



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

May 26, 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
Councillor Tim Bennett
Councillor Garth Frizzell
Councillor Trudy Klassen
Councillor Ron Polillo
Councillor Cori Ramsay
Councillor Kyle Sampson <via Zoom>
Councillor Susan Scott
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
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

Councillor Skakun declared a non-pecuniary conflict of interest as a family member is involved in a work experience initiative with the Association Advocating for Women and Community (AWAC) and exited Council Chambers at 6:06 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That the agenda for the regular meeting of Council scheduled for May 26, 2025, be amended by adding one new item of correspondence from the Association Advocating for Women and Community (AWAC) as agenda item G.8, and that the agenda, BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Skakun returned to Council Chambers at 6:07 p.m.

B. MINUTES

B.1 Adoption of the Special and Regular Council Meeting Minutes – May 5, 2025

Moved By Councillor Scott

Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That the minutes of the regular Council meeting held May 5, 2025, 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. CONSENT AGENDA (FOR INFORMATION)

Council requested further consideration of consent agenda items C.2, C.2, and C.4.

C.1 Monthly Building Permit and Development Permit Summary (April 2025)

C.2 BC Housing and Connective – Support for HEART & HEARTH

C.3 Unallocated Funds from Limited Duration Operating 2025 Grant Budget

C.4 Snow and Ice Control Costing Breakdown (November 1st to December 31st, 2024) – Additional Detail

Councillor Frizzell declared a conflict of interest related to consent agenda item C.3, and exited Council Chambers at 6:40 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Ramsay

Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION Consent Agenda items C.1 to C.4.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Frizzell returned to Council Chambers at 6:41 p.m.

D. REPORTS

COUNCILLOR KYLE SAMPSON AND COUNCILLOR BRIAN SKAKUN

D.1 CN Centre 30th Anniversary Community Celebration

Moved By Councillor Skakun

Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council:

- 1. DIRECTS Administration to return a report to Council by June 23rd that outlines a plan to deliver a fun, financially accessible, safe, and community-oriented public event as part of the CN Centre's 30th Anniversary celebration, to be hosted around September 30th, 2025;*
- 2. DIRECTS Administration to explore partnerships or potential funding opportunities in support of the celebration; and*
- 3. EXPRESSES its intent to consider funding this celebration through Council Contingency, contingent upon the proposed plan outlined in the report demonstrating widespread accessibility, strong community impact, and sound budget justification.*

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF CIVIC OPERATIONS – BLAKE MCINTOSH

D.2 2025 - 2026 Annual Operating Agreement for the Prince George Transit System

City of Prince George Transit Service Annual Operating Agreement 2025 - 2026 Authorization Bylaw No. 9560, 2025

Councillor Skakun exited Council Chambers at 6:54 p.m. and returned at 6:55 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Bennett

Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council GIVES FIRST THREE READINGS to “City of Prince George Transit Service Annual Operating Agreement 2025-2026 Authorization Bylaw No. 9560, 2025”.

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – DEANNA WASNIK

D.3 Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100699

Applicant: Seko Construction Ltd. for Metso Canada Inc., Inc. No. A0129418

Location: 1055 Legacy Road

Documents for Council's consideration include:

1. Staff report dated April 28, 2025 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100699";
 - a. Location and Zoning Map;
 - b. Development Variance Permit No. VP100699; and
 - c. Exhibit "A" to VP100699.

Moved By Councillor Bennett

Seconded By Councillor Klassen

That Council APPROVES Development Variance Permit No. VP100699 to vary “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007” for the property legally described Lot 2, District Lot 748, Cariboo District, Plan EPP133748 (PID 032-201-338) as follows:

- a. *Vary Section 12.2.5 2. by increasing the maximum height from 12.0 m to 13.4 m, as shown on Exhibit “A” to VP100699.*

Carried Unanimously

D.4 Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100836 (Bylaw No. 9528)

Applicant: Garry Darin Gatzke and Francine Marie Mazzerolle

Location: 4225 Turner Road

Documents for Council's consideration include:

1. Staff report dated April 28, 2025 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100836 (Bylaw No. 9528)";
 - a. Location and Existing Zoning Map;
 - b. Appendix “A” to Bylaw No. 9528;
 - c. Servicing Brief; and
 - d. Rationale Letter.

