

Date: June 24, 2025

To: **Mayor and Council**

Name and title: Deanna Wasnik, Director of Planning and Development

Subject: Response to Council Resolutions: Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 9525

Attachment(s): Schedule "A"

Recommendation(s):

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated June 24, 2025 from the Director of Planning and Development, titled "Response to Council Resolutions: Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 9525".

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a response to the resolutions passed at the April 9 and 16, 2025 Special Council Meetings.

Strategic Priorities:

The Official Community Plan Review Project has been identified within Council's Strategic Plan 2023-2026 to build a strong foundation for growth for the community.

Background:

Regular Council Meeting on March 19, 2025

- Commencement of the Public Hearing for Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 9525, 2025 and City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9526, 2025.

Regular Council Meeting on April 9, 2025

- Continuation and closure of Public Hearing for Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 9525, 2025 and City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9526, 2025.
- Council deliberated the proposed 2025 OCP and passed resolutions for Administration to respond to at a future Regular Council Meeting.

Special Council Meeting on April 16, 2025

- Continuation of Council deliberations of the proposed 2025 OCP and resolutions passed for Administration at a future Regular Council Meeting.

Administration has prepared a response to all thirty-three (33) Council resolutions passed at the April 9, 2025 Regular Council Meeting and the April 16, 2025 Special Council Meeting which are included in Schedule “A” to this report.

Discussion:

Schedule “A”

The format of the enclosed Schedule “A” is as follows:

1. Resolution: Each resolution passed by Council at the April 9, 2025 Regular Council Meeting and the April 16, 2025 Special Council Meeting is provided at the top of each page of Schedule A in the order they were passed by Council.
2. Discussion: provides Administration’s response to the resolution with an indication of the consequence of the resolution (when applicable), OCP policy direction that is provided in the 2025 OCP that may address the resolution, and Administration’s recommendation of next steps.
3. Options: recommendations provided to Council for direction on the resolution. The Options will include a recommendation(s) for Council’s consideration that directs Administration to take a certain action, and one that recommends no action. The approach will allow Council the ability to action the resolution further, or receive the response as provided.
4. Action: confirms direction Administration will take to address the resolution.

Throughout the responses in Schedule “A”, the 2011 OCP and 2025 OCP are referred to. For clarity, “2011 OCP” means current Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011 and “2025 OCP” means proposed Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 9525, 2025.

Upon Council addressing the resolutions in Schedule “A” with “Options”, Administration will update the proposed 2025 OCP accordingly and, additionally, will include any updates resulting from the “Actions” of the resolutions in Schedule “A”. These amendments will be returned to Council in the future to make an amending motion to the 2025 OCP Bylaw.

Once the 2025 OCP is updated to reflect the changes informed by Schedule “A”, a Public Hearing will need to be held to provide the opportunity for the public to comment on the amended version of the 2025 OCP. When Administration returns the amended 2025 OCP Bylaw for an amending motion, Administration will seek Council’s direction on scheduling a meeting for this Public Hearing.

Alternatives:

Administration provides the following recommended alternatives for Council's consideration:

1. Approve the 2025 OCP in its current form, and proceed with Final Reading;
2. Refuse the bylaw, and direct Administration to update the current 2011 OCP with the Provincial Housing mandates. This will consist of a new bylaw and Report to Council for 1 and 2nd Reading; or
3. Defer or otherwise deal with the bylaw at a future meeting should Council require another information report.

Summary and conclusion:

Administration recommends that Council receive this report for information.

Respectfully submitted:

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Approved:

Walter Babicz, City Manager

Meeting date: 2025/07/14