

Date: December 23, 2025

To: **Mayor and Council.**

Name and title: Blake McIntosh, Director Civic Operations

Subject: Stormwater Utility Bylaw No. 9597, 2025 Revised

Attachment(s):

1. Previously Submitted Staff Report from the November 19, 2025 Council Meeting
2. "City of Prince George Stormwater Utility Bylaw No. 9597, 2025" – Redline Version

Recommendation(s):

1. That Council RESCINDS THIRD READING of "City of Prince George Stormwater Utility Bylaw No. 9597, 2025".
2. That Council AMENDS "City of Prince George Stormwater Utility Bylaw No. 9597, 2025" by inserting new Section 6(1)(b) as follows and re-lettering subsequent subsections accordingly:

"6(1)(b) All properties that are not in any way connected to any part of the Stormwater System, or do not in any way benefit from any part of the Stormwater System, as determined by the Director;"
3. That Council GIVES THIRD READING AS AMENDED of "City of Prince George Stormwater Utility Bylaw No. 9597, 2025."

Purpose:

To seek Council approval to rescind third reading of "Stormwater Utility Bylaw No. 9597, 2025", and to give third reading to the amended bylaw.

Strategic Priorities:

Continue to improve processes and practices to support effective and efficient service delivery and implement local government actions that advance environmental protection including climate change and adaptation.

Policy/Regulatory Analysis:

On December 1, 2025 Council approved the first three readings of the "Stormwater Utility Bylaw No. 9597, 2025", along with the first three readings of the related bylaws, "City of Prince George Stormwater Reserve Bylaw No. 9598, 2025" and the "City of Prince George Comprehensive Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 7557, 2004, Amendment Bylaw No. 9599, 2025".

Collectively, these bylaws establish the terms and guidelines for the City's new Stormwater Utility and the fees associated with the Stormwater Utility are set out in the revised Schedule A-13 of the "City of Prince George Comprehensive Fees & Charges Bylaw No. 7557, 2004, Amendment Bylaw No. 9599, 2025".

The City currently has an existing "Storm Sewer Reserve for Future Expenditure Bylaw No. 6932", adopted in 1998, which is proposed to be repealed. The new "Stormwater Reserve Bylaw No. 9598, 2025" includes not just expenditures for capital works, but also for operations and maintenance activities necessary to keep the stormwater system in service.

After the December 1, 2025 Council meeting, the City shared more information about the proposed changes which led to questions about properties that are not in any way benefiting from the City's Stormwater System. With this feedback in mind, a new item has been added to the "Stormwater Utility Bylaw No. 9597, 2025", under Section 6 Exempt Properties. The new item, 6.b) states, "All properties that are not in any way connected to any part of the Stormwater System, or do not in any way benefit from any part of the Stormwater System, as determined by the Director". The City will use a combination of its Geographical Information System (GIS), orthophotos (aerial photos), and site inspections to determine which properties fall under Section 6 Exempt Properties, prior to January 1, 2027.

Summary and conclusion:

Administration is requesting Council rescind third reading of the "City of Prince George Stormwater Utility Bylaw No. 9597, 2025", consider amending that bylaw with the addition of new item 6.b) under property exemption, and give third reading of the amended bylaw.

Respectfully submitted:

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Approved:

Walter Babicz, City Manager

Meeting date: 2026/01/12