City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9528, 2025

Moved By Councillor Skakun
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council AMENDS "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9528, 2025" by replacing the applicant name with "Garry Darin Gatzke and Francine Marie Mazzerolle".

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Klassen

That Council GIVES FIRST THREE READINGS of "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9528, 2025."

Carried

Councillor Skakun opposed.

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council PERMITS that consideration of Final Reading of proposed Bylaw No. 9528, 2025 BE WITHHELD until the following requirement has been met to the satisfaction of Administration:

- a. *Registration of a Section 219 Covenant on the legal title of Lot 23, District Lot 4047, Cariboo District, Plan 11060 that restricts the density to a maximum of 5 dwelling units.*

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

Carried Unanimously

D.5 Official Community Plan Bylaw Amendment No. CP100214 (Bylaw No. 9549) and Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100837 (Bylaw No. 9550)

Applicant: L&M Engineering Ltd. for 646257 B.C. Ltd., Inc. No. BC1245290
Location: 6174 Monterey Road West, 6166 Monterey Road West, and Monterey Road West (PID 015-217-493)
Documents for Council's consideration include:

1. Staff report dated May 2, 2025 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Official Community Plan Bylaw Amendment No. CP100214 (Bylaw No. 9549) and Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100837 (Bylaw No. 9550)";
 - a. Location and Existing Zoning Map;
 - b. Appendix "A" to Bylaw No. 9549;
 - c. Exhibit "A" to Bylaw No. 9550;
 - d. Exhibit "A" to Application No. CP100214;
 - e. Supporting Documents:
 - i. Z17 Zone Redlined Version;
 - ii. Trip Generation Letter; and
 - iii. Public Consultation Summary Report.

City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9449, 2025

City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9550, 2025

Moved By Councillor Bennett
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council GIVES FIRST READING of “City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9549, 2025.”

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council CONSIDERS “City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9549, 2025”, in conjunction with the current Financial Plan and confirm there are no issues.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council CONSIDERS “City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9549, 2025”, in conjunction with the current Regional District Solid Waste Management Plan; and confirm there are no issues.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council CONSIDERS “City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9549, 2025”, in conjunction with the City of Prince George Strategic Framework for a Sustainable Prince George and confirm there are no issues.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council GIVES SECOND READING of “City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9549, 2025”.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Bennett
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council APPROVES the following public consultation process to fulfill the requirements of Section 475 of the Local Government Act:

- a. *Request for written comment from properties identified on Exhibit “A” to CP100214; and*
- b. *Publish notification of public consultation in accordance with the “City of Prince George Public Notice Bylaw No. 9329, 2022”.*

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council EXPANDS from 30 metres distance to the notification area shown on Exhibit "A" to CP100214, as required in the "City of Prince George Development Procedures Bylaw No. 9423, 2023", for the mailing of notice of the public hearing for the "City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9549, 2025" and "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7580, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9550, 2025."

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Klassen

That Council GIVES FIRST AND SECOND READINGS of "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9550, 2025".

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Klassen

That Council PERMITS the Public Hearing for proposed Bylaw No. 9549, 2025 BE WITHHELD until the following requirements have been met to the satisfaction of Administration:

- a. Receipt of a Servicing Brief*
- b. Receipt of a Traffic Impact Study*

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

- D.6 Results of Alternative Approval Process for Equipment Financing Bylaw No. 9532, 2025, Stormwater System Renewal Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 9533, 2025, and Civic Centre BAS & Chiller Renewal Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 9534, 2025**

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the Certificates of Insufficiency attached as Appendices "A", "B", and "C" to the report dated May 20, 2025 from the Manager of Legislative Services/Corporate Officer titled "Results of Alternative Approval Process for Equipment Financing Bylaw No. 9532, 2025, Stormwater System Renewal Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 9533, 2025, and Civic Centre BAS & Chiller Renewal Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 9534, 2025."

