



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

October 5, 2020

6:00 pm

Council Chambers of City Hall

1100 Patricia Boulevard, Prince George, BC

PRESENT:

- Mayor Lyn Hall, Chair
- Councillor Everitt <via telephone>
- Councillor Frizzell
- Councillor Krause
- Councillor McConnachie
- Councillor Ramsay
- Councillor Sampson
- Councillor Scott
- Councillor Skakun

IN ATTENDANCE:

- Mr. Walter Babicz, Acting City Manager
- Mr. Ian Wells, Acting Deputy City Manager
- Mr. Kris Dalio, Director of Finance
- Mr. Adam Homes, Director of Infrastructure Services
- Mr. Adam Davey, Director of Community Services and Public Safety
- Ms. Rae-Ann Emery, Director of Human Resources
- Ms. Maureen Connelly, Manager of Legislative Services
- Ms. Leslie Kellett, Legislative Coordinator

A. ADOPTION OF THE AMENDED AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Scott

Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That the agenda for the regular meeting of Council scheduled for October 5, 2020, be amended to add one item of correspondence at agenda item D.8 and one item of correspondence at agenda item D.11, and that the agenda, BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

Carried Unanimously

B. MINUTES

B.1 Adoption of Minutes

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor McConnachie

That the attached minutes of the regular Council meeting held September 14, 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 Regional District of Fraser-Fort George

Topic: Update to the Regional District's Demolition, Land Clearing and Construction Waste Diversion Program

Presenter(s): Laura Zapotichny, Manager of Waste Diversion Program and Nathan Hartnett, Solid Waste and Waste Diversion Coordinator

Ms. Laura Zapotichny, Manager of Waste Diversion Program, and Mr. Nathan Hartnett, Solid Waste and Waste Diversion Coordinator, Regional District of Fraser-Fort George, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding an Update to the Regional District's Demolition, Land Clearing and Construction (DLC) Waste Diversion Program including information on differential tipping fees, DLC waste diversion study, current DLC diversion, local recycling options, staff training, advertising, DLC waste management toolkit and current progress.

Discussion commenced. Ms. Zapotichny and Mr. Hartnett responded to questions of Council.

C.2 Prince George Spruce Kings

Topic: Return to Play for the 2020 - 2021 Hockey Season

Presenter: Kyle Anderson, Business Operations Manager

Mr. Kyle Anderson, Business Operations Manager, and Mr. Mike Hawes, General Manager, Spruce Kings Hockey Club, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Spruce Kings' Community Value including information on the BC Hockey League's (BCHL) return to play, the Spruce King's requested re-opening of the Rolling Mix Concrete Arena (RMCA), financial implications for the Hockey Club, an extension to the naming rights agreement with Rolling Mix Concrete Ltd., and lease agreement for the Spruce King's at the RMCA, community group involvement and support, downtown economic impact and the Spruce King's legacy.

Discussion commenced. Mr. Anderson and Mr. Hawes responded to questions of Council.

D. REPORTS

MAYOR LYN HALL

D.1 Fortis BC Update

Mr. Matt Mason, Community and Aboriginal Relations Manager, and Mr. Nolan Sackney, Senior Project Manager, Fortis BC, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Inland Gas Upgrades (IGU) Project including a project overview, Prince George lateral, in-line inspection modifications, pipeline evacuations, project sequencing, project schedule, and engaging local and Indigenous businesses.

Discussion commenced and Mr. Mason responded to questions of Council.

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That the verbal presentation provided by Matt Mason regarding Fortis BC initiatives and updates BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION.

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY - ADAM DAVEY

D.2 2020/21 Arenas Winter Ice Season and Indoor Walking Program (CN Centre)

Discussion commenced. K. Dalio, Director of Finance, A. Davey, Director of Community Services and Public Safety, and R. Emery, Director of Human Resources, responded to questions of Council.

