

Date: February 14, 2025

To: **Mayor and Council**

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

Subject: Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 9525, 2025 – Review of February 3, 2025 Regular Council Meeting

Attachment(s): n/a

Recommendation(s):

That Council:

1. GIVES Second Reading to “City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 9525, 2025”.
2. APPROVES the following public consultation process to fulfill the requirements of Section 475 of the *Local Government Act*:
 - a. Publish notification of public consultation in accordance with the “City of Prince George Public Notice Bylaw No. 9329, 2022”.
3. Amends the 2025 Council Meeting Calendar by adding a Special Regular council Meeting on Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the direction provided by Council on February 3, 2025 regarding Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 9525, 2025, and to outline the remaining recommendations that require Council consideration.

Background:

At the February 3, 2025 Regular Council Meeting, Administration presented proposed Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 9525, 2025 (“OCP Bylaw No. 9525”). The Staff Report to Council included 7 recommendations as follows:

1. GIVES First Reading to “City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 9525, 2025.”
2. CONSIDERS “City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 9525, 2025”, in conjunction with the current Financial Plan and confirm there are no issues.

3. CONSIDERS “City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 9525, 2025”, in conjunction with the current Regional District Solid Waste Management Plan; and confirm there are no issues.
4. CONSIDERS “City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 9525, 2025”, in conjunction with the City of Prince George Strategic Framework for a Sustainable Prince George and confirm there are no issues.
5. GIVES Second Reading to “City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 9525, 2025”.
6. APPROVES the following public consultation process to fulfill the requirements of Section 475 of the *Local Government Act*:
 - b. Publish notification of public consultation in accordance with the “City of Prince George Public Notice Bylaw No. 9329, 2022”.
7. Amends the 2025 Council Meeting Calendar by adding a Special Regular council Meeting on Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

On February 3, 2025 Council passed recommendations 1, 2, 3, and 4 which resulted in OCP Bylaw No. 9525 receiving 1st Reading and leaving recommendations 5, 6, and 7 to be addressed at a future Regular Council Meeting.

Discussion:

During Council’s discussion of OCP Bylaw No. 9525 on February 3, 2025, the matter of amending OCP Bylaw No. 9525 was brought forward. Administration explained that amendments to OCP Bylaw No. 9525 may occur but should do so in advance of 2nd Reading of the bylaw. Council, therefore, passed 1st Reading of OCP Bylaw No. 9525 to allow for amendments to OCP Bylaw No. 9525 to be brought forward in advance of 2nd Reading of the bylaw.

Administration has included the remaining recommendations 5, 6, and 7 from the February 3, 2025 Regular Council Meeting in the recommendations section of this report. Please note the recommendations have been renumbered from 5, 6, and 7 to 1, 2, and 3. This number change does not affect the adoption of OCP Bylaw No. 9525.

Administration is also recommending that the 2025 Council Meeting Calendar be amended by adding a Special Regular Council Meeting on Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at 7:00 pm. This is the proposed date for the Public Hearing for OCP Bylaw No. 9525. 3rd reading of OCP Bylaw No. 9525 would be considered by Council following the closure of the Public Hearing.

The staff report previously considered by Council on February 3, 2025 titled "Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 9525, 2025 (dated January 2, 2025)" provides an overview of the statutory notification, public consultation, and sequence of adoption of OCP Bylaw No. 9525.

Summary and Conclusion:

This report provides an overview of the direction provided by Council on February 3, 2025 regarding OCP Bylaw No. 9525 and outlines the remaining recommendations that require Council consideration to facilitate the advancement of OCP Bylaw No. 9525.

Respectfully submitted:

Deanna Wasnik, Director of Planning and Development

Approved:

Andy Beesley, Acting City Manager

Meeting date: 2025/02/24