Carried

Councillor Klassen opposed.

E. BYLAWS – FINAL READING AND ADOPTION

- E.1 City of Prince George Equipment Financing Bylaw No. 9532, 2025**

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of “City of Prince George Equipment Financing Bylaw No. 9532, 2025.”

Carried

Councillor Klassen opposed.

E.2 Stormwater System Renewal Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 9533, 2025

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of “Stormwater System Renewal Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 9533, 2025.”

Carried

Councillor Klassen opposed.

E.3 Civic Centre BAS & Chiller Renewal Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 9534, 2025

Moved By Councillor Bennett
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of “Civic Centre BAS & Chiller Renewal Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 9534, 2025.”

Carried

Councillor Klassen opposed.

E.4 City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9536, 2025

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9536, 2025.”

Carried

Councillor Klassen opposed.

E.5 City of Prince George Water Regulations and Rates Bylaw No. 7479, 2003, Amendment Bylaw No. 9541, 2025

Moved By Councillor Bennett
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of “City of Prince George Water Regulations and Rates Bylaw No. 7479, 2003, Amendment Bylaw No. 9541, 2025.”

Carried

Councillor Klassen opposed.

F. NOTICE OF MOTION**COUNCILLOR TRUDY KLASSEN AND COUNCILLOR BRIAN SKAKUN****F.1 Reinstating Public Notice Advertising in the Prince George Citizen**

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 June 9, 2025 Council Meeting agenda for Council's consideration.

F.2 UBCM Resolution Endorsement

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 June 9, 2025 Council Meeting agenda for Council's consideration.

G. CORRESPONDENCE**G.1 Correspondence dated May 5, 2025 from John Bowes, General Manager, Caledonia Nordic Ski Club: Request for City Support - Maintenance Equipment for New Paved Trail Network at Caledonia Nordic Ski Club**

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council REFERS the correspondence dated May 5, 2025 from the Caledonia Nordic Ski Club to Administration for a report back to Council regarding the Ski Club's request for city support in temporarily maintaining their new trail network.

Carried Unanimously

G.2 Correspondence dated May 7, 2025 from Minister Ravi Kahlon, Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs: Acknowledging Receipt of City of Prince George Six-Month Housing Targets Progress Report**G.3 Correspondence dated April 23, 2025 from Mayor Huck Galbraith, City of Enderby: Bill7 - 2025: Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act****G.4 Correspondence dated May 10, 2025 from Drostan De Vere-Marwood: Indoor Water Park****G.5 Correspondence dated May 16, 2024 from Barry Pages, Chair, North Coast Regional District: Letter to the BC Utilities Commission regarding Pacific Northern Gas Proposed Increase of Natural Gas Delivery Rates****G.6 Correspondence from Mayor Simon Yu to the Spruce City Wildlife Association: Letter of Support for the Salmon Conservation Program****G.7 Correspondence dated April 30, 2025 from Mayor Simon Yu: Support for the Community Arts Council of Prince George and District's Application to the Province of British Columbia's Destination Events Program****G.8 Correspondence dated May 20, 2025 from Connie Abe, Executive Director, Association Advocating for Women and Community (AWAC): Request for a Resolution in Support of a Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) Grant Application**

Councillor Skakun declared a conflict of interest as he has a child that works with AWAC. Councillor Skakun left the chambers at 8:09 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Klassen

That the City of Prince George SUPPORTS the application to Northern Development Initiative Trust from AWAC - Association Advocating for Women and Community for a multi-year grant in the amount of \$300,000.00 for a Youth and Exploitation Recovery Specialist.

Carried Unanimously

H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Councillor Polillo

Seconded By Councillor Bennett

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

Carried Unanimously

THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 8:11 P.M.

CHAIRPERSON

CERTIFIED CORRECT