Moved By Councillor Skakun

Seconded By Mayor Hall

That Council APPROVES reopening the CN Centre for the indoor walking program for the 2020/21 winter season from mid-October to mid-April, as detailed in the report dated September 30, 2020, from the Director of Community Services and Public Safety.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council APPROVES reopening the CN Centre for ice use in late October for the 2020/21 winter season, as detailed in the report dated September 30, 2020, from the Director of Community Services and Public Safety.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor McConnachie

That Council APPROVES reopening the Rolling Mix Concrete Arena for ice use in mid-October for the 2020/21 winter season, as detailed in the report dated September 30, 2020, from the Director of Community Services and Public Safety.

Carried

Councillor Krause opposed.

Mayor Hall called a recess of the Regular Council Meeting at 8:08 p.m.

The Regular Council Meeting reconvened at 8:17 p.m.

The attendance of Council and Staff was the same as at the time the recess was called.

DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES - RAE-ANN EMERY

D.3 Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Discussion commenced. R. Emery, Director of Human Resources, and W. Babicz, Acting City Manager, responded to questions of Council.

Moved By Councillor Scott

Seconded By Councillor McConnachie

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated September 28, 2020, from the Director of Human Resources, titled “Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.”

Carried Unanimously

GENERAL MANAGER OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS - DAVE DYER

D.4 Grant Application for Downtown Creative Arts Hub - 1310 3rd Avenue

Discussion commenced. A. Homes, Director of Infrastructure, and K. Dalio, Director of Finance, responded to questions of Council.

Moved By Councillor Scott

Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council:

- 1. APPROVES the Community Arts Council 1310 3rd Avenue Building project to be added to the 2020 – 2024 Financial Plan for a total project cost of \$5.62 million with funding sources of \$4.12 million of third party funding and \$1.5 million from the Northern Capital Planning Reserve Fund;*
- 2. APPROVES the City of Prince George submitting a grant funding application for the Prince George Downtown Creative Arts Hub through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Community, Culture and Recreation Infrastructure Sub-stream; and*
- 3. AUTHORIZES the City of Prince George Financial Officer and Acting City Manager to sign grant application documents and any resulting contract documents should grant approval be received.*

Carried Unanimously

GENERAL MANAGER OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT - IAN WELLS

D.5 Resolution of Support – Funding Application for UBCM Housing Needs Reports Program

Moved By Mayor Hall

Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council AUTHORIZES Administration to submit a funding application to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities for the development of a Housing Needs Report for the City of Prince George.

Carried Unanimously

D.6 1912 20th Avenue Road Closure Bylaw No. 9099, 2020

Applicant: City of Prince George

Location: 1912 20th Avenue

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "1912 20th Avenue Road Closure Bylaw No. 9099, 2020" included:

- Staff report dated September 8, 2020, from the General Manager of Planning and Development, titled "1912 20th Avenue Road Closure Bylaw No. 9099, 2020";
- Appendix "A" - Proposed Road Closure;
- Exhibit "A" - Location Map; and
- Exhibit "B" - Proposed Consolidation.

City of Prince George 1912 20th Avenue Road Closure Bylaw No. 9099, 2020

Moved By Councillor Scott

Seconded By Councillor Krause

That Council GIVES FIRST and SECOND READINGS to “City of Prince George 1912 20th Avenue Road Closure Bylaw No. 9099, 2020.”

Carried Unanimously

D.7 2217 Regents Crescent Road Closure Bylaw No. 9147, 2020

Applicant: City of Prince George

Location: 2217 Regents Crescent

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "2217 Regents Crescent Road Closure Bylaw No. 9147, 2020", included:

- Staff report dated August 28, 2020, from the General Manager of Planning and Development, titled "2217 Regents Crescent Road Closure Bylaw No. 9147, 2020";
- Appendix "A" - Proposed Road Closure;
- Exhibit "A" - Location Map; and
- Exhibit "B" - Proposed Consolidation.

City of Prince George 2217 Regents Crescent Road Closure Bylaw No. 9147, 2020

Moved By Councillor McConnachie

Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council GIVES FIRST and SECOND READINGS to “City of Prince George 2217 Regents Crescent Road Closure Bylaw No. 9147, 2020.”

