



## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

March 22, 2021

6:00 pm

Council Chambers of City Hall

1100 Patricia Boulevard, Prince George, BC

### PRESENT:

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

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Walter Babicz, Acting City Manager  
Mr. Ian Wells, Acting Deputy City Manager  
Mr. Kris Dalio, Director of Finance  
Mr. Blake McIntosh, Acting Director of Civic Operations  
Mr. Adam Davey, Director of Community Services and Public Safety  
Mr. Rob van Adrichem, Director of External Relations  
Ms. Maureen Connelly, Manager of Legislative Services  
Ms. Leslie Kellett, Legislative Coordinator

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### A. ADOPTION OF THE AMENDED AGENDA

**Moved By** Councillor Scott

**Seconded By** Councillor Everitt

*That the agenda for the regular meeting of Council scheduled for March 22, 2021 be amended by adding a new item D.1.1 - verbal report from Mayor Lyn Hall and two new items F.12 and F.13 - correspondence, and that the agenda, BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**B. MINUTES**

**B.1 Adoption of Minutes – March 8, 2021**

**Moved By** Councillor Krause

**Seconded By** Councillor Scott

*That the attached minutes of the regular Council meeting held March 8, 2021, 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. CONSENT AGENDA (FOR INFORMATION)**

Councillor Scott requested further consideration of Consent Agenda Item C.1.

**ACTING DIRECTOR OF CIVIC OPERATIONS - BLAKE MCINTOSH**

**C.1 Mausoleum Phase 2 Expansion Update – March 2021**

Discussion commenced and B. McIntosh, Acting Director of Civic Operations, responded to questions of Council.

**Moved By** Councillor Scott

**Seconded By** Councillor Krause

*That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated March 12, 2021, from the Acting Director of Civic Operations, titled “Mausoleum Phase 2 Expansion Update – March 2021.”*

**Carried Unanimously**

**D. REPORTS**

**MAYOR LYN HALL**

**D.1 Proposed Resolution to Support Local Journalism**

Discussion commenced.

**Moved By** Councillor Frizzell

**Seconded By** Councillor Scott

*WHEREAS a healthy, professional news media is essential for the proper functioning of civil society and democracy at the local, regional, federal and international levels;*

*AND WHEREAS the Public Policy Forum declares – on its website for the 2017 report The Shattered Mirror: News, Democracy and Trust in the Digital Age (commissioned by the federal government) – that “real news is in crisis” in this country;*

*AND WHEREAS the media help by providing a critical communications path for the public, including during emergencies; other public risks to health; education; the environment; economic opportunities; civic and political knowledge of policy initiatives; and the conduct of public officials, and candidates for office;*

*AND WHEREAS Canadians have lost the essential services provided by more than 2,500 media workers in 100 communities across Canada due to layoffs since the time the COVID-19 pandemic began, and advertising revenues plunged prompting an emergency \$30-million advertising-buy by the federal government;*

*AND WHEREAS residents of 190 Canadian communities lost 250 established news outlets due to closings or mergers between 2008 and 2018;*

*AND WHEREAS two thirds of Canadians agree or somewhat agree that because of the Coronavirus/Covid-19 outbreak the federal government should treat widespread media bankruptcies and lay-offs as an emergency, according to a Nanos Research poll of April 2020;*

*AND WHEREAS the federal government allocated nearly \$600 million in aid for Canadian media over five years in its 2019 budget, including a 25-per-cent tax credit for newsroom salaries; a 15-per-cent tax credit for digital media subscribers; and charitable tax status for non-profit news outlets;*

*AND WHEREAS Canada's federal government acknowledged in its 2019 budget (p. 173) that "A strong and independent news media is crucial to a well-functioning democracy";*

*AND WHEREAS at least 15 municipal councils in Ontario and B.C. — representing more than 1.5 million residents — have already passed resolutions similar to the one proposed below;*

*AND WHEREAS the news media in the Prince George area have been instrumental during the COVID-19 pandemic, ensuring local citizens have accurate local information;*

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Prince George Council recognizes that a healthy, professional news media is essential to the proper functioning of democracy in our city; urges all local governments in BC and across Canada to recognize that a robust news media is essential to the proper functioning of democracy in their jurisdictions; endorses legislation and regulations to support and rejuvenate news outlets across Canada; and urges the federal government to move quickly to pass legislation to ensure an ecosystem for a healthy news media to serve all Canadians.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**D.1.1 Verbal Report: Letter in Support of Sustainable Funding for Barkerville Historic Town and Park**

Discussion commenced.

