



City of Prince Rupert

MINUTES

For the **REGULAR MEETING** of Council held on October 11th, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 424 - 3rd Avenue West, Prince Rupert, B.C.

PRESENT: Mayor L. Brain
Councillor B. Mirau
Councillor W. Niesh
Councillor G. Randhawa
Councillor N. Kinney
Councillor J. Thorkelson

ABSENT: Councillor B. Cunningham

STAFF: R. Long, City Manager
C. Bomben, Chief Financial Officer
R. Mandryk, Corporate Administrator
V. Stewart, Communications Manager

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the Regular Meeting of Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

a) **MOVED** by Councillor Randhawa and seconded by Councillor Kinney that the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of October 11th, 2016 be adopted as presented with the addition of 11(a) Notice of Motion – Re: Pacific North West LNG (Petronas).

CARRIED

3. MINUTES

a) **MOVED** by Councillor Niesh and seconded by Councillor Mirau that the Minutes of the Special Regular Council Meeting of September 8th, 2016 be adopted.

CARRIED

b) **MOVED** by Councillor Randhawa and seconded by Councillor Niesh that the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting of September 12th, 2016 be adopted.

CARRIED

c) **MOVED** by Councillor Kinney and seconded by Councillor Niesh that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 12th, 2016 be adopted.

CARRIED

- d) **MOVED** by Councillor Niesh and seconded by Councillor Randhawa that the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 12th, 2016 be received.

CARRIED

4. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

- a) **Ms. Krystin St. Jean, Senior Facilitator, Community Development Institute, UNBC – Re: Redesign Prince Rupert.**

Ms. St. Jean presented to Council.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- a) **Report from the Chief Financial Officer – Re: August 2016 Financial Variance Report.**

The Chief Financial Officer reported to Council on the budget to date.

MOVED by Councillor Kinney and seconded by Councillor Niesh that Council receives this report for information purposes.

CARRIED

7. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

8. RESOLUTIONS FROM CLOSED MEETINGS

- a) **On August 22, 2016 at Council’s Closed Meeting, Council made the following resolution in regard to the Contract Award of the 3rd Avenue Revitalization Project:**

MOVED by Councillor Randhawa and seconded by Councillor Niesh that Council approve the award of a contract to the Planning Partnership to conduct community consultation and design work for the revitalization of 3rd Avenue, contingent upon receipt of grant funds provided by NDIT; and

THAT Council release the awarding of the contract at a future Regular Meeting of Council.

CARRIED

9. BYLAWS

- a) **Report from the Director of Operations – Re: Road Closure and Removal of Highway Dedication Bylaw No. 3391, 2016 (Besner Block).**

MOVED by Councillor Niesh and seconded by Councillor Kinney that Council Adopts the Road Closure and Removal of Highway Dedication Bylaw No. 3391, 2016.

CARRIED

b) Report from the Chief Financial Officer – Re: 2017 – 2019 Permissive Property Tax Exemption Amendment Bylaw No. 3399, 2016.

MOVED by Councillor Niesh and seconded by Councillor Mirau that Council Adopts the 2017 – 2019 Permissive Property Tax Exemption Amendment Bylaw No. 3399, 2016.

CARRIED

10. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

11. REPORTS, QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

a) Notice of Motion – Re: Pacific North West LNG (Petronas)

Councillor Thorkelson presented and read the following notice of motion:

WHEREAS the Environmental Assessment Decision Statement (EADS) states that the project is likely to cause significant adverse environmental affects but that the effects were justified in the circumstances; and

WHEREAS the EADS determines that there will be serious harm to fish and fish habitat, but this harm will be mitigated, however the statement does not set out what those mitigations are nor how they are to be measured as successful; and

WHEREAS Pacific North West LNG project impacts on the commercial fishery (which are different and greater than on fish) were not measured and many people in our community rely on commercial and recreational fisheries for a living; and

WHEREAS the EADS requires PNW LNG to engage First Nations in monitoring and habitat offsetting programs but does not require them to engage with the City of Prince Rupert or local residents; and

WHEREAS the City's water supply will not be monitored for increased acidification and eutrophication; and

WHEREAS there are no statements of in the EADS on the social and economic impacts on Prince Rupert (housing, policing costs, medical and educational facilities, etc.) and no requirement for PNW LNG to mitigate or compensate for these impacts; and

WHEREAS the City of Prince Rupert's aging infrastructure will be further stressed by PNW LNG to mitigate or compensate for these impacts; and

WHEREAS the City of Prince Rupert's Quality of Life OCP states that we should work towards reducing Greenhouse gas emissions, while the PNW LNG will exponentially increase them by burning natural gas to create energy and the EADS does not require them to assist in the development of alternate clean energy for the use of the project, thereby reducing their carbon footprint;

THEREFORE be it resolved that this Council of the City of Prince Rupert not support the PNW LNG project until,

1. The project is relocated to another area not in the estuary of the Skeena River. One industry should not put another at risk of our City should remain with a diversified economy.
2. The project must consult with the area's local governments and our residents as well as with First Nations.
3. The City's water supply is monitored and a specific set of responses, agreed to by the City, are in place to rectify any increase in acidification or eutrophication.
4. Negative economic or social consequences will be identified by the City and PNW LNG prior to the project going ahead and solutions agreeable to the City are identified.
5. Adequate contributions, agreed to by COPR, for rebuilding and maintaining Prince Rupert's infrastructure are identified and scheduled.
6. Alternate forms of clean energy are identified and their development are committed to by PNW LNG.

This Notice of Motion is to be brought forward to the next Council meeting for discussion and resolution of Council.

b) Verbal Report from the Mayor.

The Mayor provided a verbal update on past meetings.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Randhawa and seconded by Councillor Mirau that the meeting be adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

CARRIED

Confirmed:

These meeting Minutes were adopted by Council. To view signed original, visit City Hall Administration or contact via phone 250-627-0934 or email Cityhall@princerupert.ca

MAYOR

Certified Correct:

CORPORATE ADMINISTRATOR