Carried Unanimously

D.8 Rezoning Amendment Application No. RZ100659 (Bylaw No. 9123)

Applicant: L&M Engineering Ltd. for Rock ‘N’ Roll Aggregates Ltd., Inc. No. 0406286
and T.R. Projects Ltd., Inc. No. BC0729296

Location: 5001 North Nechako Road, 2599 North Nechako Road, and 4439 Craig Drive

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "Rezoning Amendment Application No. RZ100659 (Bylaw No. 9123)" included:

- Staff report dated September 23, 2020, from the General Manager of Planning and Development, titled "Rezoning Amendment Application No. RZ100659 (Bylaw No. 9123)";
- Location and Existing Zoning Map;
- Appendix "A" to Bylaw No. 9123;
- Supporting Document - Figure F5: NNNP Land Use Plan; and
- Handout: Correspondence dated October 5, 2020, from Dr. Tristan Pearce, noting comments regarding the application.

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

City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9123, 2020

Moved By Councillor McConnachie

Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council GIVES First and Second Reading to “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9123, 2020.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Everitt

Seconded By Councillor Krause

That Council WAIVES the requirements for a public hearing for proposed "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9123, 2020", pursuant to Section 464(2) of the Local Government Act.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor McConnachie

That Council PERMITS that consideration of Final Reading of proposed Bylaw No. 9123, 2020 BE WITHHELD until the following requirements have been met to the satisfaction of Administration:

- a. *Registration of a Section 219 Covenant that prohibits “housing, apartment” as a principal use, and restricts symmetrical facades for the “housing, two-unit” use on the following lands:*
 - *Lot 1, District Lot 4050, Cariboo District, Plan 25854, Except Plan EPP89775;*
 - *District Lot 4051, Cariboo District, Except: Firstly; Plan B3724, Secondly; Plan 22731, Thirdly; Plan BCP4770, Fourthly; Plan BCP4772, Fifthly; Plan BCP20972; and*
 - *Block A (Plan B3724), District Lot 4051, Cariboo District, Except Plan 22731; and*
- b. *Registration of a Section 219 Covenant that prohibits development within the proposed AG: Greenbelt zoned area, as shown on Appendix “A” to Bylaw No. 9123, 2020 on the following lands:*
 - *District Lot 4051, Cariboo District, Except: Firstly; Plan B3724, Secondly; Plan 22731, Thirdly; Plan BCP4770, Fourthly; Plan BCP4772, Fifthly; Plan BCP20972; and*
 - *Block A (Plan B3724), District Lot 4051, Cariboo District, Except Plan 22731.*

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

Carried Unanimously

D.9 Rezoning Amendment Application No. RZ100668 (Bylaw No. 9139)

Applicant: Grasshopper Retail Inc. for Commonwealth Campus Corporation, Inc.
No. BC0877533

Location: 409-445 George Street

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "Rezoning Amendment Application No. RZ100668 (Bylaw No. 9139)" included:

- Staff report dated September 4, 2020, from the General Manager of Planning and Development, titled "Rezoning Amendment Application No. RZ100668 (Bylaw No. 9139)";
- Location and Existing Zoning Map;
- Appendix "A" to Bylaw No. 9139; and
- Letters of Support.

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

City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9139, 2020

Moved By Councillor McConnachie

Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council GIVES First and Second Reading to “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9139, 2020”.

Carried Unanimously

D.10 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:

- Previously submitted staff report dated August 31, 2020, from the General Manager of Planning and Development, titled "Rezoning Amendment Application No. RZ100672 (Bylaw No. 9145)" (*Considered at the September 14, 2020 regular Council meeting*);
- 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 Skakun

Seconded By Councillor Krause

That Council GIVES THIRD READING to "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9145, 2020."

