



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

September 17, 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 <7:00 p.m. to 9:56 p.m.>
Councillor Brian Skakun

IN ATTENDANCE: Walter Babicz, City Manager
Deanna Wasnik, Director of Planning and Development
Kris Dalio, Director of Finance and IT Services
Debbie Heywood, Manager of Event Services/Acting Director of Civic Facilities and Events
Eric Depenau, Director of Administrative Services
Blake McIntosh, Director of Civic Operations
Leslie Kellett, Deputy Corporate Officer
Elisha Leclair, Information and Records Coordinator

A. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That the agenda for the regular meeting of Council scheduled for September 17, 2025, by adding one new report from the Standing Committee on Public Safety as agenda item D.2.1, and that the agenda, BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

Carried Unanimously

B. MINUTES

B.1 Adoption of the Regular Council Meeting Minutes – September 3, 2025

Moved By Councillor Bennett
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That the minutes of the regular Council meeting held September 3, 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.1.

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

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

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

Carried Unanimously

D. REPORTS

COUNCILLOR RON POLILLO AND COUNCILLOR CORI RAMSAY

D.1 FIFA World Cup Viewing Watch Parties in June and July 2026

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council DIRECTS Administration to return a report with information from the UBCM 2026 FIFA World Cup information sessions

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council AMENDS the meeting agenda by moving agenda item D.2 for consideration immediately following agenda item D.9.

Carried Unanimously

The motion to amend the agenda was rescinded by unanimous consent.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON CITIZEN RECOGNITION PROGRAM – COUNCILLOR SUSAN SCOTT, CHAIR

D.2 Proposed Terms of Reference Amendment for the Select Committee on Citizen Recognition Program

Moved By Councillor Skakun
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council APPROVES the amendment to the Terms of Reference of the Select Committee on Citizen Recognition Program as outlined in the report dated September 7, 2025 from the Select Committee on Citizen Recognition Program titled “Proposed Terms of Reference Amendment for the Select Committee on Citizen Recognition Program”.

Carried Unanimously

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY – MAYOR SIMON YU, CHAIR

D.2.1 Referrals from the September 16, 2025 Standing Committee on Public Safety Meeting

Councillor Ramsay exited Council Chambers at 6:58 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Skakun
Seconded By Councillor Klassen

That Council AMENDS the draft letter to Premier Eby by adding a funding request from the Province in the amount of \$400,000 in support of establishing private overnight security in the downtown.

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council AMENDS the main motion by removing the words “in the amount of \$400,000”.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council AMENDS the main motion by adding the words “and REFERS the letter to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs for incorporation into Council’s overall strategy.”

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Scott entered Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m.

Councillor Ramsay returned to Council Chambers at 7:01 p.m.

Main motion as amended.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Skakun
Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council AGREES to share the correspondence from Dr. Daryl Lieski and Cindy Zurowski, Owners and Co-Founders of Crossroads Brewing & Distillery, with relevant provincial ministries for consideration during the Union of BC Municipalities convention, as attached to the report dated September 16, 2025 from the Standing Committee on Public Safety titled “Referrals from the September 16, 2025 Standing Committee on Public Safety Meeting.”

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council AMENDS the main motion by adding the words “and REFERS the letter to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs committee to include the letter as part of the overall strategy and to be delivered within that means.”

Carried Unanimously

Main motion as amended.

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – DEANNA WASNIK

D.3 Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100851 (Bylaw No. 9568, 2025)

- Applicant: Raymond Guy Raby and Daniela Cook
- Location: 3556 Willowdale Drive

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100851 (Bylaw No. 9568, 2025)" included:

1. Staff report dated July 21, 2025 from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100851 (Bylaw No. 9568, 2025)";
 - a. Location and Existing Zoning Map;
 - b. Appendix "A" to Bylaw No. 9568; and
 - c. Supporting Documents:
 - i. Rationale Letter.

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council GIVES FIRST THREE READINGS of "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9568, 2025".

