



MINUTES

For the **REGULAR MEETING** of Council held on October 10, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 424 – 3rd Avenue West, Prince Rupert, B.C.

PRESENT: Mayor H. Pond
Councillor G. Randhawa
Councillor B. Cunningham
Councillor N. Adey
Councillor T. Forster (Remote)
Councillor R. Skelton-Morven (Remote)
Councillor W. Niesh

STAFF: R. Buchan, City Manager
R. Miller, Corporate Administrator (Remote)
C. Bomben, