



## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

June 9, 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  
Councillor Susan Scott  
Councillor Brian Skakun

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Walter Babicz, City Manager  
Deanna Wasnik, Director of Planning and Development  
Luke Reid, Manager of IT Services/Acting 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

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### A. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

**Moved By** Councillor Scott  
**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 as agenda item F.3 and by moving agenda item D.4 to be considered immediately following agenda item C.1, and that the agenda, BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.*

**Carried Unanimously**

### B. MINUTES

#### B.1 Adoption of the Special and Regular Council Meeting Minutes – May 26, 2025

**Moved By** Councillor Ramsay  
**Seconded By** Councillor Bennett

*That the minutes of the regular Council meeting held May 26, 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)**

**C.1 Membership to the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association**

**Moved By** Councillor Ramsay

**Seconded By** Councillor Frizzell

*That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated May 6, 2025, from the Chair of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs, titled “Membership to the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association.”*

**Carried Unanimously**

**D. REPORTS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY – MAYOR SIMON YU, CHAIR**

**D.4 Police Support Services Programming - Citizens on Patrol and Block Watch**

**Moved By** Councillor Skakun

**Seconded By** Councillor Frizzell

*That Council INVITES Sgt. Craig Douglass, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and Kystal Devauld, Assistant Manager of Police Support Services, to Centre Table to respond questions from Council regarding the Citizens on Patrol and Block Watch programs.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**Moved By** Councillor Polillo

**Seconded By** Councillor Skakun

*That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated June 2, 2025 from the Chair of the Standing Committee on Public Safety, titled, “Police Support Services Programming - Citizens on Patrol and Block Watch”.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**MAYOR SIMON YU**

**D.1 2025 UBCM Resolution Recommendation: BC Ambulance Agreements**

**Moved By** Councillor Frizzell

**Seconded By** Councillor Polillo

*That Council ENDORSES the resolution as proposed in the report dated May 30, 2025, from Mayor Yu, titled “2025 UBCM Resolution Recommendation: BC Ambulance Agreements”.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**COUNCILLOR TRUDY KLASSEN AND COUNCILLOR BRIAN SKAKUN**

**D.2 Reinstating Public Notice Advertising in the Prince George Citizen**

**Moved By** Councillor Skakun

**Seconded By** Councillor Klassen

*That the Council of the City of Prince George directs the Chief Administrative Officer to reinstate public notice advertising in the Prince George Citizen for all notices*

*required under Section 94.1 of the Community Charter, effective Q1 2026, with a budget of up to \$100,000 annually, funded from the 2026 communications budget.*

**Moved By** Councillor Klassen

**Seconded By** Councillor Skakun

*That Council AMENDS the main motion by removing the words ", with a budget of up to \$100,000 annually, funded from the 2026 communications budget".*

**Carried**

**Councillor Bennett, Polillo, Ramsay, and Sampson opposed**

**Main motion as amended.**

**Defeated**

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

**Moved By** Councillor Skakun

**Seconded By** Councillor Klassen

*That the Council of the City of Prince George directs the Chief Administrative Officer Reduce advertising on American platforms like Meta by 50% by Q2 2026, redirecting funds to the Citizen and other Canadian media, in line with Council's resolution.*

**Moved By** Councillor Frizzell

**Seconded By** Councillor Skakun

*That Council AMENDS the main motion by removing the words ", redirecting funds to the Citizen and other Canadian media, in line with Council's resolution".*

**Defeated**

**Mayor Yu, and Councillors Polillo, Ramsay, Sampson, and Scott opposed.**

**Main motion.**

**Defeated**

**Mayor Yu, and Councillors Klassen, Polillo, Ramsay, Sampson, and Scott opposed.**

**Moved By** Councillor Klassen

**Seconded By** Councillor Skakun

*That the Council of the City of Prince George directs the Chief Administrative Officer publish a transparency report by Q3 2026, detailing advertising expenditures by platform (e.g., Citizen, Meta, city website) and public notice reach (e.g., print vs. digital metrics), to be shared on the City's website and in the 2026 Annual Report.*

**Carried**

**Councillor Ramsay opposed.**

**Moved By** Councillor Sampson

**Seconded By** Councillor Skakun

*That Council DIRECTS Administration to deprioritize advertising on American platforms like Meta and prioritize advertising on local media.*

**Carried Unanimously**

Mayor Yu called a recess of the Regular Council Meeting at 8:14 p.m.

