



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

March 23, 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 <via Zoom> <6:06 p.m. to 7:39 p.m.>
Councillor Ron Polillo
Councillor Cori Ramsay
Councillor Kyle Sampson
Councillor Susan Scott
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 Bennett

Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That the agenda for the regular meeting of Council scheduled for March 23, 2026, be amended by:

- Adding one new item of correspondence to agenda item E.2;
- Adding one new item of correspondence to agenda item E.4;
- Adding two new items of correspondence to agenda items E.5 and E.6;
- Adding one new item of correspondence to agenda item G.8; and
- Removing agenda item E.6 from the agenda, and

that the agenda, BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

Carried Unanimously

B. MINUTES

B.1 Adoption of the Regular Council Meeting Minutes – March 9, 2026

Moved By Councillor Scott

Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That the minutes of the regular Council meeting held March 9, 2026, 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 University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC)

Presenters: Bill Owen, President, University of Northern British Columbia
Claudia Barreira, Manager Business Development, University of Northern British Columbia

Topic: University of Northern British Columbia Land Trust

Councillor Klassen joined the Council meeting via Zoom at 6:06 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council REFERS the matter of the University of Northern British Columbia Land Trust to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs for advocacy to the Province of British Columbia for the removal of the Provincial reverter clause attached to the UNBC lands in connection with the development of the UNBC Land Trust initiative.

Carried Unanimously

D. CONSENT AGENDA (FOR INFORMATION)

D.1 Mayor's Monthly Expense Reports (February 2026)

D.2 Monthly Building Permit and Development Permit Summary (February 2026)

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION Consent Agenda items D.1 and D.2.

Carried Unanimously

E. REPORTS

DIRECTOR OF CIVIC FACILITIES AND EVENTS – ANDY BEESLEY

E.1 Updated Medal of Excellence and Good Citizenship Framework

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Polillo

The Council APPROVES the changes to the Proposed Program Framework for the delivery model of the Medal of Excellence and Good Citizenship as shown attached to the report dated March 11, 2026, from the Director of Civic Facilities and Events, titled “Updated Medal of Excellence and Good Citizenship Framework”.

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – DEANNA WASNIK

E.2 Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100707

Applicant: Praxis Solutions on behalf of Canadian Home Builders’ Association of Northern BC (CHBA-Northern BC), Inc. No. S-0013333

Location: 1736 4th Ave

Documents for Council's consideration include:

1. Staff report dated March 13, 2026, from the Director of Planning and Development, titled "Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100707";
 - a. Partial Variance Request Letter;
 - b. Development Variance Permit No. VP100707;
 - c. Location and Existing Zoning Map;
 - d. Exhibit "A" to VP100707; and
 - e. Exhibit "B" to VP100707.

Correspondence for Council's consideration include:

1. Handout: Correspondence dated March 23, 2026 from Rachel Tremblay, Praxis Solutions (Applicant), in support of the application.

Moved By Councillor Skakun

Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council APPROVES Development Variance Permit No. VP100707 to vary Table 1, Section 7.3 “City of Prince George Subdivision and Development Servicing Bylaw No. 8618, 2014” for the property legally described as Parcel A (Being The Consolidation Of Lots 13, 14, 15 And 16 See BB289368), Block 128, District Lot 343, Cariboo District, Plan 1268 (PID 027-179-389) as follows:

- a. Waiving installation of portland cement concrete sidewalk along 4th Avenue adjacent to Proposed Lot 1, as shown on Exhibit “A” to VP100707; and

- b. Waiving the installation of City-standard streetlighting along 4th Avenue and Prince Rupert Street, as shown on Exhibit “A” to VP100707.

Carried Unanimously

E.3 Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100713

Applicants: Darcy Gene Espenhain and Tony Murray Sims

Location: 6959 Southridge Ave & 3444 St Frances Cres

Documents for Council's consideration include:

1. Staff report dated March 3, 2026, from the Director of Planning and Development, titled "Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100713";
 - a. Location and Existing Zoning Map;
 - b. Development Variance Permit No. VP100713;
 - c. Exhibit “A” to VP100713; and
 - d. Proposed Subdivision Plan.

Mayor Yu declared a non-pecuniary conflict of interest due to prior involvement with development on the subject property, and exited Council Chambers at 6:55 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Polillo

Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council APPROVES Development Variance Permit No. VP100713 to vary “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007” for the property legally described as Lot 20, District Lot 2003, Cariboo District, Plan PGP38667(PID 019-155-140) as follows:

- a. Vary Section 10.6.5 7 by decreasing the minimum front yard setback of a principal building from 4.5m to 3.78m, as shown on Exhibit “A” to VP100713; and
- b. Vary Section 10.6.5 10 by decreasing the minimum rear yard setback of a principal building from 6m to 2.01m, as shown on Exhibit “A” to VP100713.

Carried Unanimously

Mayor Yu returned to Council Chambers at 6:58 p.m.

