



City of Prince Rupert

MINUTES

For the **REGULAR MEETING** of Council held on October 24th, 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 B. Cunningham
Councillor W. Niesh
Councillor G. Randhawa
Councillor N. Kinney

ABSENT: Councillor J. Thorkelson

STAFF: R. Long, City Manager
C. Bomben, Chief Financial Officer
R. Mandryk, Corporate Administrator
V. Stewart, Communications Manager
Z. Krekic, City Planner
R. Pucci, Director of Operations

1. CALL TO ORDER

MOVED by Councillor Niesh and seconded by Councillor Cunningham that the Regular Meeting be suspended and the Committee of the Whole Meeting be convened.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Randhawa and seconded by Councillor Mirau that the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of October 24th, 2016 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. MINUTES

a) MOVED by Councillor Randhawa and seconded by Councillor Kinney that the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting of October 11th, 2016 be adopted.

CARRIED

b) MOVED by Councillor Niesh and seconded by Councillor Cunningham that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 11th, 2016 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

a) **Jean Pogge, President, and Devlin Fernandes, Senior Manager of Ecotrust Canada – Re: Introduction & Activities in the Skeena.**

Ms. Jean Pogge and Ms. Devlin Fernandes presented to Council.

- b) Tessa Gill, Head of Stakeholders & Corporate Relations, and Derek Baker, Community Relations Advisor, Pacific NorthWest LNG – Re: CEAA Approval Update.**

Ms. Tessa Gill and Mr. Derek Baker presented to Council.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- a) Report from the City Planner – Re: Application for Development Variance Permit – 120 George Hills Way (Yacht Club).**

The City Planner presented to Council.

MOVED by Councillor Cunningham and seconded by Councillor Kinney that the Development Variance Permit Application No. DP-16-19 for 120 George Hills Way proceed to Public Notification.

CARRIED

- b) Report from the Director of Operations – Re: Clean Water and Wastewater – Application for the Woodworth Dam Replacement.**

The Director of Operations presented to Council.

MOVED by Councillor Niesh and seconded by Councillor Randhawa that Mayor and Council pass a resolution to support staff applying for the following grant application: Woodworth Dam Replacement (Clean Water and Wastewater Fund).

CARRIED

- c) Report from the Director of Operations – Re: Clean Water and Wastewater – Application for the Fern Passage Submarine Line (Clean Water and Wastewater Fund).**

The Director of Operations presented the second application to Council.

MOVED by Councillor Cunningham and seconded by Councillor Mirau that Mayor and Council pass a resolution to support staff applying for the following grant application: Fern Passage Submarine Line (Clean Water and Wastewater Fund).

CARRIED

7. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

- a) Letter from the Bank of Montreal, Prince Rupert Branch – Re: Request for Free Ice Time for Fund Raising Initiative.**

MOVED by Councillor Randhawa and seconded by Councillor Kinney that one hour of ice time be provided to the Bank of Montreal to host a charitable skate to raise food provisions for the community through the local food bank.

CARRIED

8. RESOLUTIONS FROM CLOSED MEETINGS

9. BYLAWS

10. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

11. REPORTS, QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

a) Councillor Thorkelson – Re: Pacific North West LNG (Petronas).

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.

MOVED by Councillor Cunningham, Seconded by Councillor Randhawa that this Agenda item be table until next Council meeting.

CARRIED

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Randhawa and seconded by Councillor Mirau that the meeting be adjourned at 8:08 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