of Prince George Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 9504, 2024".

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Polillo returned to Council Chambers at 6:48 p.m.

DIRECTOR OF CIVIC FACILITIES AND EVENTS – ANDY BEESLEY

E.2 Revision to Council Policy - Multiyear Funding Grants (Standing Grants and Limited Duration Operating Grants)

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council AMENDS the section “Duration of Multiyear Funding” in the “Multiyear Funding Grants (Standing Grants and Limited Duration Operating Grants)” policy by adding a third bullet that states:

- *Organizations may reapply for both standing grants and limited duration operating grants at the expiry of the current term.*

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council:

1. *RESCINDS Resolution 2024-421; and*
2. *APPROVES the request from the Community Arts Council, Prince George Symphony Orchestra, Theatre Northwest, and Prince George Folkfest Society to increase their annual funding by \$200,000 effective January 2025, allocated proportionately based on the existing City funding amounts between the four organizations, with future funding being administered under the ‘Multiyear Funding Grants (Standing Grants and Limited Duration Operating Grants)’ Council policy.*

Carried Unanimously

I. PUBLIC HEARING(S)

The Regular Council Meeting adjourned to the Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m.

I.1 Official Community Plan Amendment Application No. CP100208 (Bylaw No. 9490) and Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100822 (Bylaw No. 9491)

Applicant: Chernoff Thompson Architects North for Mayross Ventures Incorporated, Inc.
No. BC1295460

Location: 1115 La Salle Avenue

Documents for Council's consideration regarding “Official Community Plan Amendment Application No. CP100208 (Bylaw No. 9490) and Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100822 (Bylaw No. 9491)” included:

1. Staff report dated September 16, 2024 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Consultation for Official Community Plan Bylaw Amendment Application No. CP100208 (Bylaw No. 9490)";
 - a. Notification Map;
 - b. Request for Comment Letter; and
 - c. Servicing Brief.
2. Previously submitted staff report dated July 23, 2024 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Official Community Plan Amendment Application No. CP100208 (Bylaw No. 9490) and Zoning Bylaw Amendment

Application No. RZ100822 (Bylaw No. 9491)" (Considered at the August 19, 2024 regular council meeting);

- a. Location and Existing Zoning Map;
- b. Appendix "A" to Bylaw No. 9490;
- c. Appendix "A" to Bylaw No. 9491;
- d. Conceptual Site Layout; and
- e. Notification Map.

Applicant:

The applicant was in attendance and available for questions.

Representations from Members of the Public:

Krystal Higham, 1065 Lasalle Ave, attended Centre Table and inquired regarding parking, geotechnical requirements, and intended residents.

A resident, 2636 Jasper Street, attended Centre Table and asked questions regarding site access.

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That the Public Hearing regarding "Official Community Plan Amendment Application No. CP100208 (Bylaw No. 9490) and Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100822 (Bylaw No. 9491)", BE CLOSED.

Carried Unanimously

The Public Hearing adjourned to the Regular Council Meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Skakun

Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated September 9, 2024, from the Director of Planning and Development, titled "Consultation for Official Community Plan Amendment Application No. CP100208 (Bylaw No. 9490)."

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council GIVES THIRD READING to "City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9490, 2024".

Moved By Councillor Polillo

Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council GIVES THIRD READING to "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9491, 2024."

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION to "City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9490, 2024".

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION to "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9491, 2024."

Carried Unanimously

E.3 Future of Mr. PG

Moved By Councillor Skakun
Seconded By Councillor Klassen

That Council DIRECTS Administration to return a report to Council following broad community engagement and feedback on the future home of Mr. PG.

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council AMENDS the main motion by replacing the word “following” with the words “regarding next steps on the project plan, funding options, the communications strategy, and”.

Carried Unanimously

Main motion as amended.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council DIRECTS Administration to return a report to Council regarding the installation of Mr. PG in two locations – one at Canada Games Plaza and one at the intersection of Highways 16 and 97.

Carried

Councillor Bennett and Councilor Sampson opposed.

DIRECTOR OF CIVIC OPERATIONS - BLAKE MCINTOSH

E.4 Lheidli T'enneh Memorial Park Playground Renewal

Councillor Skakun exited Council Chambers at 8:36 p.m. and returned at 8:38 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated October 1, 2024 from the Director of Civic Operations titled “Lheidli T'enneh Memorial Park Playground Renewal”.

Carried

Councillor Skakun opposed.

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council REQUESTS Mayor Yu to send a letter on behalf of Council thanking the appropriate Rotary Clubs for their investment in the current iteration of the Lheidli T'enneh Memorial Park Playground over the years.

