



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

June 14, 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
- Councillor Ramsay
- Councillor Sampson
- 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

A. ADOPTION OF THE AMENDED AGENDA

Moved By Councillor McConnachie

Seconded By Councillor Krause

That the agenda for the regular meeting of Council scheduled for June 14, 2021, be amended by adding six items of correspondence as agenda item G.14, G.15, G.16, G.17, G.18, and G.19, and that the agenda, BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

Carried Unanimously

B. MINUTES

B.1 Adoption of Minutes - May 31, 2021

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That the attached minutes of the regular Council meeting held May 31, 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. DELEGATION(S)

C.1 Independent Contractors and Businesses Association (ICBA)

Presenter: Mike Davis, Regional Vice President, Independent Contractors and Businesses Association

Topic: State of the Construction and Resource Development Industry

Mr. Mike Davis, Regional Vice President, Independent Contractors and Businesses Association (ICBA), provided a PowerPoint presentation via Zoom regarding the state of the construction and resource development industry including information on COVID-19 and economic recovery industry feedback, 2021 provincial forecast, 2021 Northern BC forecast, material cost and supply chain, project analysis, and ICBA workplace wellness program.

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

C.2 Community Energy Association

Presenters: Megan Lohmann, Director of Strategic Initiatives, Community Energy Association, and Alison Conroy, Energy Advisor, Pelican Consulting and Director, Canadian Home Builders' Association (CHBA) Northern BC

Topic: BC Energy Step Code and the Demonstrated Readiness of Prince George's Building Industry to Implement its Performance Pathway

Ms. Megan Lohmann, Director of Strategic Initiatives, Community Energy Association, and Ms. Alison Conroy, Energy Advisor, Pelican Consulting and Director, Canadian Home Builder's Association (CHBA) Northern BC, provided a PowerPoint presentation via Zoom regarding the BC Energy Step Code and the Demonstrated Readiness of Prince George's building industry to implement its performance pathway including information on changes to the BC Building Code, utilities supports and initiatives, building legacy initiatives, and Prince George case studies.

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

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council DIRECTS Administration to return a report to Council by September 2021 on options to implement the BC Energy Step Code in City of Prince George planning processes.

Carried Unanimously

D. CONSENT AGENDA (FOR INFORMATION)

Councillor Frizzell requested further consideration of Consent Agenda Item D.1.

D.1 Monthly Building Permit and Development Permit Summary (May 2021)

Discussion commenced.

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated June 1, 2021 from the Acting Deputy City Manager titled “Monthly Building Permit and Development Permit Summary (May 2021)”.

Carried Unanimously

E. REPORTS

ACTING CITY MANAGER - WALTER BABICZ

E.1 2024 Para Biathlon World Championships & 2024 World Para Nordic Skiing World Cup Finals and Request for Funding

M. Connelly, Manager of Legislative Services, spoke regarding the motion postponed from the May 31, 2021 regular Council meeting.

Discussion commenced. K. Dalio, Director of Finance, W. Babicz, Acting City Manager, and Mr. Kevin Pettersen, Director of Competitions, Caledonia Nordic Ski Club, responded to questions of Council.

Moved By Councillor Skakun
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council APPROVES the request from the Caledonia Nordic Ski Club to provide financial support of up to \$250,000 towards hosting the 2024 Para Biathlon World Championships and World Para Nordic Skiing World Cup Finals to be funded from the Major Events Reserve to the extent possible and otherwise from the general tax levy, and subject to the Club entering into a Sponsorship Agreement with the City on terms and conditions satisfactory to Administration.

Carried

Councillors McConnachie and Ramsay opposed.

E.2 Tourism Prince George Municipal and Regional District Tax Renewal

In Attendance via Zoom: Elke Hierl-Steinbauer, Vice Chair, and Tracey McBride, Chief Executive Officer, Tourism Prince George

Discussion commenced and Ms. Tracey McBride, Chief Executive Officer, Tourism Prince George, responded to questions of Council.

Moved By Councillor Krause

Seconded By Councillor McConnachie

That Council AUTHORIZES Administration to prepare an application to the Province in conjunction with the Tourism Prince George Society for the renewal of the three percent (3%) Municipal and Regional District Tax for an additional five year period effective July 1, 2022 to July 1, 2027, for the purposes of delivering tourism marketing and development services in the City of Prince George.

Carried Unanimously

E.3 Results of Alternative Approval Process for Bylaw No. 9199, 2021

Councillor Frizzell exited Council Chambers at 7:47 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Ramsay

Seconded By Councillor McConnachie

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the Certificate of Insufficiency attached as Appendix “A” to the report dated June 2, 2021 from the Acting City Manager, titled “Results of Alternative Approval Process for Bylaw No. 9199, 2021.”

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY - ADAM DAVEY

E.4 2022 Women’s World Curling Championships (WWCC)

Councillor Frizzell returned to Council Chambers at 7:49 p.m.

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

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Everitt

That Council APPROVES up to \$200,000 for in-kind costs associated with hosting the 2022 Women’s World Curling Championships to be funded from the Major Events Reserve.

Carried Unanimously

E.5 Safe Streets Bylaw and Parks and Open Space Bylaw Amendment

Councillor McConnachie exited Council Chambers at 8:08 p.m. and returned at 8:10 p.m.

Discussion commenced. A. Davey, Director of Community Services and Public Safety, C. Peters, Manager of Bylaw Services, W. Babicz, Acting City Manager, and Superintendent Shaun Wright, RCMP, responded to questions of Council.

City of Prince George Safe Streets Bylaw No. 9209, 2021

Moved By Councillor Krause
Seconded By Councillor Everitt

That Council GIVES FIRST THREE READINGS to “City of Prince George Safe Streets Bylaw No. 9209, 2021.”

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Everitt

That Council POSTPONES for consideration at the June 28, 2021 regular Council meeting the main motion regarding first three readings of “City of Prince George Safe Streets Bylaw No. 9209, 2021” to allow for additional consultation with community groups regarding the proposed bylaw.

Motion to postpone the main motion as set out above.

Defeated

Mayor Hall and Councillors McConnachie, Sampson and Skakun opposed.

Main motion.

Carried

Councillors Everitt, Krause and Ramsay opposed.

City of Prince George Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw No. 8813, 2016, Amendment Bylaw No. 9210, 2021

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor McConnachie

That Council GIVES FIRST THREE READINGS to “City of Prince George Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw No. 8813, 2016, Amendment Bylaw No. 9210, 2021.”

Carried

Councillors Everitt, Krause, and Ramsay opposed.

City of Prince George Parks and Open Space Bylaw No. 7370, 2002, Amendment Bylaw No. 9211, 2021

Moved By Councillor McConnachie
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council ENDORSES, in principle, the draft “City of Prince George Parks and Open Space Bylaw No. 7370, 2002, Amendment Bylaw No. 9211, 2021” to be completed and returned for Council’s consideration of first three readings at the June 28, 2021 regular council meeting.

Defeated

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

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council REQUESTS the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Resolutions return to Council a resolution asking the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) and Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) to request BC Housing explore the implementation of no barrier housing in all BC communities.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council REQUESTS the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Resolutions return to Council a resolution asking the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) and Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) to lobby the provincial government to amend the definition of "emergency" in the Emergency Programs Act to include health-related emergencies in addition to the current definition that includes accident, fire, explosion, technical failure or forces of nature so that local governments may declare a state of local emergency due to health crisis.

Carried Unanimously

E.6 Five-Year Contract Renewal with the SPCA

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

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor McConnachie

That Council AUTHORIZES the Acting City Manager to sign the Animal Pound Operation & Maintenance Agreement with The British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) and its North Cariboo Branch, in the form attached to the staff report to Council dated June 7, 2021, from the Director, Community Services and Public Safety, titled "Five-Year Contract Renewal with the SPCA."

Carried Unanimously

ACTING DIRECTOR OF CIVIC OPERATIONS - BLAKE MCINTOSH

E.7 Prince George Playhouse Building Envelope Repair and Rigging Upgrade

Discussion commenced. I. Wells, Acting Deputy City Manager, W. Babicz, Acting City Manager, A. Davey, Director of Community Services and Public Safety, K. Dalio, Director of Finance, B. McIntosh, Acting Director of Civic Operations, and L. Hanson, Manager of Project Delivery, responded to questions of Council.

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council EXTENDS the Regular Council Meeting from 10:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Skakun
Seconded By Councillor Krause

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated June 4, 2021 from the Acting Director of Civic Operations titled “Prince George Playhouse Building Envelope Repair and Rigging Upgrade”.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council APPROVES that the temporary repair of the Prince George Playhouse existing façade failure be added to the 2021 – 2025 Capital Financial Plan with a budget of \$140,000 to be funded by the Community Works Fund.

Carried

Councillor McConnachie opposed.

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Everitt

That Council APPROVES that the upgrades to the theatrical rigging components in the Prince George Playhouse to current safety standards be added to the 2021 – 2025 Capital Financial Plan with a budget of \$271,500 to be funded by the Community Works Fund.

Carried

Councillor McConnachie opposed.

E.8 2021-2022 Prince George Transit System Annual Operating Agreement

Mayor Hall declared a non-pecuniary conflict of interest for Agenda items E.8 and E.9 due to his role as Director on the BC Transit Board and exited Council Chambers at 10:06 p.m.

