



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BUDGET MEETING OF COUNCIL

January 20, 2025
1:00 pm
Council Chambers of City Hall
1100 Patricia Boulevard, Prince George, BC

PRESENT: Mayor Simon Yu, Chair
Councillor Tim Bennett
Councillor Garth Frizzell
Councillor Trudy Klassen
Councillor Ron Polillo
Councillor Cori Ramsay
Councillor Kyle Sampson
Councillor Susan Scott
Councillor Brian Skakun <1:03 p.m. to 9:59 p.m.>

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. Walter Babicz, City Manager
Ms. Deanna Wasnik, Director of Planning and Development
Mr. Kris Dalio, Director of Finance and IT Services
Mr. Andy Beesley, Director of Civic Facilities and Events
Mr. Eric Depenau, Director of Administrative Services
Mr. Blake McIntosh, Director of Civic Operations
Mr. Ethan Anderson, Manager of Legislative Services/Corporate Officer
Ms. Leslie Kellett, Deputy Corporate Officer

A. ADOPTION OF THE AMENDED AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Klassen

That the agenda for the Regular Council Budget Meeting scheduled for January 20, 2025, be amended by replacing slide number 23 of the PowerPoint presentation attached to the staff report at agenda item C.1, that the staff report to the Standing Committee on Finance and Audit titled "Budget 2025 Community Engagement Results" be added to agenda item C.1, that two new items of correspondence be added to agenda item C.1, and that the Police Protection – RCMP Service Enhancement be replaced at agenda item L.4.2, and that the agenda, BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

Carried Unanimously

B. 2025 – 2029 FINANCIAL PLAN (SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS)

Councillor Skakun entered Council Chambers at 1:03 p.m.

B.1 2025 Budget and Finance Reference Guide

B.2 2023 Carry Forwards

B.3 2023 Internal Debt Summary

B.4 2025 – 2029 Financial Plan

C. BUDGET OVERVIEW AND PUBLIC CONSULTATION RESULTS

C.1 2025 - 2029 Financial Plan and Presentation

W. Babicz, City Manager, K. Dalio, Director of Finance and IT Services, and J. Rogers, Manager of Communications, provided a PowerPoint Presentation outlining the proposed 2025 – 2029 Financial Plan including information on the legislative framework, financial overview, and public consultation.

Councillor Ramsay exited Council Chambers at 2:04 p.m. and returned at 2:05 p.m.

Councillor Ramsay exited Council Chambers at 2:13 p.m. and returned at 2:13 p.m.

Councillor Skakun exited Council Chambers at 3:00 p.m. and returned at 3:05 p.m.

C.2 Fiscal Services

D. 2025 - 2029 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PLAN

D.1 2025 - 2029 Capital Plan

K. Dalio, Director of Finance and IT Services, and T. Schaeffer, Manager of Capital Program Management Office, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the proposed 2025 – 2029 Capital Plan.

Councillor Ramsay exited Council Chambers at 3:30 p.m. and returned at 3:30 p.m.

Councillor Polillo exited Council Chambers at 3:41 p.m. and returned at 3:43 p.m.

Councillor Scott exited Council Chambers at 3:43 p.m. and returned at 3:46 p.m.

Councillor Skakun exited Council Chambers at 4:54 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council REFERS unfunded capital project #3278 Pidherny Recreation Site Improvements for further consideration at a Committee of the Whole meeting.

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Klassen

That Council POSTPONES consideration of the main motion to the Regular Council Budget meeting scheduled on Wednesday, January 22, 2025.

Carried Unanimously

E. RECESS (5:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.)

Mayor Yu called a recess of the Regular Council Budget Meeting at 5:14 p.m.

The Regular Council Budget Meeting was reconvened at 6:00 p.m.

The full complement of Council and Staff were in attendance.

F. SERVICE AGREEMENTS AND GRANTS

F.1 Prince George Public Library

Ms. Anna Duff, Chair, Prince George Public Library Board, and Mr. Paul Burry, Library Director, Prince George Public Library, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed Prince George Public Library 2025 Budget including information on the 2024 Board of Trustees, budget revenue and expenses, and programming planned for 2025.

Councillor Ramsay exited Council Chambers at 6:47 p.m. and returned at 6:49 p.m.

F.2 Tourism Prince George

Mr. Jamie Valcourt, Treasurer, Tourism Prince George Board of Directors, and Mr. Colin Carson, Chief Executive Officer, Tourism Prince George, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed Tourism Prince George 2025 Budget including an overview of the projected budget and key focus areas for 2025.

Councillor Ramsay exited Council Chambers at 6:51 p.m. and returned at 6:53 p.m.

G. CORPORATE MANAGEMENT – WALTER BABICZ, CITY MANAGER

W. Babicz, City Manager, provided an overview of the proposed 2025 Operational Financial Plan for the service categories within the Corporate Management department.

Councillor Frizzell exited Council Chambers at 7:18 p.m. and returned at 7:20 p.m.

G.1 Office of the City Manager

G.2 Mayor and Council

G.3 Legislative Services

G.4 Human Resources and Corporate Safety

Councillor Skakun exited Council Chambers at 7:54 p.m. and returned at 7:56 p.m.

Mayor Yu called a recess of the Regular Council Budget Meeting at 8:03 p.m.

The Regular Council Budget Meeting reconvened at 8:11 p.m.

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

H. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES – ERIC DEPENAU, DIRECTOR

E. Depenau, Director of Administrative Services, provided an overview of the proposed 2025 Operational Financial Plan for the service categories within the Administrative Services department.

H.1 Police Protection

H.2 Fire and Rescue Services

Councillor Skakun exited Council Chambers at 9:11 p.m. and returned at 9:15 p.m.

Councillor Klassen exited Council Chambers at 9:20 p.m. and returned at 9:25 p.m.

H.3 Emergency Programs

H.4 Bylaw Services

H.5 Off-Street Parking

H.6 Communications

H.7 Intergovernmental Relations

Moved By Councillor Bennett

Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council EXTENDS the Regular Council Budget Meeting from 10:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Defeated

Councillors Frizzell, Klassen, Polillo, Ramsay, Scott, and Skakun opposed.

Moved By Councillor Bennett

Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council ADJOURNS the Regular Council Budget meeting to Wednesday, January 22, 2025.

Carried Unanimously

THE REGULAR COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:59 P.M.

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