



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

September 14, 2020
6:00 pm
Council Chambers of City Hall
1100 Patricia Boulevard, Prince George, BC

PRESENT:

- Mayor Lyn Hall, Chair
- Councillor Everitt
- Councillor Frizzell
- Councillor McConnachie
- Councillor Ramsay
- Councillor Sampson
- Councillor Scott
- Councillor Skakun

IN ATTENDANCE:

- Ms. Kathleen Soltis, City Manager
- Mr. Walter Babicz, General Manager of Administrative Services
- Mr. Ian Wells, General Manager of Planning and Development
- Mr. Kris Dalio, Director of Finance
- Ms. Gina Layte Liston, Director of Public Works
- Mr. Adam Davey, Director of Community Services and Public Safety
- Mr. Rob van Adrichem, Director of External Relations
- Ms. Leslie Kellett, Legislative Coordinator

A. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Skakun
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That the agenda for the regular meeting of Council scheduled for September 14, 2020, be amended to add new report item E.1.1: Exempt Employee Compensation and Conditions of Employment Policy, and correspondence at agenda items E.8 and E.9, and that the agenda, BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

Carried Unanimously

B. MINUTES

B.1 Adoption of Minutes

Moved By Councillor Everitt

Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That the attached minutes of the regular Council meeting held August 31, 2020, 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 and bylaws passed and adopted by Council at that meeting.

Carried Unanimously

C. DELEGATION(S)

C.1 Prince George Symphony Orchestra

Presenters: Teresa Saunders, General Manager, and Diane Rogers, Board President
Topic: Prince George Symphony Orchestra's 50th Anniversary Season

Ms. Teresa Saunders, General Manager, and Ms. Diane Rogers, Board President, provided a presentation regarding the Prince George Symphony Orchestra's 50th Anniversary Season including information on their fall series of concerts and ticket prices.

Discussion commenced.

D. CONSENT AGENDA (FOR INFORMATION)

Councillor Frizzell requested further consideration of Consent Agenda Items D.1 and D.2.

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Scott

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

Carried Unanimously

D.1 Monthly Building Permit and Development Permit Summary (July 2020)

Discussion commenced.

D.2 Monthly Building Permit and Development Permit Summary (August 2020)

Discussion commenced.

E. REPORTS

MAYOR LYN HALL

E.1 Tall Wood Mass Timber Construction Early Adoption Initiative

Discussion commenced.

Moved By Councillor Skakun
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council SUPPORTS the City's expression of interest to the province to be an early adopter of the Initiative for Tall Wood Mass Timber Construction.

Carried Unanimously

E.1.1 Exempt Employee Compensation and Conditions of Employment Policy

Discussion commenced. K. Soltis, City Manager, and W. Babicz, General Manager of Administrative Services, responded to questions of Council.

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor McConnachie

That Council DIRECTS Administration to proceed with a comprehensive compensation survey to determine and assess market conditions for exempt employee compensation, as outlined within the "Exempt Employee Compensation and Conditions of Employment" Policy, and return a report to Council regarding the survey results by December 21, 2020.

Carried Unanimously

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF STRATEGIC INITIATIVES AND PARTNERSHIPS - CHRIS BONE

E.2 Connecting Residents to Recreation Opportunities

Ms. Sarah Brown, Supervisor of Community Well-Being and Partnerships, and Ms. Debbie Heywood, Client Services Coordinator, provided a presentation to Council regarding an overview of the updated Community Recreation and Activities webpage including three initiatives: the recreation and activities landing page, community recreation e-newsletter, and a community recreation directory.

Moved By Councillor McConnachie
Seconded By Councillor Everitt

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated August 28, 2020, from the Associate Director of Strategic Initiatives and Partnerships, titled "Connecting Residents to Recreation Opportunities".

Carried Unanimously

GENERAL MANAGER OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT - IAN WELLS

E.3 Rezoning Amendment Application No. RZ100665 (Bylaw No. 9135, 2020)

Applicant: Devinder Parmar for Sarjiwan Parmar
Location: 530 Freeman Street

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "Rezoning Amendment Application No. RZ100665 (Bylaw No. 9135, 2020)" included:

- Previously submitted staff report dated July 29, 2020, from the General Manager of Planning and Development, titled "Rezoning Amendment Application

No. RZ100665 (Bylaw No. 9135, 2020)" (*Considered at the August 17, 2020 regular Council meeting*);

- Location and Existing Zoning Map; and
- Appendix "A" to Bylaw No. 9135.