The Regular Council Meeting reconvened at 8:20 p.m.

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

**D.3 UBCM Resolution Endorsement****Moved By** Councillor Skakun**Seconded By** Councillor Klassen

*That Council ENDORSES the following resolution be submitted to the 2025 Union of BC Municipalities Convention:*

*WHEREAS the Community Charter undermines voter intention by misaligning Council and municipal officer's incentives, as Section 152(2) requires a two-thirds vote of all council members to terminate a municipal officer;*

*WHEREAS Section 151's mandate to review suspensions at the next meeting is too short to properly review a suspension thoroughly;*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM call on the provincial government to amend the Community Charter Section 152(2), allowing termination of a municipal officer by a simple majority vote of council members present, with notice and opportunity to be heard;*

*AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UBCM urge the provincial government to amend the Community Charter Section 151(2) to extend the suspension review period of a municipal officer to the third meeting after suspension, with notice and opportunity to be heard.*

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

*That Council AMENDS the main motion by replacing the words "simple majority vote of council members present" with the words "simple majority vote of all council members".*

**Carried****Councillors Polillo, Ramsay, and Sampson opposed.****Main motion as amended.****Defeated****Councillors Bennett, Frizzell, Polillo, Ramsay, Sampson, and Scott opposed.**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS – COUNCILLOR GARTH FRIZZELL, CHAIR**

**D.5 Quesnel-Hixon Road Restoration****Moved By** Councillor Frizzell**Seconded By** Councillor Skakun

*That Council DIRECTS staff to provide a support letter for the rebuilding of the Quesnel-Hixon Road to the Minister of Transportation and Transit as further detailed in the report titled "Quesnel-Hixon Road Restoration" from the Chair of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs, dated May 29, 2025.*

**Carried Unanimously****D.6 2025 UBCM Resolution Recommendation****Moved By** Councillor Frizzell**Seconded By** Councillor Sampson

*That Council ENDORSES the resolution as proposed in the report dated May 29, 2025, from the Chair of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs, titled "2025 UBCM Resolution Recommendation".*

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF CIVIC OPERATIONS – BLAKE MCINTOSH

**D.7 Request for City Support - Maintenance Equipment for New Paved Trail Network at Caledonia Nordic Ski Club**

Councillor Scott exited Council Chambers at 8:54 p.m. and returned at 8:57 p.m.

**Moved By** Councillor Ramsay

**Seconded By** Councillor Skakun

*That Council SUPPORTS the request from the Caledonia Nordic Ski Club for a one-time sweep of the paved trail network at a cost estimate of \$1100 to be funded through Council Contingency.*

Carried Unanimously

MANAGER OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES/CORPORATE OFFICER – ETHAN ANDERSON

**D.8 Proposed Amendment to 2025 Council Meeting Calendar for a Fall Committee of the Whole Meeting**

**Moved By** Councillor Skakun

**Seconded By** Councillor Polillo

*That Council AMENDS the 2025 Council Meeting Calendar by adding a Committee of the Whole meeting on October 14, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. and reschedules the October 22, 2025 regular Council meeting to October 20, 2025.*

Carried Unanimously

**E. BYLAWS – FINAL READING AND ADOPTION**

**E.1 City of Prince George Transit Service Annual Operating Agreement 2025-2026 Authorization Bylaw No. 9560, 2025**

**Moved By** Councillor Bennett

**Seconded By** Councillor Sampson

*That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION to "City of Prince George Transit Service Annual Operating Agreement 2025-2026 Authorization Bylaw No. 9560, 2025."*

Carried Unanimously

**F. CORRESPONDENCE**

**F.1 Correspondence dated May 28, 2025 from Jim Murray: Traffic Circles**

**F.2 Correspondence dated May 26, 2025 from Mike Hawes, General Manager, Prince George Spruce Kings Junior Hockey Team: Request for Replacement of Aging Score Clock at Kopar Memorial Arena**

**F.3 Handout: Correspondence dated June 9, 2025 from Milton Mahoney: PG Citizen**

**Moved By** Councillor Frizzell

**Seconded By** Councillor Polillo

*That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION correspondence items F.1 to F.3.*

Carried Unanimously

**G. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved By** Councillor Polillo

**Seconded By** Councillor Scott

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

**Carried Unanimously**

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 9:03 P.M.**

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CHAIRPERSON

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