



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

June 23, 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 <7:47 p.m. to 10:19 p.m.>
Councillor Ron Polillo
Councillor Cori Ramsay
Councillor Kyle Sampson <via Zoom>
Councillor Susan Scott
Councillor Brian Skakun <7:47 p.m. to 10:19 p.m.>

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

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That the agenda for the regular meeting of Council scheduled for June 23, 2025, be amended by adding one new document to agenda item C.2, and that the agenda, BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

Carried Unanimously

B. MINUTES

B.1 Adoption of the Regular Council Meeting Minutes – June 9, 2025

Moved By Councillor Bennett
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That the minutes of the regular Council meeting held June 9, 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. DELEGATION(S)

C.1 2025 Special Olympics BC Summer Games

Renee McCloskey and Lyn Hall, Co-Chair, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the 2025 Special Olympics BC Summer Games scheduled for July 10 to 12, 2025.

C.2 Downtown Business Improvement Association (Downtown Prince George)

Chrisie Berry, Executive Director, Eoin Foley, President, and Derek Dougherty, Treasurer, Downtown Prince George, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Downtown Prince George 2024 Annual Report and 2025 Budget.

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council APPROVES the 2025 Budget for the Prince George Downtown Business Improvement Association as presented at the June 23, 2025 regular Council meeting.

Carried Unanimously

C.3 Gateway Business Improvement Area Society

Dan Denis, Liaison Officer, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Gateway Business Improvement Area Society 2024 Annual Report and 2025 Budget.

Moved By Councillor Bennett

Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council APPROVES the 2025 Budget for the Gateway Business Improvement Area Society as presented at the June 23, 2025 regular Council meeting.

Carried Unanimously

D. CONSENT AGENDA (FOR INFORMATION)

D.1 Monthly Building Permit and Development Permit Summary (May 2025)

Moved By Councillor Scott

Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated June 5, 2025, from the Director of Planning and Development, titled “Monthly Building Permit and Development Permit Summary (May 2025)”.

Carried Unanimously

E. REPORTS

CITY MANAGER – WALTER BABICZ

E.1 City of Prince George 2024 Annual Report

W. Babicz, City Manager, K. Dalio, Director of Finance and IT Services, and C. Thwaites, Manager of Communications, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the City of Prince George 2024 Annual Report.

Jamie Valcourt, Board Chair, and Colin Carson, Chief Executive Officer, Tourism Prince George Society, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding Tourism PG's 2024 Annual Report.

Anna Duff, Chair, and Paul Burry, Library Director, Prince George Public Library, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Prince George Public Library's 2024 Annual Report.

Councillor Klassen and Councillor Skakun entered Council Chambers at 7:47 p.m.

There were no submissions from members of the public.

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council APPROVES the City of Prince George Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2024, attached as Appendix "A" to the report from the City Manager dated June 16, 2025 titled "City of Prince George 2024 Annual Report."

Carried Unanimously

Mayor Yu called a recess of the regular Council meeting at 8:28 p.m.

The regular Council meeting reconvened at 8:35 p.m.

The attendance of Council and Administration was the same as at the time the recess was called.

E.2 Northern Sport Centre Limited Annual Report

David Claus, President, Don Basserman, Chair, and Dan Kusz, Treasurer, Northern Sport Centre Limited, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Northern Sport Centre Limited's 2024 Annual Report.

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council APPROVES the Northern Sport Centre Limited Shareholders' Resolutions attached as Schedule "B" to the report dated June 16, 2025 from the City Manager titled "Northern Sport Centre Limited Annual Report"; and AUTHORIZES the City Manager to sign the Shareholders' Resolutions, as of June 30, 2025.

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF CIVIC FACILITIES AND EVENTS – ANDY BEESLEY

E.3 2030 Special Olympics Canada Summer Games Site Visit

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council APPROVES up to \$30,000 from the Major Events Reserve Fund in cash and in-kind support for the site visit activities scheduled in October 2025 to promote the City of Prince George to be selected as the host City for the 2030 Special Olympics Canada Summer Games.

Carried Unanimously

E.4 CN Centre 30th Anniversary**Moved By** Councillor Skakun**Seconded By** Councillor Sampson

That Council APPROVES up to \$15,000 from the 2025 Council Contingency fund to support the CN Centre 30th anniversary event as described in the report dated June 12, 2025, from the Director of Civic Facilities and Events titled "CN Centre 30th Anniversary".

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – DEANNA WASNIK**E.5 Response to Resolutions for Prince George Heritage Commission 2024 Annual Report****Moved By** Councillor Sampson**Seconded By** Councillor Skakun

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated April 25, 2025, from the Director of Planning & Development, titled "Response to Resolutions for Prince George Heritage Commission 2024 Annual Report".