Councillor Everitt assumed the role of Acting Chair for the duration of Mayor Hall's absence.

City of Prince George Transit Service Annual Operating Agreement 2021/2022 Authorization Bylaw No. 9208, 2021

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That Council GIVES FIRST THREE READINGS to “City of Prince George Transit Service Annual Operating Agreement 2021/2022 Authorization Bylaw No. 9208, 2021.”

Carried Unanimously

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE - KRIS DALIO

E.9 Transit Operating Reserve Fund Establishment Bylaw

City of Prince George Transit Operating Reserve Fund Establishment Bylaw No. 9212, 2021

Moved By Councillor Krause
Seconded By Councillor Frizzell

That Council GIVES FIRST THREE READINGS to “City of Prince George Transit Operating Reserve Fund Establishment Bylaw No. 9212, 2021.”

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Krause
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council APPROVES, subject to adoption of proposed Bylaw No. 9212, 2021, the transfer of any surplus in transit operating expenditures for the 2021 calendar year into the Transit Operating Reserve Fund.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Everitt called a recess of the regular Council meeting at 10:12 p.m.

The regular Council meeting reconvened at 10:16 p.m.

Mayor Hall returned to Council chambers at 10:16 p.m. The attendance of Council and Staff was otherwise the same as at the time the recess was called.

Mayor Hall resumed his role of Chair.

ACTING DEPUTY CITY MANAGER - IAN WELLS

E.10 City of Prince George Downtown Arts Strategy

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

Moved By Councillor Everitt
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated May 29, 2021, from the Acting Deputy City Manager, titled “City of Prince George Downtown Arts Strategy.”

Carried Unanimously

E.11 1450 Taylor Drive Road Closure Bylaw No. 9165, 2020

Applicant: City of Prince George
Location: 1450 Taylor Drive

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "1450 Taylor Drive Road Closure Bylaw No. 9165, 2020" included:

- Staff report dated May 10, 2021, from the Acting Deputy City Manager, titled "1450 Taylor Drive Road Closure Bylaw No. 9165, 2020";
- Appendix "A" - Proposed Road Closure;
- Exhibit "A" - Location Map; and
- Exhibit "B" - Proposed Consolidation.

City of Prince George 1450 Taylor Drive Road Closure Bylaw No. 9165, 2020

Moved By Councillor Sampson
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council GIVES FIRST and SECOND READINGS to “City of Prince George 1450 Taylor Drive Road Closure Bylaw No. 9165, 2020”.

Carried Unanimously

E.12 Official Community Plan Amendment Application No. CP100168 (Bylaw No. 9178) and Rezoning Amendment Application No. RZ100691 (Bylaw No. 9179)

Applicant: McWalter Consulting Ltd. on behalf of Catla Enterprises Ltd., Inc.
No. BC1034348

Location: 3751 and 3777 Barnes Drive

Documents for Council's consideration regarding "Official Community Plan Amendment Application No. CP100168 (Bylaw No. 9178) and Rezoning Amendment Application No. RZ100691 (Bylaw No. 9179)" included:

- Staff report dated May 21, 2021, from the Acting Deputy City Manager, titled "Official Community Plan Amendment Application No. CP100168 (Bylaw No. 9178) and Rezoning Amendment Application No. RZ100691 (Bylaw No. 9179)";
- Location and Existing Zoning Map;
- Appendix "A" to Bylaw No. 9178;
- Appendix "B" to Bylaw No. 9178;
- Appendix "A" to Bylaw No. 9179;
- Exhibit "A" to Application No. CP100168; and
- Supporting Document.

City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9178, 2021

City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9179, 2021

Moved By Councillor Krause
Seconded By Councillor Everitt

That Council GIVES FIRST READING to “City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9178, 2021.”

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor McConnachie

That Council CONSIDERS “City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9178, 2021”, in conjunction with the current Financial Plan and confirm there are no issues.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor McConnachie
Seconded By Councillor Krause

That Council CONSIDERS “City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9178, 2021”, in conjunction with the current Regional District of Fraser Fort-George Solid Waste Management Plan and confirm there are no issues.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Everitt
Seconded By Councillor McConnachie

That Council CONSIDERS “City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9178, 2021”, 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 Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Everitt

That Council GIVES SECOND READING to “City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9178, 2021.”

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor McConnachie
Seconded By Councillor Krause

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

- a. Two (2) Citywide Newspaper advertisement(s) requesting written comment; and*
- b. Request for written comment from properties identified on Exhibit “A” to CP100168.*

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Skakun
Seconded By Councillor McConnachie

That Council GIVES FIRST AND SECOND READING to “City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9179, 2021.”