Discussion commenced. I. Wells, General Manager of Planning and Development, and W. Babicz, General Manager of Administrative Services, responded to questions of Council.

Councillor Frizzell exited Council Chambers at 7:03 p.m. and returned at 7:05 p.m.

City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9135, 2020

Moved By Councillor Skakun

Seconded By Councillor McConnachie

That Council POSTPONES consideration of third reading of "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9135, 2020" until after a Public Hearing has been scheduled and held.

Defeated

Mayor Hall, Councillors Everitt, Frizzell, McConnachie, Ramsay, Sampson and Scott opposed.

Moved By Councillor Skakun

Seconded By Councillor McConnachie

That Council GIVES THIRD READING to "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9135, 2020".

Carried Unanimously

E.4 2895 Gunn Road Road Closure Bylaw No. 9129, 2020

Applicant: City of Prince George

Location: 2895 Gunn Road

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "2895 Gunn Road Road Closure Bylaw No. 9129, 2020" included:

- Previously submitted staff report dated July 15, 2020, from the General Manager of Planning and Development, titled "2895 Gunn Road Road Closure Bylaw No. 9129, 2020" (*Considered at the August 17, 2020 regular Council meeting*);
- Appendix "A" - Proposed Road Closure;
- Exhibit "A" - Location Map; and
- Exhibit "B" - Proposed Consolidation.

Councillor Scott exited Council Chambers at 7:11 p.m.

City of Prince George 2895 Gunn Road Road Closure Bylaw No. 9129, 2020

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Everitt

That Council GIVES THIRD READING to “City of Prince George 2895 Gunn Road Road Closure Bylaw No. 9129, 2020.”

Carried Unanimously

E.5 Rezoning Amendment Application No. RZ100672 (Bylaw No. 9145)

Applicant: Elisabeth Pope for A-Tech Performance Transmission Ltd., Inc.
No. BC0679104
Location: 473 3rd Avenue

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "Rezoning Amendment Application No. RZ100672 (Bylaw No. 9145)" included:

- Staff report dated August 31, 2020, from the General Manager of Planning and Development, titled "Rezoning Amendment Application No. RZ100672 (Bylaw No. 9145)";
- Location and Existing Zoning Map; and
- Appendix "A" to Bylaw No. 9145.

City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9145, 2020

Moved By Councillor Everitt
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council GIVES First and Second Reading to “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9145, 2020”.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor McConnachie
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council WAIVES the requirements for a public hearing for proposed “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9145, 2020”, pursuant to Section 464(2) of the Local Government Act.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Scott returned to Council Chambers at 7:13 p.m.

E.6 Temporary Use Permit Application No. TU000063

Applicant: Andrea Petersen for Spruceland Tire Supply Ltd., Inc. No. 92253
Location: 2274 Queensway

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "Temporary Use Permit Application No. TU000063" included:

- Staff report dated August 25, 2020, from the General Manager of Planning and Development, titled "Temporary Use Permit Application No. TU000063";
- Location and Existing Zoning Map;
- Temporary Use Permit No. TU000063; and
- Letter of Intent from the Applicant.

Discussion commenced and I. Wells, General Manager of Planning and Development, responded to questions of Council.

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Everitt

That Council APPROVES Temporary Use Permit No. TU000063 for the property legally described as Lot 1 and Lot 2, Block 26, District Lot 417, Cariboo District, Plan 1409.

Carried Unanimously

E.7 Development Variance Permit No. VP100570

Applicant: Jason and Niki Korolek

Location: 4703 Stauble Road

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "Development Variance Permit No. VP100570" included:

- Staff report dated August 24, 2020, from the General Manager of Planning and Development, titled "Development Variance Permit No. VP100570";
- Location and Existing Zoning Map;
- Development Variance Permit No. VP100570;
- Exhibit "A" to VP100570;
- Exhibit "B" to VP100570;
- Supporting Document to VP100570; and
- Correspondence dated September 6, 2020 from Jason and Niki Korolek (Applicants) in support of the application.

Councillor Skakun declared a non-pecuniary conflict of interest due to a friendship with the applicants and exited Council Chambers at 7:15 p.m.

Discussion commenced. I. Wells, General Manager of Planning and Development, and W. Babicz, General Manager of Administrative Services, responded to questions of Council.