Moved By Councillor Sampson**Seconded By** Councillor Skakun

That Council POSTPONES consideration of the main motion to the July 14, 2025 regular Council meeting.

Carried Unanimously

E.6 Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100700

- Applicant: L&M Engineering Ltd. for Kidd Real Estate Holdings Ltd., Inc. No. BC821509
- Location: 1197 Blackburn Road N and 1215 Blackburn Road N

Documents for Council's consideration include:

1. Staff report dated May 20, 2025 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100700";
 - a. Location and Existing Zoning Map;
 - b. Development Variance Permit No. VP100700; and
 - c. Exhibit "A" to VP100700.

Moved By Councillor Ramsay**Seconded By** Councillor Skakun

That Council APPROVES Development Variance Permit No. VP100700 to vary "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007" for the properties legally described as Lot 4, District Lot 632, Cariboo District, Plan EPP134719 (032-325-525) and Lot 5, District Lot 632, Cariboo District, Plan EPP134719 (032-325-533) as follows:

- a. *Vary Section 10.2.5 7. by decreasing the minimum exterior side yard setback from 3.0 m to 1.2 m, as shown on Exhibit "A" to VP100700.*

Carried Unanimously

E.7 Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100847 (Bylaw No. 9561, 2025)

- Applicant: City of Prince George
- Location: 101 George Street

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100847 (Bylaw No. 9561, 2025)" include:

1. Staff report dated May 27, 2025 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100847 (Bylaw No. 9561, 2025)";
 - a. Location and Existing Zoning Map; and
 - b. Appendix "A" to Bylaw No. 9561.

Moved By Councillor Bennett

Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council GIVES FIRST THREE READINGS of "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9561, 2025".

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Scott

Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council PERMITS Final Reading for proposed Bylaw No. 9561, BE WITHHELD until the following requirement has been met to the satisfaction of Administration:

- a. receipt of a Section 219 Covenant that restricts the use of 101 George Street to "Parking Non-Accessory" and an option to purchase in favour of the City to purchase the land back for \$1.00 if the Section 219 Covenant is breached.

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

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND IT SERVICES – KRIS DALIO

E.8 2024 Statement of Finance Information (SOFI)

Moved By Councillor Skakun

Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council DIRECTS Administration to report to Council on expenses in the same manner as the Council currently reports of the City Manager, directors, the manager of legislative services, and the deputy corporate officer on a biannual basis.

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council EXTENDS the regular Council meeting to 11:00 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

Main motion.

Carried

Councillors Polillo, Ramsay, and Sampson opposed.

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council DIRECTS Administration to return the 2024 Statement of Financial Information report to a closed meeting before the end of summer 2025.

Carried

Councillor Skakun opposed.

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council APPROVES the 2024 Public Bodies Report attached to the report dated June 13, 2025 from the Director of Finance and IT Services titled "2024 Statements of Financial Information (SOFI)."

Carried Unanimously

E.9 2024 – 2028 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw 9540

Councillor Sampson left the Zoom meeting at 10:17 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council GIVES FIRST THREE READINGS of "City of Prince George 5 - year Operating and Capital Financial Plans Bylaw No. 9464, 2024, Amendment Bylaw No. 9540, 2025".

Carried Unanimously

F. BYLAWS – FINAL READING AND ADOPTION

F.1 City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9445, 2024

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of "City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9445, 2024."

Carried Unanimously

F.2 City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9446, 2024

Moved By Councillor Bennett
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9446, 2024."

Carried Unanimously

G. NOTICE OF MOTION

COUNCILLOR KYLE SAMPSON AND COUNCILLOR BRIAN SKAKUN

G.1 Prince George Social Services Connector Event

To be considered at the July 14, 2025 regular Council meeting.

H. CORRESPONDENCE

Councillor Klassen requested further consideration of agenda item H.3.

H.1 Correspondence dated June 5, 2025 from Kermit Dahl, Mayor, City of Campbell River: Resource-Dependent Communities in British Columbia

H.2 Correspondence dated June 3, 2025 from Heather Erxleben: Water Usage

H.3 Correspondence dated June 10, 2025 from Kevin Gemmell, General Manager, 99.3 REWIND Radio, 101.3 The River, CKPG, Divisions of Pattison Media Ltd: Public Comments regarding Investigative Journalism

H.4 Correspondence dated June 5, 2025 from David Lepsoe, Mayor, Village of Chase: Funding for Public Education

Moved By Councillor Skakun

Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION correspondence items H.1 to H.4.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Sampson rejoined the Zoom meeting at 10:19 p.m.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Councillor Polillo

Seconded By Councillor Skakun

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

Carried Unanimously

THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 10:19 P.M.

CHAIRPERSON

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