E.4 Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100862 (Bylaw No. 9593, 2025)

Applicants: City of Prince George

Location: 2820 – 2880 15th Avenue

Documents for Council's consideration include:

1. Staff report dated February 26, 2026, from the Director of Planning and Development, titled "Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100862 (Bylaw No. 9593, 2025)";
 - a. Location and Existing Zoning Map;

- b. Appendix "A" to Bylaw No. 9593, 2025; and
- c. Exhibit "A" to RZ100862.

Correspondence for Council's consideration include:

- 1. Handout: Correspondence dated March 22, 2026 from Heidi Shearman in support of application.

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council GIVES FIRST THREE READINGS of "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9593, 2025".

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council PERMITS that consideration of Final Reading of proposed Bylaw No. 9593, 2025 BE WITHHELD until the following requirements have been met to the satisfaction of Administration:

- a. Receipt of Section 219 Covenant on the legal title of Lot 2, District Lot 1429, Cariboo District, Plan EPP72370 that restricts building height to 6 storeys.

In addition, any recommendations presented in the preceding items must be addressed to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning and Development.

Carried Unanimously

E.5 Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100865 (Bylaw No. 9602, 2025)

Applicants: Pratiksha Krantikumar and Rajtantra Lilhare

Location: 2460 Foot Street

Documents for Council's consideration include:

- 1. Staff report dated February 20, 2026, from the Director of Planning and Development, titled "Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100865 (Bylaw No. 9602, 2025)";
 - a. Location and Existing Zoning Map;
 - b. Appendix "A" to Bylaw No. 9602, 2025;
 - c. Supporting Documents:
 - i. Rationale Letter;
 - ii. Parking Plan;
 - iii. Support Letters and Associated Map.

Correspondence for Council's consideration include:

- 1. Handout: Correspondence dated March 19, 2026, from Ryan and Wendy McMaster in opposition to the application.
- 2. Handout: Correspondence dated March 21, 2026, from Dave Bullis in opposition to the application.

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council GIVES FIRST THREE READINGS of “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9602, 2025”.

Carried Unanimously

E.6 Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100716

Applicants: Pratiksha Krantikumar and Rajtantra Lilhare

Location: 2460 Foot Street

This item was removed from the agenda at Administration’s request.

E.7 Official Community Plan Bylaw Amendment Application No. CP100226 (Bylaw No. 9617) and Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100866 (Bylaw No. 9618)

Applicant: Cameron Bassani

Location: 8230 Peter Road

Documents for Council's consideration included:

1. Staff report dated February 23, 2026, from the Director of Planning and Development, titled "Official Community Plan Bylaw Amendment No. CP100226 (Bylaw No. 9617) and Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application No. RZ100866 (Bylaw No. 9618)";
 - a. Location and Existing Zoning Map;
 - b. Exhibit “A” to CP100226
 - c. Appendix “A” to Bylaw No. 9617, 2026;
 - d. Appendix “A” to Bylaw No. 9618, 2026;
 - e. Supporting documents:
 - i. Rationale Letter from Applicant.

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council GIVES FIRST READING of “City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 9525, 2025, Amendment Bylaw No. 9617, 2026.”

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council CONSIDERS “City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 9525, 2025, Amendment Bylaw No. 9617, 2026”, in conjunction with the current Financial Plan and confirm there are no issues.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council CONSIDERS “City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 9525, 2025, Amendment Bylaw No. 9617, 2026”, in conjunction with the current Regional District Solid Waste Management Plan; and confirm there are no issues.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Bennett
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council CONSIDERS “City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 9525, 2025, Amendment Bylaw No. 9617, 2026”, in conjunction with the City of Prince George Strategic Framework for a Sustainable Prince George and confirm there are no issues.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council GIVES SECOND READING of “City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 9525, 2025, Amendment Bylaw No. 9617, 2026”.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Bennett
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council APPROVES the following public consultation process to fulfill the requirements of Section 475 of the Local Government Act:

- a. Request for written comment from properties identified on Exhibit “A” to CP100226; and
- b. Publish notification of public consultation in accordance with the “City of Prince George Public Notice Bylaw No. 9329, 2022”.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That Council GIVES FIRST AND SECOND READING of “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9618, 2026”.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Bennett
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council PERMITS Final Reading of for proposed Bylaw No. 9617 and Bylaw No. 9618 BE WITHHELD until the following requirement has been met to the satisfaction of Administration:

- a. Confirmation that the existing secondary dwelling has received a complete building permit application or has been decommissioned.

In addition, any recommendations presented in the preceding items must be addressed to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning and Development.

Carried Unanimously

E.8 Request for Concurrence – Proposed TELUS/Terrion Wireless Communications Facility (BC113261)

Applicant: Cypress Land Services on Behalf of TELUS Communication Inc & Terrion GP Inc.

