



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

January 12, 2026

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 Brian Skakun

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 Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That the agenda for the regular meeting of Council scheduled for January 12, 2026 be amended by:

- Adding one item of correspondence as agenda item H.12,
- Moving agenda items E.2 and E.3 to be considered immediately following agenda item D.3,

and that the agenda, BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

Carried Unanimously

B. MINUTES

B.1 Adoption of the Regular Council Meeting Minutes – December 15, 2025

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That the minutes of the regular Council meeting held December 15, 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 Everyone at the Table Prince George

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Klassen

That Council REFERS the presentation from Everyone at the Table Prince George to Administration for review and a report back with recommendations respecting the City's potential role in the proposed Food Charter and the development of a food policy council

Carried Unanimously

D. CONSENT AGENDA (FOR INFORMATION)

D.1 Standing Committee on Public Safety – Progress Report

D.2 Committee Referral – Security Alarm System Bylaw

D.3 Prince George Fire Rescue Service s- Response to Overdose and Medical Calls

Moved By Councillor Skakun
Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION Consent Agenda items D.1 to D.3.

Carried Unanimously

E. REPORTS

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES – ERIC DEPENAU

E.2 2025 RCMP Year in Review

Councillor Skakun exited Council Chambers at 7:23 p.m. and returned at 7:26 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council REQUESTS the RCMP provide a presentation to Council on a biannual basis.

Carried Unanimously

CITY MANAGER – WALTER BABICZ

E.3 Continuous Improvement (CI) Program Update

Councillor Skakun exited Council Chambers at 7:52 p.m. and returned at 7:54 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Skakun
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated January 2, 2026 from the City Manager, titled “Continuous Improvement (CI) Program Update.”

Carried Unanimously

STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS – COUNCILLOR GARTH FRIZZELL, CHAIR

E.1 Downloading Report Advocacy Tool

Councillor Ramsay exited Council Chambers at 8:29 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council DIRECTS Administration to prepare a Downloading Report to be used by Council and Staff as an advocacy tool as described in the report dated January 6, 2026 from the Chair of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs, titled “Downloading Report Advocacy Tool.”

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF CIVIC OPERATIONS – BLAKE MCINTOSH

E.4 Stormwater Utility Bylaw No. 9597, 2025 Revised

Councillor Ramsay returned to Council Chambers at 8:32 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council RESCINDS THIRD READING of “City of Prince George Stormwater Utility Bylaw No. 9597, 2025.”

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

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.”

Carried

Councillor Klassen and Councillor Skakun opposed.

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council GIVES THIRD READING AS AMENDED of “City of Prince George Stormwater Utility Bylaw No. 9597, 2025.”

Carried

Mayor Yu, Councillor Klassen, and Councillor Skakun opposed.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND IT SERVICES – KRIS DALIO

E.5 Disposal of Surplus City Assets

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council GIVES FIRST THREE READINGS of “City of Prince George Purchasing Bylaw No. 8841, 2017, Amendment Bylaw No. 9606, 2025.”

Carried Unanimously

MANAGER OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES/CORPORATE OFFICER – ETHAN ANDERSON

E.6 Proposed Amendment to 2026 Council Meeting Calendar for a Spring Committee of the Whole Meeting

Moved By Councillor Bennett
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council AMENDS the 2026 Council Meeting Calendar by adding a Committee of the Whole meeting on March 3, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. for the purpose of adjudicating the 2026 Limited Duration Operating Grant Program.

Carried Unanimously

E.7 Proposed Amendments to the Council Procedures Bylaw

Councillor Klassen exited Council Chambers at 9:16 p.m. and returned at 9:17 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council DIRECTS Administration to return an amendment to the "City of Prince George Council Procedures Bylaw No. 8388, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9601, 2025" requiring a street name on all correspondence to Council.

Carried

Councillor Polillo and Councillor Ramsay opposed.

F. BYLAWS – FINAL READING AND ADOPTION

F.1 City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9578, 2025

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. 9578, 2025."

Carried Unanimously

F.2 City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9592, 2025

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9592, 2025."

Carried Unanimously

G. NOTICE OF MOTION

COUNCILLOR GARTH FRIZZELL AND COUNCILLOR TRUDY KLASSEN

G.1 External Building Scheme and Covenant Support

In accordance with City of Prince George Council Procedures Bylaw No. 8388, 2011, notice of the proposed motion is provided. The proposed motion will be included on the February 2, 2026 Council Meeting agenda for Council's consideration.

H. CORRESPONDENCE

- H.1 Correspondence dated December 12, 2025 from Councillor Cori Ramsay, UBCM President: Canada Community Building Fund - Second Community Works Fund Payment for 2025/2026
- H.2 Correspondence dated November 25, 2025 from Mike Nash: Strengthening Wildfire Preparedness in Our Community
- H.3 Correspondence dated December 15, 2025 from Mayor John Bolt, City of Greenwood: Bill M216 Professional Reliance Act - City of Greenwood Remarks
- H.4 Correspondence dated December 16, 2025 from Mayor Marie-Térèse Little, District of Metchosin: Bill M216 - Professional Reliance Act
- H.5 Correspondence dated December 9, 2025 from Mayor Sue McKortoff, Town of Osoyoos: Town of Osoyoos concerns with the proposed Professional Reliance Act (Bill M216)
- H.6 Correspondence dated December 19, 2025 from Northern Development Initiative Trust: Approval Letter of the City's 2026 Business Façade Improvement Grant Application
- H.7 Correspondence dated December 24, 2025 from Attorney General and Deputy Premier Niki Sharma: Safety and Well-Being in Communities across British Columbia
- H.8 Correspondence from Norm Coyne, Executive Director, Northern FanCon Society: Request for a Letter in Support of FanCon and its Continued Growth and Development

Moved By Councillor Skakun

Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council REQUESTS the Mayor to provide a letter in support of FanCon and its continued growth and development to the Northern FanCon Society.

Carried Unanimously

- H.9 Correspondence dated January 5, 2026 from Mayor Owen Torgerson, Village of Valemount: Concerns Regarding Bill M216 - Professional Reliance Act
- H.10 Correspondence dated January 5, 2026 from Susan Scott, Acting Mayor, to the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members Bills: City of Prince George Concerns with Bill M-216 (Professional Reliance Act)
- H.11 Correspondence dated December 19, 2025 from Christos Vardacostas, Executive Director, Carefree Society to Minister Farnworth: Support for Carefree's Accessible Transportation Service

Moved By Councillor Klassen

Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council REQUESTS the Mayor to provide a letter in support of the Ministry of Transportation and Transit meeting with the Carefree Society regarding their Accessible Transportation Service Model.

Carried Unanimously

- H.12 Correspondence dated January 9, 2026 from Amber New, VP Business Development – SAF, Tidewater Renewables Ltd.: Request for a Letter of Support in Application to

the British Columbia Low Carbon Fuel Standard (BC-LCFS) Initiative Agreement Program

Moved By Councillor Polillo

Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council REQUESTS the Mayor to provide a letter in support of Tidewater Ltd.'s application to the Application to the BC-LCFS (British Columbia's Low Carbon Fuel Standard) Initiative Agreement Program.

Carried Unanimously

I. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Councillor Polillo

Seconded By Councillor Bennett

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

Carried Unanimously

THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 9:35 P.M.

CHAIRPERSON

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