Carried Unanimously

D.4 Union of BC Municipalities Community Resiliency Investment Grant Application for Prince George Wildfire Mitigation Actions 2025

Moved By Councillor Bennett

Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council:

1. *APPROVES that Administration complete the application process for grant funding under the Community Resiliency Investment Program – 2025 FireSmart Community Funding & Supports, which is administered by the Union of BC Municipalities, to complete FireSmart activities and a Fuel Management Treatment; and AUTHORIZES the City's Financial Officer, Director of Administrative Services, and Director of Planning and Development to sign grant application documents and any contract documents should grant approval be received;*
2. *APPROVES expenditures of \$80,000 from the City's Climate Action Reserve Fund to fund the remainder of fire resiliency activities above the UBCM Community Resiliency Investment Grant maximum as described in the report dated August 22, 2025, from the Director of Planning and Development titled "Union of BC Municipalities Community Resiliency Investment Grant Application for Prince George Wildfire Mitigation Actions 2025"; and*
3. *SUPPORTS proposed wildfire resiliency activities; and AUTHORIZES Planning and Development and Emergency Programs to provide overall grant management.*

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Skakun exited Council Chambers at 7:04 p.m. and returned at 7:06 p.m.

D.5 Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Strategic Priorities Fund Capacity Building Stream Grant Application for a Civic Facilities Master Plan

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council:

1. *APPROVES that Administration complete the application process for grant funding under UBCM’s Strategic Priorities Fund Capacity Building Stream for the creation of a Civic Facilities Master Plan; and AUTHORIZES the City’s Financial Officer and Director of Civic Facilities & Events to sign grant application documents and any contract documents should grant approval be received; and*
2. *SUPPORTS the proposed Civic Facilities Master Plan; and AUTHORIZES the Asset Management Division to provide overall grant management.*

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF CIVIC OPERATIONS – BLAKE MCINTOSH

D.6 Little Prince Train

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council APPROVES the inclusion of the new Little Prince Train structure in the 2026 capital plan as an unfunded project.

Moved By Councillor Bennett
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

The Council AMENDS the main motion by adding the words “and DIRECTS Administration to explore alternative options and associated costs from the 2020 rendering for the Little Prince Storage.”

Carried

Councillor Skakun opposed.

Main motion as amended.

Carried

Councillors Frizzell, Sampson, Scott, and Skakun opposed.

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Klassen

That Council REFERS to the issue of the Little Prince Train to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs to engage in strategic advocacy with the federal government, in particular, but not exclusively, the Department of Canadian Heritage, and at any opportunity in consultation with our local MPs.

Carried Unanimously

Mayor Yu called a recess of the regular Council meeting at 7:50 p.m.

The regular Council meeting was reconvened at 8:02 p.m.

Councillor Klassen entered Council Chambers at 8:03 p.m.

D.7 Electric Kick Scooter Pilot Project

Moved By Councillor Bennett
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council:

1. *CONSENTS to the Province of British Columbia’s Electric Kick Scooter Pilot Project taking place within the City of Prince George, and DIRECTS Administration to communicate the decision to the Ministry of Transportation and Transit; and*
2. *DIRECTS Administration to prepare bylaw amendments to "Highways Bylaw No. 8065, 2008" by adding the definition of "E-Scooter" to accommodate the Province of British Columbia's Kick Scooter Pilot Project.*

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF CIVIC FACILITIES AND EVENTS – ANDY BEESLEY

D.8 Access to Public Washrooms in Downtown Prince George

Moved By Councillor Skakun
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated September 7, 2025 from the Director of Civic Facilities and Events, titled “Access to Public Washrooms in Downtown Prince George”.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council DIRECTS Administration to engage the general public in a survey on downtown washrooms including consultation with Downtown Prince George.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Ramsay exited Council Chambers at 9:06 p.m. and returned at 9:09 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Klassen
Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council DIRECTS Administration to return a report on options for city-funded and/or other agency-funded washrooms at the temporary overnight shelter area.

Defeated

Councillors Bennett, Polillo, Ramsay, Sampson, Scott, and Skakun opposed.

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES – ERIC DEPENAU

D.9 Parking Study Recommendation Implementation

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council DIRECT staff to:

- a) *Maintain a 3-hour free parking window in the Downtown and Hospital Zones as has been current practice, with now the added flexibility for users to pay for additional time beyond the free period.*

- b) *Dedicate all profits from on-street paid parking to downtown safety and cleanliness initiatives, for example, programs such as the security camera program and other measures that support the downtown business community and their customers.*
- c) *Develop and deliver a communications campaign, in partnership with Downtown PG, to ensure the public clearly understands how the parking model works. In particular, that free 3-hour parking remains in place as it has for years, now with added flexibility for further paid access which didn't previously exist to park downtown longer than 3 hours, and that revenues generated from those wishing to park beyond the 3-hour free window will be reinvested back into the downtown.*

Councillor Skakun exited Council Chambers at 9:40 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council AMENDS the main motion by replacing the word "profits" with the words "incremental revenue."

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council DIVIDES the main motion and considers a), b), and c) separately.

Carried

Councillor Sampson and Councillor Scott opposed.