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT - DEANNA WASNIK

E.5 Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100814 (Bylaw No. 9455)

Applicant: Sasuchan Real Estate GP Corp., Inc. No. BC1257407

Location: 560 Carney Street

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100814 (Bylaw No. 9455)" included:

- Staff report dated August 26, 2024 from the Director of Planning
- and Development titled "Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100814 (Bylaw No. 9455)";
- Location and Existing Zoning Map;
- Appendix "A" to Bylaw No. 9455; and
- Rationale Letter.

Moved By Councillor Klassen

Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council GIVES FIRST THREE READINGS of "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9455, 2024."

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Scott

Seconded By Councillor Klassen

That Council PERMITS that consideration of Final Reading of proposed Bylaw No. 9455, 2024 BE WITHHELD until the following requirements have been met to the satisfaction of Administration:

- a. *Receipt of a Paving and Parking Plan;*
- b. *Receipt of a Landscape Plan and security in the amount of 120% of the cost of the landscaping works identified on the landscape plan; and*
- c. *Receipt of a Servicing Brief.*

In addition, any recommendations presented in the preceding items must be addressed to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning and Development.

Carried Unanimously

MANAGER OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES/CORPORATE OFFICER – ETHAN ANDERSON

E.6 City of Prince George Downtown Business Improvement Area Bylaw No. 9507, 2024

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council GIVES FIRST THREE READINGS to "City of Prince George Downtown Business Improvement Area Bylaw No. 9507, 2024."

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Klassen
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council ESTABLISH the deadline of 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 for receiving Petition Forms in opposition to Bylaw No. 9507, 2024.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council DIRECTS the Corporate Officer to report the results of the Council Initiative Subject to Petition Against process, and if appropriate return the Bylaw No. 9507, 2024 for Council's consideration of final reading and adoption.

Carried Unanimously

E.7 Handouts at Meetings and Closed Agenda Publishing

Moved By Councillor Skakun
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council DIRECTS administration to develop a closed meeting handouts policy to return to Council reflecting a framework when handouts will be used, and the form they will take.

Carried Unanimously

E.8 Committee Recruitment Methods

Councillor Klassen exited Council Chamber at 9:09 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Bennett
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council RESCINDS the September 25, 2023 motion as follows:

“That Council DIRECTS Administration to utilize Option 3 for advertising future internal/external committee recruitment opportunities as described in the report dated September 13, 2023 from the City Manager titled “Options for Advertising Council Committee Volunteer Recruitment Opportunities.”

and DIRECTS staff to undertake recruitment as per our past and current practice.

Carried

Councillors Polillo, Ramsay, and Skakun opposed.

F. BYLAWS – FINAL READING AND ADOPTION

F.1 City of Prince George Vehicles for Hire Bylaw No. 7853, 2007, Repeal Bylaw No. 9493, 2024

Councillor Klassen returned to Council Chambers at 9:13 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION to “City of Prince George Vehicles for Hire Bylaw No. 7853, 2007, Repeal Bylaw No. 9493, 2024.”

Carried Unanimously

F.2 City of Prince George Restrictive Covenant Discharge Bylaw No. 9478, 2024

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION to " City of Prince George Restrictive Covenant Discharge Bylaw No. 9478, 2024."

Carried Unanimously

G. NOTICE OF MOTION

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 October 21, 2024 Council Meeting agenda for Council's consideration.

COUNCILLOR GARTH FRIZZELL AND COUNCILLOR TRUDY KLASSEN

G.1 Support Development of Psychiatric Care Facility in Prince George

COUNCILLOR KYLE SAMPSON

G.2 Psychiatric Hospital Advocacy

G.3 Sustainable Finance Policy - Council's Capital Expenditure Oversight

H. CORRESPONDENCE

Council requested further consideration of correspondence items H.1 and H.2.

H.1 Correspondence dated September 18, 2024 from Shirley Bond, MLA Prince George-Valemount

H.2 Correspondence from Kirk Gable, Director, Barkerville Heritage Trust: Request for a Letter in Support of the Barkerville Heritage Trust's Renewal Bid to Manage and Operate the Barkerville Historic Town and Cottonwood Historic Site

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Klassen

That the City of Prince George SUPPORTS the Barkerville Heritage Trust's renewal bid to manage and operate the Barkerville Historic Town and Cottonwood Historic Site by providing a letter of support substantially similar to the template letter attached to the correspondence dated September 17, 2024 from Kirk Gable, Director, Barkerville Heritage Trust.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION correspondence items H.1 and H.2.

Carried Unanimously

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

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

Carried Unanimously

THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 9:15 P.M.

CHAIRPERSON

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