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Everitt

That Council DENIES Development Variance Permit No. VP100570 to vary City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007 for the property legally described as Lot B, District Lot 4048, Cariboo District, Plan EPP50760 as follows:

- a. Vary Section 10.2.5 2. by increasing the maximum site coverage from 40% to 45%, as shown on Exhibit “A” to VP100570; and
- b. Vary Section 10.2.5 6. by reducing the minimum interior side yard setback from 1.2 metres to 0.6 metres, as shown on Exhibit “B” to VP100570.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Skakun returned to Council Chambers at 7:21 p.m.

E.8 Temporary Use Permit Application No. TU000062

Applicant: Epik Products Inc. (Larissa Dawn Lebel) for Healx Medical Corporation Inc.,
Inc. No. BC1163648

Location: 356 George Street

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "Temporary Use Permit Application No. TU000062" included:

- Staff report dated August 31, 2020, from the General Manager of Planning and Development, titled "Temporary Use Permit Application No. TU000062";
- Location and Existing Zoning Map;
- Temporary Use Permit No. TU000062;
- Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch Approval;
- Supporting Document(s);
- Correspondence dated September 9, 2020, from Ginny and Fred Burnett, Zaga's, in opposition to the application; and
- Correspondence received September 11, 2020, from Larissa Dawn Lebel (Applicant), in support of the application.

Discussion commenced. I. Wells, General Manager of Planning and Development, and W. Babicz, General Manager of Administrative Services, responded to questions of Council.

Moved By Councillor McConnachie

Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council APPROVES Temporary Use Permit No. TU000062 for the property legally described as Lot 5, Block 135, District Lot 343, Cariboo District, Plan 1268.

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council AMENDS the main motion by adding the words "for a period of two years" at the end of the motion.

Carried

Mayor Hall and Councillor Everitt opposed.

The question was called on the main motion as amended.

Defeated

Mayor Hall, Councillors Everitt, Ramsay, and Scott opposed.

E.9 Cannabis License Application No. CN000013

Applicant: Epik Products Inc. (Larissa Dawn Lebel) for Healx Medical Corporation Inc.,
Inc. No. BC1163648

Location: 356 George Street

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "Cannabis License Application No. CN000013" included:

- Staff report dated August 31, 2020, from the General Manager of Planning and Development, titled "Cannabis License Application No. CN000013";
- Location and Existing Zoning Map;
- Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch Approval;
- Supporting Document(s);
- Correspondence dated September 8, 2020, from James Kipp, North City Donair, in opposition to the application;
- Correspondence dated September 8, 2020, from Crystal Saur, Crossroads Brewing, in opposition to the application;
- Correspondence dated September 8, 2020, from J.D. McLaren, Commonwealth Financial, in opposition to the application;
- Correspondence dated September 8, 2020, from Jeanie Malbeuf, J. Wallis Woolens, in opposition to the application;
- Correspondence received September 9, 2020, from Joe Postnikoff, Derrick Przysieny, and Sandy Przysieny, Grasshopper Retail Inc., in opposition to the application;
- Correspondence received September 10, 2020, from Justin Mousseau, Shire Green Cannabis, in opposition to the application;
- Correspondence dated September 9, 2020, from Ashley Robson, in opposition to the application;
- Correspondence dated September 9, 2020, from Brand Towle, in opposition to the application;
- Correspondence dated September 9, 2020, from Kimberly Elmgreen, in opposition to the application;

- Correspondence dated September 9, 2020, from Stephen McLaughlin, in opposition to the application;
- Correspondence dated September 9, 2020, from Brien Gorrin, in opposition to the application;
- Correspondence dated September 9, 2020, from Angelo Desantis, in opposition to the application;
- Correspondence dated September 9, 2020, from Adam Pennington, in opposition to the application;
- Correspondence dated September 9, 2020, from Wayne Deorksen, in opposition to the application;
- Correspondence dated September 9, 2020, from Josh Maurits, in opposition to the application;
- Correspondence dated September 9, 2020, from Wade Rasmussen, in opposition to the application;
- Correspondence dated September 9, 2020, from B. Jessome, in opposition to the application;
- Correspondence dated September 9, 2020, from Hunter Whiting, in opposition to the application;
- Correspondence dated September 10, 2020, from Cyril Arbeau, in opposition to the application,
- Correspondence dated September 10, 2020, from Hailey S., in opposition to the application,
- Correspondence dated September 10, 2020, from Emma Basjestani, Pastry Chef, in support of the application;
- Correspondence dated September 11, 2020, from an employee at Budget Mini Storage, in support of the application;
- Correspondence dated September 10, 2020 from Dyana Conniff, Pastry Chief, in support of the application;
- Correspondence dated September 11, 2020, from an employee at the Birch and Boar, in support of the application;
- Correspondence dated September 10, 2020, from Amber Dawn MacDonald, in support of the application;
- Correspondence dated September 10, 2020, from Dan McIntyre, Polar Refrigeration, in support of the application;
- Correspondence dated September 11, 2020, from William Miller, Birch and Board Butchery and Spruce City Elixirs, in support of the application;
- Correspondence dated September 10, 2020, from Riley Mueller, Reflexion Float Centre, Inc., in support of the application;
- Correspondence dated September 10, 2020, from an employee of Polar Refrigeration, in support of the application;
- Correspondence dated September 10, 2020, from an employee of Polar Refrigeration, in support of the application;
- Correspondence dated September 11, 2020, from the owner of Ritual Coffee, in support of the application;
- Correspondence dated September 11, 2020, from Ravi Saxena, in support of the application;
- Correspondence dated September 10, 2020, from Hamish Taylor-Law, Ritual Coffee, in support of the application;

