



CITY OF
PRINCE GEORGE

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

March 24, 2025

6:00 pm

Council Chambers of City Hall

1100 Patricia Boulevard, Prince George, BC

*We respectfully acknowledge the unceded ancestral lands of the Lheidli T'enneh,
on whose land we live, work, and play.*

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 <6:08 p.m. to 8:23 p.m.>
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

A. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Councillor Klassen exited Council Chambers at 6:01 p.m. and returned at 6:03 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Polillo

Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That the agenda for the regular meeting of Council scheduled for March 24, 2025, be amended by adding one new report item as agenda item E.8, and that the agenda, BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

Carried Unanimously

B. MINUTES

B.1 Adoption of the Regular Council Meeting Minutes – March 10 and 19, 2025

Moved By Councillor Bennett

Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That the minutes of the regular Council meetings held March 10, 2025 and March 19, 2025, BE ADOPTED as read on this day and that such minutes as read set out all of the business before Council at those meetings and fully and properly record all of the resolutions passed by Council at those meetings.

Carried Unanimously

C. DELEGATION(S)

C.1 Rocky Mountain Ranger Regimental Association

Lt. Col Torry White, Major Harvey Smerchynski, and Dan McLaren provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Rocky Mountain Ranger Regimental Association's annual presentation to Council.

Councillor Scott entered Council Chambers at 6:08 p.m.

C.2 BC Nurses' Union

Ralene Stevenson, Lobby Coordinator, BC Nurses' Union, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding minimum nurse-patient ratios.

Councilor Ramsay exited Council Chambers at 6:54 p.m. and returned at 6:58 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council REFERS to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs for advocacy to the provincial and federal government on the retention and recruitment of nurses in the region.

Carried Unanimously

D. CONSENT AGENDA (FOR INFORMATION)

D.1 Monthly Building Permit and Development Permit Stats (February 2025)

D.2 Downtown Strategy and Implementation Team Update

Moved By Councillor Ramsay

Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council DIRECTS Administration to refer to the Downtown Strategy Team regarding a Nightlife Economy Action Plan and to report back to Council with options.

Carried Unanimously

D.3 City of Prince George Housing Action Strategy

Moved By Councillor Polillo

Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council DIRECTS Administration to return a report to Council exploring opportunities for working with non-profit housing providers and seeking externally funded grants that align with ongoing housing objectives, such as the NDIT Northern Housing Incentive.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Skakun

Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION Consent Agenda items D.1 to D.3.

Carried Unanimously

E. REPORTS

Document Number: 756653

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E.1 Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100689

Applicant: L&M Engineering Limited for Kidd Real Estate Holdings Ltd., Inc. No. BC821509
Location: 4431 Turner Road / 7171 Hart Highway

Documents for Council's consideration included:

1. Staff report dated February 10, 2025 from the Manager of Development Services/Acting Director of Planning and Development titled "Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100689";
 - a. Location and Zoning Map;
 - b. Development Variance Permit No. VP1006889;
 - c. Exhibit "A" to VP100689;
 - d. Rationale Letter; and
 - e. Application Drawings.
2. Correspondence dated March 14, 2025 from James Archer in opposition to the application.
3. Correspondence dated March 17, 2025 from Evelyn Wolfermann in opposition to the application.

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council APPROVES Development Variance Permit No. VP100689 to vary "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007" for the property legally described as The North West ¼ of District Lot 4047, Cariboo District Except Plans 9543, 11058, 11059, 11060, 11061, 11088, H226, 28664 and 31724 (PID 004-702-620) as follows:

- a. *Vary Section 11.2.5 4. by decreasing the minimum front yard setback from 6.0 m to 3.0 m, as shown on Exhibit "A" to VP100689; and*
- b. *Vary Section 11.2.5 5. by decreasing the minimum side yard setback from 3.0 m to 0.0 m, as shown on Exhibit "A" to VP100689.*

Carried Unanimously

E.2 Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100694

Applicant: PRD Construction Ltd. for Stiff Pour Holdings Ltd., Inc. No. BC1463258
Location: 2595 Queensway

Documents for Council's consideration included:

1. Staff report dated February 18, 2025 from the Manager of Development Services/Acting Director of Planning and Development titled "Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100694";
 - a. Location and Existing Zoning Map;
 - b. Development Variance Permit No. VP100694;
 - c. Exhibit "A" to VP100694;
 - d. Letter of Rationale; and
 - e. Letters of Support.

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council APPROVES Development Variance Permit No. VP100694 to vary “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007” for the property legally described as Lots 9-12, Block 5, District Lot 933, Cariboo District, Plan 727 as follows:

- a. *Vary Section 11.4.6 3. by increasing the maximum gross leasable floor area of a “service, financial” use in one tenancy from 280 m2 to 493 m2, as shown on Exhibit “A” to VP100694.*

Carried Unanimously

E.3 Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100831 (Bylaw No. 9536, 2025)

Applicant: Grasshopper Retail Inc. for 1497990 B.C. Ltd., Inc. No. BC1497990
Location: 498 – 450 Ospika Boulevard

Documents for Council's consideration included:

1. Staff report dated March 3, 2025 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100831 (Bylaw No. 9536, 2025);
 - a. Location and Existing Zoning Map;
 - b. Appendix "A" to Bylaw No. 9536;
 - c. Exhibit "A" to RZ100831; and
 - d. Cover Letter and Support Letters.

City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9536, 2025

Moved By Councillor Bennett

Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council GIVES FIRST AND SECOND READING of “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9536, 2025.”

Carried

Councillor Klassen opposed.

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council PERMITS that consideration of Final Reading of proposed Bylaw No. 9536, 2025 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 and bicycle parking works identified on the landscape plan.*

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

Carried

Councillor Klassen opposed.

DIRECTOR OF CIVIC FACILITIES AND EVENTS – ANDY BEESLEY

E.4 2025 CN Centre Naming Renewal

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council APPROVES the financial terms of the CN Centre Naming Rights – Renewal Agreement for the renewal term commencing on April 1, 2025 and ending on March 31, 2030, as outlined in the report “2025 CN Centre Naming Renewal” dated March 24, 2025 from the Director of Civic Facilities and Events, and

authorizes the Director of Civic Facilities and Events to execute any agreements as necessary to accomplish that renewal.

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF CIVIC FACILITIES AND EVENTS – ANDY BEESLEY

E.5 Fox Drive Road Paving Local Area Services (LAS) Petition Results

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the Corporate Officer Certificate of Insufficiency dated March 4, 2025 regarding the petition in support of the Fox Drive Road Paving Local Area Service, attached to the report dated March 4, 2025 from the Manager of Legislative Services/Corporate Officer, titled “Fox Drive Road Paving Local Area Service (LAS) Petition Results.”

Carried Unanimously

E.6 Committee of the Whole Decisions - March 5, 2025

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council APPROVES the Committee of the Whole decisions made at the March 5, 2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting, as attached to the report dated March 6, 2025 from the Manager of Legislative Services/Corporate Officer titled “Committee of the Whole Decisions – March 5, 2025.”

Carried

Mayor Yu and Councillor Frizzell opposed.

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council DIRECTS Administration to return a report to Council regarding the Multiyear Funding Grants Policy and the allocation of funds from City of Prince George and the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George including options for consideration regarding allocations from both local governments to the same organization.

Carried Unanimously

E.7 Proposed Amendment to the Council Remuneration Bylaw No. 8414, 2012 (Amendment Bylaw No. 9535, 2025)

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council GIVES FIRST THREE READINGS of “City of Prince George Council Remuneration Bylaw No. 8414, 2012, Amendment Bylaw No. 9535, 2025.”

Carried Unanimously

E.8 Proposed Amendment to the 2025 Council Meeting Calendar due to the Canadian Federal Election

Moved By Councillor Skakun
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council AMENDS the 2025 Council Meeting Calendar by rescheduling the April 28, 2025 regular Council meeting to April 23, 2025.

Carried

Councillor Sampson opposed.

F. BYLAWS – FINAL READING AND ADOPTION

F.1 City of Prince George Restrictive Covenant Discharge Bylaw No. 9495, 2024

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of “City of Prince George Restrictive Covenant Discharge Bylaw No. 9495, 2024.”

Carried

Councillor Skakun opposed.

F.2 City of Prince George Restrictive Covenant Discharge Bylaw No. 9496, 2024

Moved By Councillor Skakun
Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of “City of Prince George Restrictive Covenant Discharge Bylaw No. 9496, 2024.”

Carried Unanimously

F.3 City of Prince George Restrictive Covenant Modification Bylaw No. 9498, 2024

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of “City of Prince George Restrictive Covenant Modification Bylaw No. 9498, 2024.”

Carried Unanimously

F.4 City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9520, 2024

Moved By Councillor Bennett
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9520, 2024.”

Carried

Councillor Klassen opposed.

F.5 City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9527, 2025

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9527, 2025.”

Carried

Councillor Skakun opposed.

G. CORRESPONDENCE

- G.1 Correspondence from Pete Pearson, President, Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association: Call for 2025 Resolutions Notice**

Moved By Councillor Klassen

Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council REFERS the correspondence from the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association regarding "Call for 2025 Resolutions Notice" to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs.

Carried

Councillor Polillo and Councillor Sampson opposed.

- G.2 Correspondence from Tamara Goyer, President, and Judy Radysh, Co-President, Quesnel-Hixon Road Restoration Association: Request for a Letter in Support of the Rebuilding of the Quesnel-Hixon Alternate Route to/from Quesnel and Prince George**

Moved By Councillor Klassen

Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council REFERS the correspondence from the Quesnel-Hixon Road Restoration Association regarding the rebuilding of the Quesnel-Hixon alternate route to/from Quesnel and Prince George to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs.

Carried

Councillors Ramsay, Sampson, and Skakun opposed.

- G.3 Correspondence dated March 14, 2025 from Colleen Van Mook, Executive Director, Downtown Prince George: Securing Small Business Rebates**

Moved By Councillor Polillo

Seconded By Councillor Klassen

That Council SUBMIT a letter to the Minister of Jobs, Economic Development, and Innovation, with a copy to all City of Prince George Members of the Legislative Assembly, requesting that Securing Small Business Rebate Program funding be renewed.

Carried Unanimously

H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Councillor Polillo

Seconded By Councillor Klassen

That there being no further business the Regular Council 8:23 P.M.

CHAIRPERSON

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