



## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

April 13, 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 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  
Jordan Wiseman, Manager of Roads and Fleet/Acting Director of Civic Operations  
Ethan Anderson, Manager of Legislative Services/Corporate Officer  
Leslie Kellett, Deputy Corporate Officer

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### A. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Scott  
Seconded By Councillor Polillo

That the agenda for the regular meeting of Council scheduled for April 13, 2026, be amended by:

- Adding one new item of correspondence to agenda item G.5; and

that the agenda, BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

**Carried Unanimously**

### B. MINUTES

**B.1 Adoption of the Regular Council Meeting Minutes – March 23, 2026**

**Moved By** Councillor Bennett  
**Seconded By** Councillor Ramsay

That the minutes of the regular Council meeting held March 23, 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 Rocky Mountain Ranger Regimental Association (Prince George Branch)**

Presenters: Lt. Col. Torry White, Dan McLaren, Harvey Smerchynski, Frank Flood

Topic: Annual Update regarding the Rocky Mountain Rangers

**Moved By** Councillor Sampson  
**Seconded By** Councillor Frizzell

That Council:

1. DIRECTS Administration to prepare a letter of support expressing Council's support for the Rocky Mountain Rangers' efforts to pursue an expanded presence in Prince George, including a potential second mission element, which would see a more established and enhanced base;
2. REFERS the matter to the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee for further advocacy with provincial and federal partners, as appropriate, recognizing the strong historic relationship between the City and the Regiment and Prince George's suitability as a location for increased Canadian Armed Forces investment and operations, which have become a key priority of the federal government.

**Moved By** Councillor Ramsay  
**Seconded By** Councillor Skakun

That Council AMENDS the main motion by adding the words “; and REFERS the delegation presentation to Administration to develop a strategy that supports and incorporates Canada's Defence Industrial Strategy in Prince George” immediately following the words “key priority of the federal government”.

**Carried Unanimously**

Main motion as amended.

**Carried Unanimously**

**D. CONSENT AGENDA (FOR INFORMATION)**

**E. REPORTS**

STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS - COUNCILLOR GARTH FRIZZELL, CHAIR

**E.1 Changes to Northern-Rural Homeowners Grant**

**Moved By** Councillor Skakun

**Seconded By** Councillor Sampson

That Council:

1. DIRECTS administration to submit to UBCM a resolution to strongly urge the Provincial government to explain and reverse the decision to reduce the Northern-Rural Homeowners grant as described in the report dated April 7, 2026 from the Chair of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs, titled “Changes to Northern-Rural Homeowners Grant”; and
2. DIRECTS administration to inform and offer partnership on the resolution to other northern and rural municipalities as described in the report dated April 7, 2026 from the Chair of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs, titled “Changes to Northern-Rural Homeowners Grant”.

**Carried Unanimously**

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - ERIC DEPENAU

**E.2 Downtown Prince George Public Washroom Survey What We Heard Report**

**Moved By** Councillor Bennett

**Seconded By** Councillor Skakun

That Council DIRECTS Administration to proceed with Option 2, as outlined in the report dated March 9, 2026 from the Director of Administrative Services, titled “Downtown Prince George Public Washroom Survey – What We Heard Report”, and to report back to Council with a preferred approach to address the need for downtown public washrooms, which may include new infrastructure and/or the use of existing facilities, together with consideration of seasonal needs, and including capital and operating cost estimates for installation, maintenance, monitoring, location, and lifecycle considerations, for consideration as a funded capital project in the 2027 budget cycle.

**Carried**

**Councillor Sampson opposed.**

**E.3 2026 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Community Emergency Preparedness Fund - Public Notification and Evacuation Route Planning**

**Moved By** Councillor Polillo  
**Seconded By** Councillor Frizzell

That Council:

1. SUPPORTS the City submitting a grant application to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Community Emergency Preparedness Fund –Public Notification and Evacuation Route Planning in the amount of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) to support the finalization of the City’s Evacuation Response Plan;
2. AUTHORIZES the City’s Director of Finance and/or Director of Administrative Services to sign the grant application and subsequent contract documents should grant approval be received; and
3. CONFIRMS that the City of Prince George will assume overall grant management should grant approval be received.

**Carried Unanimously**

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – DEANNA WASNIK

**E.4 Temporary Use Permit Application No. TU000112**

Applicant: L&M Engineering Ltd. for Rebecca Sue Menge and Jonathan Patrick Asquith

Location: 2697 Evasko Road

Documents for Council's consideration include:

1. Staff report dated March 13, 2026, from the Director of Planning and Development, titled "Temporary Use Permit Application No. TU000112";
  - a. Location and Existing Zoning Map;
  - b. Temporary Use Permit No. TU000112;
  - c. Rationale Letter; and
  - d. Letter of Support and Associated Map.

**Moved By** Councillor Bennett  
**Seconded By** Councillor Sampson

That Council That Council APPROVES Temporary Use Permit No. TU000112 for the property legally described as Lot A, District Lot 634, Cariboo District, Plan 22101, Except Plan 24048.

**Carried Unanimously**

**E.5 Liquor License Application No. LL100207**

Applicants: (The Coast Prince George) APA Hotel Canada Inc., Inc. No. BC0105008

Location: 770 Brunswick Street

Documents for Council's consideration include:

1. Staff report dated March 19, 2026 from the Director of Planning and Development, titled "Liquor License Application No. LL100207";
  - a. Location and Existing Zoning Map; and
  - b. Rationale Letter.

**Moved By** Councillor Polillo

**Seconded By** Councillor Sampson

That Council:

1. CONFIRMS that its comments on the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch's prescribed considerations are as set out in the report dated March 19, 2026, from Deanna Wasnik, Director of Planning and Development, for Liquor License Application No. LL100207;
2. SUPPORTS the approval of the Patron Participant Entertainment Endorsement for APA Hotel Canada Inc., Inc. No. BC0105008 located at 770 Brunswick Street for the following reasons:

This application is not expected to have a negative impact on the community or produce any significant negative land use impacts on adjacent properties.

**Carried Unanimously**

**F. BYLAWS – FINAL READING AND ADOPTION**

**G. CORRESPONDENCE**

Council requested further consideration of correspondence items G.2, , G.5, and G.6.

- G.1 Correspondence dated March 17, 2026 from Kermit Dahl, City of Campbell River: Letter in Support of the City of Prince George's Petition to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General Regarding Public Safety**
- G.2 Correspondence dated March 20, 2026 from Dr. Amelia Merrick: Safe Streets Bylaw Report**
- G.3 Correspondence dated March 17, 2026 from Alicia Elgert, Conservation Campaigner, Ocean Program, Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (BC Chapter): Request for a Resolution or Letter in Support of the BC Coastal Marine Strategy**
- G.4 Correspondence dated March 30, 2026 from Sarah Ferrey and Daniel Roy, Northern Peer Guardians: Request for In-Kind Municipal Infrastructure Support**
- G.5 Correspondence dated February 18, 2026 from Zach Fleck, Project Planner, College of New Caledonia Research Forest Department: Request to Deploy Trail Cameras on City-Owned Property**

Councillor Frizzell declared a conflict of interest due to his employment at College of New Caledonia and exited Council Chambers at 7:43 p.m.

**Moved By** Councillor Ramsay  
**Seconded By** Councillor Bennett

That Council REFERS to Administration the correspondence dated February 18, 2026 from Zach Fleck, Project Planner, College of New Caledonia Research Forest Department, for a report to Council outlining any implications associated with the installation of trail cameras on City-owned property as they relate to the proposed research project.

**Carried Unanimously**

Councillor Frizzell returned to Council Chambers at 7:46 p.m.

**G.6 Correspondence dated April 1, 2026 from Mark Miller, Chief Executive Officer, Connective: Request for a Letter in Support of Connective's Build Canada Homes Submission**

**Moved By** Councillor Skakun  
**Seconded By** Councillor Klassen

That Council REFERS to Administration the correspondence dated April 1, 2026 from Mark Miller, Chief Executive Officer, Connective, for follow-up with Connective to obtain additional information regarding its proposed Build Canada Homes submission.

**Carried Unanimously**

**Moved By** Councillor Bennett  
**Seconded By** Councillor Polillo

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION correspondence items G.1 to G.6.

**Carried Unanimously**

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved By** Councillor Sampson  
**Seconded By** Councillor Klassen

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

**Carried Unanimously**

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:47 P.M.**

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