

CITY OF PRINCE GEORGE
BYLAW NO. 9494, 2024

A Bylaw to amend the “City of Prince George Council Procedures Bylaw No. 8388, 2011”.

WHEREAS “City of Prince George Council Procedures Bylaw No. 8388, 2011”, has been adopted to establish the general procedures to be followed by Council and Council committees in conducting their business;

AND WHEREAS Council deems it desirable to amend “City of Prince George Council Procedures Bylaw No. 8388, 2011”;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to Sections 124 and 94 of the *Community Charter*, notice of intention to adopt this bylaw has been published in accordance with the “City of Prince George Public Notice Bylaw No. 9329, 2022”;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Prince George, in open meeting assembled, **ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That “City of Prince George Council Procedures Bylaw No. 8388, 2011”, is hereby amended as follows:
 - a. That in Section “2 – Definitions”, the definition of “Land Acknowledgement” be added as follows:

“Land Acknowledgement” means the formal statement made by the presiding member in recognition that the Council meeting is taking place on the traditional unceded territory of the Lheidli T’enneh First Nation.”;
 - b. That in section 3 (2), the words “Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised, 10th Edition” be replaced with “Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised, 12th Edition”;
 - c. That section 14 (2) be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

“14 (2) (a) A member of Council may participate electronically in a regular or special Council meeting if at least 4 hours before the meeting, the member notifies the Corporate Officer and Deputy Corporate Officer of the member’s intended absence.”;

(b) In exceptional circumstances where 4-hours’ notice cannot be given and when it can be accommodated, the Corporate Officer may waive the 4-hour notice requirement.”;
 - d. That section 14 (6) be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

“14 (6) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Bylaw, a member of Council may join a meeting electronically at any time during that meeting, however, will not be permitted to join the meeting during a Public Hearing if that member was not present at the time that Public Hearing was declared open.”

e. That section 21 (5) be deleted in its entirety and replaced with:

“(5) Whenever practicable, the Corporate Officer shall:

(a) make an electronic Council meeting agenda available to the members of Council and the public on the Wednesday evening immediately preceding the next Monday regular Council meeting and on the Friday evening immediately preceding the next Wednesday Council meeting; and

(b) make an electronic Committee meeting agenda available to the members of Council, members of the Committee, and the public seven (7) calendar days preceding the next scheduled Committee meeting.”;

f. That new Section 22 (10) be added as follows:

“22 (10) Should an approved delegation fail to provide to the Corporate Officer a copy of their delegation presentation materials and/or speaking notes, in the case where no presentation materials will be used, by the indicated submission deadline, the Corporate Officer will cancel the delegation request. In such cases, the delegation may submit a new request to appear as a delegation at another available meeting of Council.”;

g. That new Section 30 (1) (c) be added as follows:

“30 (1) (c) Consideration of a previously defeated motion may not be requested until six (6) months has passed since that motion was previously considered, unless a motion to consider before six (6) months is passed by a 2/3 vote of the Council members present.

2. That the Mayor and Corporate Officer are hereby empowered to do all things necessary to give effect to this Bylaw.

3. That this Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the "City of Prince George Council Procedures Bylaw No. 8388, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9494, 2024".

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 18TH DAY OF NOVEMBER , 2024.

READ A SECOND TIME THIS 18TH DAY OF NOVEMBER , 2024.

READ A THIRD TIME THIS 18TH DAY OF NOVEMBER , 2024.

First three readings passed by a UNANIMOUS decision of Members of City Council present and eligible to vote.

ADOPTED THIS DAY OF _____, 2024,
BY A DECISION OF ALL MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL PRESENT AND
ELIGIBLE TO VOTE.

MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER