



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

May 5, 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: Councillor Tim Bennett
Councillor Garth Frizzell
Councillor Trudy Klassen
Councillor Ron Polillo
Councillor Cori Ramsay
Councillor Kyle Sampson
Councillor Susan Scott <Acting Mayor>
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
Karen Greenfield, Legislative Services Assistant

A. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That the agenda for the regular meeting of Council scheduled for May 5, 2025, be amended by adding one new report to agenda item D.1, and that the agenda, BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

Carried Unanimously

B. MINUTES

B.1 Adoption of the Special and Regular Council Meeting Minutes – April 16 and 23, 2025

Moved By Councillor Skakun
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That the minutes of the special Council meeting held April 16, 2025, and the regular Council meeting held April 23, 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. CONSENT AGENDA (FOR INFORMATION)

Council requested further consideration of consent agenda items C.2, C.6, and C.7.

- C.1 2025 Q1 Council Contingency Quarterly Report**
- C.2 2025 Q1 Procurement Quarterly Report**
- C.3 2025 Q1 Successful Grant Applications Quarterly Report**
- C.4 2025 Q1 Consultant Spending Quarterly Report**
- C.5 2025 Q1 Delegated Authority Quarterly Report**
- C.6 2025 Jail Guard Enhancement Implementation**
- C.7 Mayor Report on Regional District of Fraser-Fort George (RDFFG) Board Highlights**

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION Consent Agenda items C.1 to C.7.

Carried Unanimously

D. REPORTS

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES – ERIC DEPENAU

D.1 Provincial Advocacy Delegation

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated May 1, 2025 from the Director of Administrative Services titled “Provincial Advocacy Delegation.”

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – DEANNA WASNIK

D.2 Consequential Amendments to the City of Prince George Water Regulations and Rates Bylaw No. 7479, 2003

City of Prince George Water Regulations and Rates Bylaw No. 7479, 2003, Amendment Bylaw No. 9541, 2025

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council GIVES FIRST THREE READINGS of "City of Prince George Water Regulations and Rates Bylaw No. 7479, 2003, Amendment Bylaw No. 9541, 2025."

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF CIVIC FACILITIES AND EVENTS – ANDY BEESLEY

D.3 Library Skylight Renewal – Budget Amendment**Moved By** Councillor Frizzell**Seconded By** Councillor Polillo

That Council APPROVES a budget amendment to increase the 2025-2029 Financial Plan for Project #3457 Library Skylight Renewal from \$875,000 to \$1,125,000 with the additional \$250,000 to be funded from both the Canada Community Building Fund for \$200,000 and the General Infrastructure Reinvestment Fund for \$50,000, as described in the report to Council dated April 17, 2025 from the Director of Civic Facilities and Events, titled “ Library Skylight Renewal - Budget Amendment”.

Moved By Councillor Klassen**Seconded By** Councillor Skakun

That Council POSTPONES consideration of the main motion to the May 26, 2025 Regular Council Meeting and DIRECTS Administration to return at that meeting a comprehensive report containing the following information for Project #3457: Library Skylight Renewal:

- *A line-by-line breakdown of the \$250,000 budget increase, specifying cost drivers (e.g., material costs, labor, contractor fees).*
- *A line-by-line breakdown of the original \$875,000 project budget, detailing all cost components to enable thorough analysis and establish a standard for future budget transparency.*
- *Supporting evidence justifying the \$250,000 increase, including vendor quotes, market data, cost escalation reports, or other relevant documentation.*
- *A detailed explanation of how the project aligns with council’s strategic priorities and delivers measurable value to Prince George taxpayers.*

Defeated**Councillors Bennett, Frizzell, Polillo, Ramsay, Sampson, and Scott opposed.****Main Motion.****Carried****Councillor Klassen opposed.****Moved By** Councillor Ramsay**Seconded By** Councillor Bennett

That Council DIRECTS Administration to return a report with a cost breakdown of the Library Skylight Renewal Project #3457 following its completion.

Carried Unanimously**DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND IT SERVICES – KRIS DALIO****D.4 Procurement Options in Response to U.S. Tariffs****Moved By** Councillor Klassen**Seconded By** Councillor Skakun

That Council SELECTS OPTION 3 in the report dated April 15, 2025 from the Director of Finance and IT Services titled “Procurement Options in Response to U.S. Tariffs” to continue to operate as normal.

Defeated

Councillors Bennett, Polillo, Ramsay, Sampson, and Scott opposed.

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council SELECTS Option 1 while prioritizing suppliers in the following order of preference: Prince George-based, Regional, Provincial, Canadian, National, international (with allied nations preferred where applicable).

Carried Unanimously

E. BYLAWS – FINAL READING AND ADOPTION

E.1 City of Prince George Restrictive Covenant Discharge Bylaw No. 9497, 2024

Moved By Councillor Skakun
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of “City of Prince George Restrictive Covenant Discharge Bylaw No. 9497, 2024.”

Carried Unanimously

F. NOTICE OF MOTION

COUNCILLOR KYLE SAMPSON AND COUNCILLOR BRIAN SKAKUN

F.1 CN Centre 30th Anniversary Community Celebration

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 May 26, 2026 Council Meeting agenda for Council’s consideration.

G. CORRESPONDENCE

H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

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

Carried Unanimously

THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 8:23 P.M.

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