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Everitt
Seconded By Councillor McConnachie

That Council PERMITS that consideration of Final Reading of proposed Bylaw No. 9179, 2021 BE WITHHELD until the following requirements have been met to the satisfaction of Administration:

a. Receipt of a Servicing Brief.

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

Carried Unanimously

F. BYLAWS - FINAL READING AND ADOPTION

F.1 City of Prince George Equipment Financing Bylaw No. 9199, 2021

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Krause

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION to "City of Prince George Equipment Financing Bylaw No. 9199, 2021."

Carried Unanimously

F.2 City of Prince George Climate Action Reserve Fund Establishment Bylaw No. 9206, 2021

Moved By Councillor Frizzell
Seconded By Councillor Ramsay

That Council GRANTS FINAL READING AND ADOPTION to "City of Prince George Climate Action Reserve Fund Establishment Bylaw No. 9206, 2021."

Carried Unanimously

G. CORRESPONDENCE

Councillor Sampson requested further consideration of Correspondence Items G.6 to G.13.

Mayor Hall requested further consideration of Correspondence Items G.14 to G.19.

G.1 Correspondence dated May 21, 2021, from Todd Corrigall, CEO, Prince George Chamber of Commerce: Support for the Caledonia Nordic Ski Club's Funding Request

G.2 Correspondence dated June 4, 2021, from Kelly Kenney, Corporate Officer, City of Langley: Support for 988 Suicide and Crisis Line Initiative

- G.3 Correspondence dated June 2, 2021, from Minister Katrine Conroy, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development: Modernizing Forest Policy
- G.4 Correspondence dated June 4, 2021, from Mayor Karen Elliott, District of Squamish: Province of British Columbia's Decision to End the BC Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP)
- G.5 Correspondence dated June 1, 2021, from Mayor Fred Haynes, District of Saanich: British Columbia Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) Ending
- G.6 Correspondence dated May 12, 2021, from Anne Laughlin and Ted Price, Miracle Theatre: Prince George Playhouse Repairs

Discussion commenced regarding the eight items of correspondence received regarding the Prince George Playhouse.
- G.7 Correspondence dated May 26, 2021, from Colin and Judy Dix, Prince George Theater Workshop Society: Prince George Playhouse
- G.8 Correspondence dated May 26, 2021, from Nancy Spensley: Future Plans for the Prince George Playhouse
- G.9 Correspondence dated June 4, 2021 from Joy McKellar: Repair and Renovation of the Prince George Playhouse
- G.10 Correspondence dated June 6, 2021 from Mary Bacon: Prince George Playhouse Theatre
- G.11 Correspondence dated June 4, 2021 from Dave and Margaret Dunlop: Prince George Playhouse
- G.12 Correspondence received June 9, 2021, from Kris and Phil Nellis, Prince George Theatre Workshop: Prince George Playhouse
- G.13 Correspondence dated May 25, 2021 from Michael O'Malley: Playhouse Importance to Our Community
- G.14 Handout: Correspondence dated June 14, 2021, from Julian Legere, Together We Stand: Formal Feedback Regarding the Proposed Safe Streets Bylaw and Parks and Open Space Bylaw Amendment

Discussion commenced regarding the six items of correspondence received regarding the proposed Safe Streets Bylaw and Parks and Open Space Bylaw Amendment.
- G.15 Handout: Correspondence dated June 13, 2021 from Kathleen Hebb: Comments Regarding Proposed Bylaw Changes to the "Parks and Open Space Bylaw No. 7370, 2002"
- G.16 Handout: Correspondence dated June 12, 2021 from Will Lewis: Prince George Homeless - Displaced Persons Survey
- G.17 Handout: Correspondence dated June 11, 2021, from Regional Chief Terry Teegee, BC Assembly of First Nations, Barb Ward Burkitt, Executive Director, PG Native Friendship Centre, and Karin Hunt, Executive Director, PGN Aboriginal Employment and Training: Injunction Against Encampments and New Safe Streets Bylaw and a Call for a Humanitarian Approach in Dealing with Vulnerable Citizens

- G.18 Handout: Correspondence dated June 14, 2021 from Mary MacDonald: Comments on Proposed Nuisance Bylaw and Unhoused People
- G.19 Handout: Correspondence dated June 14, 2021 from Dara Campbell: Proposed Safe Streets Bylaw and Parks and Open Space Bylaw Amendment

Moved By Councillor McConnachie

Seconded By Councillor Everitt

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION Correspondence items G.1 to G.19.

Carried Unanimously

H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Everitt

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

Carried Unanimously

THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 10:31 P.M.

CHAIRPERSON

CERTIFIED CORRECT