**Moved By** Councillor Sampson

**Seconded By** Councillor Krause

*That Council APPROVES Mayor Hall as a signatory on two letters in support of sustainable funding for the Barkerville Historic Town and Park.*

**Carried Unanimously**

ACTING CITY MANAGER - WALTER BABICZ

**D.2 2024 Para Biathlon World Championships and 2024 World Para Nordic Skiing World Cup Finals and Request for Funding**

Mr. Kevin Pettersen, Director of Competitions, Caledonia Nordic Ski Club, attended the meeting via Zoom and provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Prince George 2019 World Para Nordic Skiing Championships including information on participation and competitions held at the world championships, live-stream broadcasting, cultural experiences, success stories, and the importance of the City's financial contribution towards the event.

Discussion commenced. K. Dalio, Director of Finance, W. Babicz, Acting City Manager, and Mr. Pettersen responded to questions of Council.

**Moved By** Councillor Skakun

**Seconded By** Councillor Sampson

*That Council DIRECTS Administration, within sixty (60) days, to return a report to Council regarding financial support of the Caledonia Nordic Ski Club hosting the 2024 Para Biathlon World Championships and Para Nordic Skiing World Cup Finals including details on alternative funding options, funding commitment timelines, value of in-kind donations, status of the 2019 legacy funds remaining from the 2019 World Para Nordic Skiing Championships, and information on a sponsorship package.*

**Carried Unanimously**

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY - ADAM DAVEY

**D.3 7003 Adam Drive – Remedial Action, Nuisance Abatement & Cost Recovery**

Ms. Charlotte Peters, Manager of Bylaw Services, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding 7003 Adam Drive including information and photographs supporting the proposed remedial action, nuisance abatement and cost recovery of services at this property.

Discussion commenced. C. Peters, Manager of Bylaw Services, A. Davey, Director of Community Services and Public Safety, K. Dalio, Director of Finance, and W. Babicz, Acting City Manager, responded to questions of Council.

**Moved By** Councillor Scott

**Seconded By** Councillor Frizzell

*That Council under the authority provided in Section 73 of the Community Charter and after viewing the photographs of the property provided in the staff presentation, declares that the property at 7003 Adam Drive having a legal description of: Lot 23, District Lot 4047, Cariboo District Plan 20271 (Parcel Identifier: 010-075-101) is in an unsafe condition that requires remedial action to demolish and remove the damaged structure, and level the site, in order to eliminate the unsafe condition.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**Moved By** Councillor Krause  
**Seconded By** Councillor Sampson

*That Council pursuant to the authority provided in Section 74 of the Community Charter and after viewing the photographs of the property, declares the structure and yard located on the property at 7003 Adam Drive having a legal description of: Lot 23, District Lot 4047, Cariboo District Plan 20271 (Parcel Identifier: 010-075-101) is so dilapidated as to be offensive to the community and, as a result, is declared a nuisance that requires remedial action to clean up the property, and demolish and remove the damaged structure, and level the site, in order to eliminate the nuisance.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**Moved By** Councillor Sampson  
**Seconded By** Councillor Everitt

*That Council imposes the following remedial action requirement on Ian D. Peters as the registered owner of the property at 7003 Adam Drive having a legal description of: Lot 23, District Lot 4047, Cariboo District Plan 20271 (Parcel Identifier: 010-075-101) with respect to the property described above in Recommendations 1 and 2 to demolish and remove the damaged structure, level the structure site, and clean up and remove all waste and debris from the property including:*

- *Tarps and tarp covered structures;*
- *Discarded household appliances;*
- *Derelict vehicles; and*
- *Any other garbage and debris.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**Moved By** Councillor Ramsay  
**Seconded By** Councillor Krause

*That Council, pursuant to section 4(2) of the “City of Prince George Property Maintenance Bylaw No. 8425, 2012” DECLARES that the property at 7003 Adam Drive, having a legal description of: Lot 2, District Lot 4047, Cariboo District Plan 20271 (Parcel Identifier: 010-075-101) is an Unsightly Property.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**Moved By** Councillor Frizzell  
**Seconded By** Councillor Everitt

*That Council, pursuant to Section 74 of the Community Charter and the “City of Prince George Nuisance Abatement and Cost Recovery Bylaw No. 8940, 2018” DECLARES that the buildings, structures and chattels situated on the property at 7003 Adam Drive, having a legal description of: Lot 2, District Lot 4047, Cariboo District Plan 20271 (Parcel Identifier: 010-075-101) are a nuisance.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**Moved By** Councillor Scott  
**Seconded By** Councillor Frizzell

*That Council ORDERS that Ian D. Peters as the registered owner of the property at 7003 Adam Drive having a legal description of Lot 2, District Lot 4047, Cariboo District Plan 20271 (Parcel Identifier: 010-075-101) abate the activity and unsanitary conditions that has caused the nuisance, in accordance with “City of Prince George Nuisance Abatement and Cost Recovery Bylaw No. 8940, 2018” and “City of Prince George Property Maintenance Bylaw No. 8425, 2012.”*

**Carried Unanimously**

**Compliance and Reconsideration Notice Time Limit Recommendations**

**Moved By** Councillor Krause  
**Seconded By** Councillor Ramsay

*That Council, pursuant to Section 76 of the Community Charter, sets the time limit for completion of all the remedial action requirements described in Recommendation 3, to be no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 30, 2021.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**Moved By** Councillor Everitt  
**Seconded By** Councillor Frizzell

*That Council, pursuant to Section 78 of the Community Charter, SETS THE TIME LIMIT for giving notice of a request for Council to reconsider the remedial action requirements described in Recommendation 3, to be no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 12, 2021.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**Municipal Action at Defaulters Expense**

**Moved By** Councillor Sampson  
**Seconded By** Councillor Scott

*That Council AUTHORIZES Administration to record and charge the property owner, Ian D. Peters for municipal services, costs and expenses, including attendance by Bylaw Enforcement Staff, Prince George RCMP, and Prince George Fire/Rescue members at 7003 Adam Drive having a legal description of Lot 2, District Lot 4047, Cariboo District Plan 20271 (Parcel Identifier: 010-075-101) for the purposes of abating the nuisance activity and unsanitary conditions, pursuant to “City of Prince George Nuisance Abatement and Cost Recovery Bylaw No. 8940, 2018.”*

**Carried Unanimously**

**Moved By** Councillor Sampson  
**Seconded By** Councillor Everitt

*That Council AUTHORIZES Administration to take all appropriate action in accordance with Section 17 [Municipal Action at Defaulter’s Expense] of the Community Charter to ensure the subject property is brought into compliance with all the remedial action requirements described in Recommendation 3, provided that:*

- the property owner has not fully completed the remedial action requirements on or before the time limit specified in this Council resolution; and
- all costs incurred by the City to bring the property into compliance shall be at the expense of the property owner and, pursuant to Section 17 of the Community Charter, such costs shall be recovered from the property owner as a debt owed to the City of Prince George.

**Carried Unanimously**

**D.4 City support to Northern Health's Covid-19 Vaccination Clinic (Civic Center)**

Discussion commenced. A. Davey, Director of Community Services and Public Safety, and W. Babicz, Acting City Manager, responded to questions of Council.

**Moved By** Councillor Everitt

**Seconded By** Councillor Scott

*That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated March 5, 2021, from the Director of Community Services and Public Safety, titled "City support to Northern Health's Covid-19 Vaccination Clinic (Civic Center)."*

**Carried Unanimously**

**ACTING DEPUTY CITY MANAGER - IAN WELLS**

**D.5 Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100581**

Applicant: Robin Woollacott on behalf of Stephanie and Mark Trumphour

Location: 6980 Bench Drive

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100581" included:

- Staff report dated February 19, 2021, from the Acting Deputy City Manager, titled "Development Variance Permit Application No. VP100581";
- Location and Existing Zoning Map;
- Development Variance Permit No. VP100581;
- Exhibit "A" to VP100581; and
- Exhibit "B" to VP100581.

**Moved By** Councillor Everitt

**Seconded By** Councillor Ramsay

*That Council APPROVES Development Variance Permit No. VP100581 to vary "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007" for the property legally described Lot 24, District Lot 2101, Cariboo District, Plan 11985 as follows:*

- a. Vary Section 9.5.6 2. by increasing the maximum height of an accessory building from 6.0 m to 7.0 m as shown on Exhibit "A" to VP100581.

**Carried Unanimously**

**D.6 Temporary Use Permit Application No. TU000067**

Applicant: PG Pups Ltd. on behalf of 0759517 B.C. Ltd., Inc. No. BC0759517  
Location: 681 Ongman Road

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "Temporary Use Permit Application No. TU000067" included:

- Staff report dated February 24, 2021, from the Acting Deputy City Manager, titled "Temporary Use Permit Application No. TU000067";
- Location and Existing Zoning Map;
- Temporary Use Permit No. TU000067;
- Letter of Intent from Applicant; and
- Letter of Intent from Applicant with Amendment to Application.

Discussion commenced and I. Wells, Acting Deputy City Manager, responded to questions of Council.

**Moved By** Councillor Everitt

**Seconded By** Councillor Krause

*That Council APPROVES Temporary Use Permit No. TU000067 for the property legally described as Lot 2, District Lot 1574, Cariboo District, Plan 23248.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**D.7 Rezoning Amendment Application No. RZ100696 (Bylaw No. 9189)**

Applicant: Zaga's Enterprises Ltd. for Redwood Square Ltd., Inc. No. 549030  
Location: 1543 Victoria Street

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "Rezoning Amendment Application No. RZ100696 (Bylaw No. 9189)" included:

- Staff report dated March 2, 2021, from the Acting Deputy City Manager, titled "Rezoning Amendment Application No. RZ100696 (Bylaw No. 9189)";
- Location and Existing Zoning Map;
- Appendix "A" to Bylaw No. 9189; and
- Letter of Intent.

**City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9189, 2021**

**Moved By** Councillor Sampson

**Seconded By** Councillor Scott

*That Council GIVES FIRST AND SECOND READINGS to "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9189, 2021".*

**Carried Unanimously**

**D.8 Rezoning Amendment Application No. RZ100686 (Bylaw No. 9167)**

Applicant: Finger Prints Learning Centre Ltd. for Kathed Holdings Ltd., Inc.  
No. BC0552130  
Location: 7092 Domano Boulevard



Documents for Council's consideration regarding "Rezoning Amendment Application No. RZ100686 (Bylaw No. 9167)" included:

- Previously submitted staff report dated January 27, 2021, from the Acting Deputy City Manager, titled "Rezoning Amendment Application No. RZ100686 (Bylaw No. 9167)" (*Considered at the February 22, 2021 Regular Council Meeting*);
- Location and Existing Zoning Map;
- Letter of Intent from Applicant;
- Letter of Support; and
- Correspondence dated March 12, 2021, from Donovan and Robbyn Unruh, in support of the application.

**City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9167, 2020**

Discussion commenced and M. Connelly, Manager of Legislative Services, responded to questions of Council.

**Moved By** Councillor Everitt

**Seconded By** Councillor Ramsay

*That Council GIVES THIRD READING to "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9167, 2020".*

**Carried Unanimously**

**D.9 Rezoning Amendment Application No. RZ100688 (Bylaw No. 9172)**

Applicant: Chad Harvey for Teya Contracting Inc., Inc. No. BC1029637

Location: 443 Melville Avenue

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "Rezoning Amendment Application No. RZ100688 (Bylaw No. 9172)" included:

- Previously submitted staff report dated February 3, 2021, from the Acting Deputy City Manager, titled "Rezoning Amendment Application No. RZ100688 (Bylaw No. 9172)" (*Considered at the February 22, 2021 Regular Council Meeting*);
- Location and Existing Zoning Map;
- Appendix "A" to Bylaw No. 9172, 2020; and
- Correspondence dated March 14, 2021, from Erika Clark and Ron McKibbin, in opposition to the application.