- Correspondence dated September 10, 2020, from Chelsey Williams, Budget Mini Storage, in support of the application;
- Correspondence received September 14, 2020, from Jamie Batting in support of the application;
- Correspondence received September 14, 2020, from Katie Nielsen, in support of the application; and
- Correspondence received September 14, 2020, from Marit Benoit, in support of the application.

Discussion commenced. I. Wells, General Manager of Planning and Development, and W. Babicz, General Manager of Administrative Services, responded to questions of Council.

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Skakun

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 August 31, 2020 from Ian Wells, General Manager of Planning and Development for Cannabis License Application No. CN000013;
2. CONFIRMS the methods used to gather the views of potentially affected property owners were in accordance with Section 4: Public Consultation of the City of Prince George Liquor and Cannabis Licensing Policy and that the views of affected residents are as summarized in the minutes of the Council Meeting held September 14, 2020; and
3. DENIES the approval/issuance of the Cannabis License Application to allow the non-medical retail sale of cannabis for Epik Products Inc. located at 356 George Street for the reasons set out in the report dated August 31, 2020 from Ian Wells, General Manager of Planning and Development.

Carried

Councillors McConnachie and Skakun opposed.

F. BYLAWS - FINAL READING AND ADOPTION

F.1 City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9127, 2020

Applicant: Lorinda Lunn
Location: 280 Bellos Street

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION to "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9127, 2020."

Carried Unanimously

F.2 City of Prince George 5 Year Operating and Capital Financial Plans Bylaw No. 9037, 2019, Amendment Bylaw No. 9128, 2020

Subject: To amend the 2019 to 2023 Operating and Capital Financial Plans for the City of Prince George

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor McConnachie

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION to "City of Prince George 5 Year Operating and Capital Financial Plans Bylaw No. 9037, 2019, Amendment Bylaw No. 9128, 2020."

Carried Unanimously

F.3 City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9082, 2019

Applicant: M'akola Development Services for Aboriginal Housing Society of Prince George, Inc. No. 19321

Location: 1919 17th Avenue

Moved By Councillor Scott

Seconded By Councillor Everitt

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION to "City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9082, 2019."

Carried Unanimously

F.4 City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9083, 2019

Applicant: M'akola Development Services for Aboriginal Housing Society of Prince George, Inc. No. 19321

Location: 1919 17th Avenue

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION to "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9083, 2019."

Carried Unanimously

F.5 City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9001, 2019

Moved By Councillor Ramsay

Seconded By Councillor McConnachie

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION to "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9001, 2019."

Carried Unanimously

G. CORRESPONDENCE

Councillor Scott requested further consideration of Correspondence Item G.2.

G.1 Correspondence dated September 2, 2020 from Minister Michelle Mungall, Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development and Competitiveness: City of Prince George's Support for a CORE Cleantech Cluster

G.2 Correspondence dated September 3, 2020 from Stewart Muir, Executive Director, Resource Works Society, and Mark Pearson, Executive Director, Canadian Institute of Forestry: Invitation to Declare September 20 - 26, 2020 as National Forest Week

Moved By Councillor Scott

Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council AFFIRMS Mayor Hall proceed with a letter in support of the declaration of September 20 - 26, 2020 as National Forest Week.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Skakun

Seconded By Councillor McConnachie

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION Correspondence Items G.1 and G.2.

Carried Unanimously

H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Skakun

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

Carried Unanimously

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

CHAIRPERSON

CERTIFIED CORRECT