Main motion, as divided:

- a) *That Council DIRECT staff to maintain a consistent 3-hour free parking window in the Downtown and Hospital Zones as has been current practice, with now the added flexibility for users to pay for additional time beyond the free period.*

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council AMENDS the main motion by replacing the word "maintain" with the words "harmonize a consistent" and by removing the words "as has been current practice".

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Skakun returned to Council Chambers at 9:47 p.m.

Main motion as amended.

Carried Unanimously

Main motion, as divided:

- b) *That Council DIRECTS staff to dedicate all incremental revenue from on-street paid parking to downtown safety and cleanliness initiatives, for example, programs such as the security camera program and other measures that support the downtown business community and their customers.*

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Klassen

That Council REFERS the main motion b) to Administration for review and further information.

Carried

Councillor Bennett, Councillor Ramsay, Councillor Scott, and Councillor Sampson opposed.

Main motion, as divided:

- c) *That Council DIRECT staff to develop and deliver a communications campaign, in partnership with Downtown PG, to ensure the public clearly understands how the parking model works. In particular, that free 3-hour parking remains in place as it has for years, now with added flexibility for further paid access which didn't previously exist to park downtown longer than 3 hours, and that revenues generated from those wishing to park beyond the 3-hour free window will be reinvested back into the downtown*

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated September 10, 2025 from the Director of Administrative Services, titled “Parking Study Recommendation Implementation”.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council DIRECTS staff to review and update the Parking By-law (No. 6056, 1993) as outlined in the report dated September 10, 2025 from the Director of Administrative Services, titled, “Parking Study Recommendation Implementation”.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council DIRECTS staff to explore a visitor parking pass program as outlined in the report dated September 10, 2025 from the Director of Administrative Services, titled, “Parking Study Recommendation Implementation”.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council DIRECTS staff to include the 2nd Avenue two-way traffic conversion project in the 2026 Capital Plan as outlined in the report dated September 10, 2025 from the Director of Administrative Services, titled, “Parking Study Recommendation Implementation”.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council REFERS to staff those items that are administrative in nature, as defined in the report dated September 10, 2025 from the Director of Administrative Services, titled, "Parking Study Recommendation Implementation.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Ramsay exited Council Chambers at 9:53 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council DIRECTS staff move forward with recommendations #4a and #14a, regarding physical pay stations, as outlined in the report dated September 10, 2025 from the Director of Administrative Services, titled, "Parking Study Recommendation Implementation".

Carried Unanimously

E. BYLAWS – FINAL READING AND ADOPTION

E.1 City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9573, 2025

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9573, 2025."

Carried Unanimously

E.2 City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9545, 2025

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of "City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9545, 2025."

Carried Unanimously

E.3 City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9549, 2025

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of "City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9549, 2025."

Carried Unanimously

E.4 City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9513, 2024

Moved By Councillor Bennett
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of "City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9513, 2024."

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Ramsay returned to Council Chambers at 9:55 p.m.

E.5 Amending Schedule 12: Future Land Use Plan, City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 9525, 2025

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council DIRECTS Administration to amend Schedule 12: Future Land Use Plan in the "City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 9525, 2025" to reflect the amendments made by the following bylaws:

- a. *"City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9445, 2024" (St. Lawrence Avenue);*
- b. *"City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9545, 2025" (Giscome Road);*
- c. *"City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9549, 2025" (Monterey Road West);*
- d. *"City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9513, 2024" (Guay Road).*

Carried Unanimously

F. CORRESPONDENCE

Council request further consideration of correspondence item F.4.

F.1 Correspondence dated September 1, 2025 from Tianna Gibbs: Opposition to Union of BC Municipalities Resolution NR75 - Support Responsible Exotic Animal Education and Stewardship

F.2 Correspondence dated September 1, 2025 from Kalen Holm: Opposition to Union of BC Municipalities Resolution NR75 - Support Responsible Exotic Animal Education and Stewardship

F.3 Correspondence received September 10, 2025 from Richie Sai-Appiah, President, Prince George Soccer Association: Support for Motion to Host FIFA World Cup 2026 Community Watch Parties at Canada Games Plaza

F.4 Correspondence dated September 9, 2025 from Cassie Savage: Advocacy for Involuntary Treatment Facilities and Comprehensive Addiction Services

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council REQUESTS the Mayor to send a letter of appreciation to Cassie Savage regarding her correspondence dated September 9, 2025 outlining her support for advocacy for involuntary treatment facilities and comprehensive addiction services.

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 9:56 P.M.

CHAIRPERSON

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