Location: 8431 Peter Road

Documents for Council's consideration include:

1. Staff report dated March 4, 2026, from the Director of Planning and Development, titled "Request for Concurrence – Proposed TELUS/Terrion Wireless Communications Facility (BC113261)";
 - a. Location and Existing Zoning Map; and
 - b. Public Consultation Summary Package.

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council INSTRUCTS the Corporate Officer to advise Innovation, Science and Economic Development in writing that:

- a. TELUS Communications Inc. (TELUS) & Terrion GP Inc (Terrion) have satisfactorily completed their consultation with the City of Prince George;
- b. The City of Prince George is satisfied with TELUS and Terrion's public consultation process and does not require further consultation with the public; and
- c. The City of Prince George concurs with TELUS and Terrion's proposal to construct a wireless communications facility provided it be constructed substantially in accordance with the plans submitted to the City of Prince George for a 42.0 m monopole tower and ancillary equipment (BC113261) at 8431 Peter Road (Lot 3, District Lot 2424, Cariboo District, Plan 33278).

Carried

Councillor Skakun opposed.

MANAGER OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES/CORPORATE OFFICER – ETHAN ANDERSON

E.9 Committee of the Whole Decisions – March 3, 2026

Moved By Councillor Polillo

Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council APPROVES the Committee of the Whole recommendations made at the March 3, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting, attached as Appendix “A” to the report dated March 12, 2026 from the Manager of Legislative Services/Corporate Officer titled “Committee of the Whole Decisions – March 3, 2026”.

Carried Unanimously

F. BYLAWS – FINAL READING AND ADOPTION

F.1 City of Prince George Council Procedures Bylaw No. 8388, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9601, 2025

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of “City of Prince George Council Procedures Bylaw No. 8388, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9601, 2025”.

Carried Unanimously

F.2 Parks and Open Space Bylaw No. 7370, 2002, Amendment Bylaw No. 9620, 2026

Moved By Councillor Scott

Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION of “Parks and Open Space Bylaw No. 7370, 2002, Amendment Bylaw No. 9620, 2026”.

Carried

Councillor Sampson and Councillor Skakun opposed.

G. CORRESPONDENCE

G.1 Correspondence dated March 10, 2026 from Mayor Simon Yu to Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada: Letter in Support of Positive Living North's Application for Reaching Home Funding

G.2 Correspondence dated March 10, 2026 from Robyn Maurice-Klein: Concern Regarding Proposed Changes to Camping Boundaries at Moccasin Flats

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council DIRECTS staff to complete a flyer mail out regarding overnight camping regulations to the Millar Addition Neighborhood and addresses east of Queensway and adjacent to the Lower Patricia Boulevard Temporary Overnight Sheltering Site and fund this work through existing operating budgets.

Carried Unanimously

- G.3 Correspondence dated March 11, 2026 from Darcy Dober, Mayor, City of Dawson Creek: 2026 North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) Resolution - Improved Access to Publicly Funded Mental Health Services**

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Council REQUESTS the Mayor’s office submit a letter in support of City of Dawson Creek’s 2026 North Central Local Government Association Resolution regarding “Improved Access to Publicly Funded Mental Health Services.”

Carried Unanimously

- G.4 Correspondence dated March 12, 2026 from Dennis Buchanan, Mayor, Village of Alert Bay: Letter in Support of the City of Prince George’s Petition to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General Regarding Public Safety**

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council DIRECTS Administration to request that local governments which respond positively to the City of Prince George’s petition to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General regarding public safety share the petition broadly within their communities and encourage community members to sign it.

Carried Unanimously

- G.5 Correspondence dated March 16, 2026 from Maureen Pinkney, Mayor, District of 100 Mile House: Letter in Support of the City of Prince George’s Petition to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General Regarding Public Safety**

- G.6 Correspondence dated March 12, 2026 from Duncan Malkinson, Corporate Officer, Village of Pouce Coupe: 2026 North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) and Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Resolutions - Protection of Fee Simple Property Rights and Transparency in Indigenous Negotiations**

- G.7 Correspondence dated March 17, 2026 from Chrisie Berry, Executive Director, Downtown Prince George: Request for a Resolution in Support of a Northern Development Initiative Trust Grant Application**

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That the City of Prince George SUPPORTS the grant application to Northern Development Initiative Trust’s Fabulous Festivals program in the amount of \$2500.00 from Downtown Prince George to support 2026 Summerfest.

Carried Unanimously

G.8 Correspondence dated March 17, 2026 from Arsalan Anwar, Project Management Advisor, Metis Nation British Columbia: Request for a Letter in Support of an Affordable Housing Development Funding Application

Moved By Councillor Skakun
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That the City of Prince George REQUESTS the Mayor’s office provide a letter in support of the Metis Nation British Columbia’s funding application to the federal Build Canada Homes Program for the construction of an affordable housing development.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Bennett
Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION Correspondence Items G.1 to G.8.

Carried Unanimously

H. 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 7:39 P.M.

CHAIRPERSON

CERTIFIED CORRECT