**City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9172, 2020**

**Moved By** Councillor Scott

**Seconded By** Councillor Krause

*That Council GIVES THIRD READING to "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9172, 2020".*

**Carried Unanimously**

**E. BYLAWS - FINAL READING AND ADOPTION**

**E.1 City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9154, 2020**

Applicant: L&M Engineering Ltd. for Giuliu Investments Ltd., Inc. No. BC0660654 and  
Duk Hong Kim and Myung Soon Kim

Location: 9800 Sintich Road and 9912 Sintich Road

**Moved By** Councillor Sampson

**Seconded By** Councillor Scott

*That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION to "City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9154, 2020."*

**Carried Unanimously**

**E.2 City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9155, 2020**

Applicant: L&M Engineering Ltd. for Giuliu Investments Ltd., Inc. No. BC0660654 and  
Duk Hong Kim and Myung Soon Kim

Location: 9800 Sintich Road and 9912 Sintich Road

**Moved By** Councillor Frizzell

**Seconded By** Councillor Ramsay

*That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION to "City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9155, 2020."*

**Carried Unanimously**

**F. CORRESPONDENCE**

Councillor Sampson requested further consideration of Correspondence Item F.8.

Councillor Ramsay requested further consideration of Correspondence Items F.1 and F.13.

**F.1 Correspondence dated February 26, 2021, from Brian Frenkel, President, Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM): 2020 Resolution Referred to UBCM Executive**

Discussion commenced.

**F.2 Correspondence dated March 5, 2021, from Mayor Jonathan Coté, City of New Westminster: Letter to the Honourable Harry Bains, Minister of Labour, regarding Support for Laid-off Hotel and Tourism Industry Workers**

**F.3 Correspondence dated March 5, 2021, from Mayor Jonathan Coté, City of New Westminster: Letter to Honourable Melanie Mark, Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport, regarding Support for Laid-off Hotel and Tourism Industry Workers**

**F.4 Correspondence dated March 4, 2021, from Mayor Fred Haynes, District of Saanich: Acknowledgement of Correspondence from the City of Prince George regarding Actions to Address the Overdose Crisis**

**F.5 Correspondence dated March 11, 2021, from Mayor Walter Cobb, City of Williams Lake: Letter to Premier Horgan regarding a Call for Public Inquiry: Stronger Sentencing for Prolific and Repeat Offenders**

- F.6 Correspondence dated February 18, 2021 from Mayor Walt Cobb, City of Williams Lake: Letter to Premier Horgan, Minister Dix, and Dr. Henry regarding Vaccine Distribution**
- F.7 Correspondence dated March 5, 2021, from Mayor Christine Fraser, Township of Spallumcheen: Support for 988 Crisis Line**
- F.8 Correspondence from MP Todd Doherty, Cariboo-Prince George: Request for a Resolution in Support of a National Three-Digit (988) Crisis Hot-Line**

Discussion commenced.

**Moved By** Councillor Sampson

**Seconded By** Councillor Everitt

*WHEREAS the Federal government has passed a motion to adopt 988, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline;*

*AND WHEREAS the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200 percent;*

*AND WHEREAS existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a 10-digit number and go through directories or be placed on hold;*

*AND WHEREAS in 2022 the United States will have in place a national 988 crisis hotline;*

*AND WHEREAS the City of Prince George recognizes that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help;*

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Prince George endorses this 988 crisis line initiative; and that Staff be directed to send a letter indicating such support to the local MP, MLA, Federal Minister of Health, the CRTC and local area municipalities to indicate our support.*

**Carried Unanimously**

- F.9 Correspondence dated March 10, 2021, from Mayor Jamie Ross, Village of Belcarra: Endorsement of 988 Crisis Line Initiative**
- F.10 Correspondence dated March 11, 2021, from Kelly Kenney, Corporate Officer, City of Langley: Resolution in Support of Raising Disability and Income Assistance to a Livable Rate**
- F.11 Correspondence dated March 11, 2021 from Kate Barchard, Corporate Officer, City of Pitt Meadows: Fair Taxation from Railway Operations and Industrial Parks**
- F.12 Correspondence dated March 17, 2021 from Mayor Lyn Hall to the BC Utilities Commission regarding BC Hydro and Power Authority 2020 Street Lighting Rate Application**
- F.13 Correspondence dated March 17, 2021 from Mayor Lyn Hall to Minister Patty Hajdu, Minister of Health, Government of Canada, regarding the Opioid Crisis and a Call for an Overdose Action Plan**

Discussion commenced.

**Moved By** Councillor Scott  
**Seconded By** Councillor Krause

*That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION Correspondence Items F.1 to F.13.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**G. ADJOURNMENT**

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 8:12 P.M.**

**Moved By** Councillor Sampson  
**Seconded By** Councillor Everitt

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

**Carried Unanimously**

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CHAIRPERSON

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