Carried Unanimously

D.11 Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100562 and Multiple Residential Form & Character Development Permit Application No. DP100725

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

Location: 1919 17th Avenue

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100562 and Multiple Residential Form & Character Development Permit Application No. DP100725" included:

- Staff report dated September 14, 2020, from the General Manager of Planning and Development, titled "Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100562 and Multiple Residential Form & Character Development Permit Application No. DP100725";
- Location and Existing Zoning Map;
- Development Variance Permit No. VP100562;

- Exhibit "A" to VP100562;
- Exhibit "B" to VP100562;
- Development Permit No. DP100725;
- Exhibit "A" to DP100725;
- Supporting Document: AHSPG Design Rationale Phase 1 Prepared by Dys Architecture;
- Supporting Document: Parking Variance Letter prepared by L&M Engineering Ltd.;
- Supporting Document: Building Code Compliance Report prepared by Jensen Hughes; and
- Handout: Correspondence dated October 5, 2020, from Christos Vardacostas, Executive Director, Aboriginal Housing Society Prince George, and Katy Fabris, Senior Project Manager, M'akola Development Services, in support of the application.

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

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Council APPROVES Development Variance Permit No. VP100562 to vary City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007 for the property legally described Lot 6, District Lot 343, Cariboo District, Plan 18815 as follows:

- Vary Table 7- 4 by decreasing the total required parking spaces for Apartment Housing, Row Housing and Stacked Row Housing from 1 per studio dwelling, plus 1 per 1 bedroom dwelling, plus 1.5 per 2 bedroom dwelling, plus 1.75 per 3+ bedroom dwelling, and plus 1 per 7 dwellings as designated visitor parking to 0.6 parking spaces per dwelling, as shown on Exhibit "A" to VP100562; and*
- Vary Section 10.13.5 9. by decreasing the minimum setback between principal buildings from 6.0 m to 2.5 m, as shown on Exhibit "B" to VP100562.*

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Krause

Seconded By Councillor Everitt

That Council APPROVES Multiple Residential Development Permit No. DP100725 for Lot 6, District Lot 343, Cariboo District, Plan 18815, for the development of six (6) two-storey buildings of row housing, as shown on Exhibit "A" to DP100725.

Carried Unanimously

E. BYLAWS - FINAL READING AND ADOPTION

E.1 City of Prince George Ontario Street Road Closure Bylaw No. 9095, 2019

Applicant: City of Prince George

Location: Portion of road located near 190 Ontario Street

Moved By Councillor Frizzell

Seconded By Councillor Scott

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION to "City of Prince George Ontario Street Road Closure Bylaw No. 9095, 2019."

Carried Unanimously

E.2 City of Prince George 2895 Gunn Road Road Closure Bylaw No. 9129, 2020

Applicant: City of Prince George

Location: Portion of road located adjacent to 2895 Gunn Road

Moved By Councillor Everitt

Seconded By Councillor McConnachie

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION to "City of Prince George 2895 Gunn Road Road Closure Bylaw No. 9129, 2020."

Carried Unanimously

E.3 City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9133, 2020

Applicant: Dana Mathison, Adam Mathison, Owen Mathison and Lorraine Mathison

Location: 1675 5th Avenue

Moved By Councillor McConnachie

Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION to "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9133, 2020."

Carried Unanimously

F. CORRESPONDENCE

Moved By Councillor Scott

Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION Correspondence Items F.1 to F.4.

Carried Unanimously

F.1 Correspondence dated September 10, 2020 from Troy Clifford, Provincial President, Ambulance Paramedics and Emergency Dispatchers of BC, CUPE Local 873: Emergency Paramedics and Dispatchers: Who we are and what we do

- F.2 Correspondence dated September 15, 2020 from Mayor Jonathan Cote, City of New Westminster: Universal Access to No-Cost Prescription Contraception
- F.3 Correspondence dated September 16, 2020 from Prince George Taxi Ltd. regarding a Pending Increase in Taxi Rates
- F.4 Correspondence dated September 17, 2020 from Emerald Taxi Ltd. regarding a Pending Increase in Taxi Rates

G. 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 8:54 P.M.

CHAIRPERSON

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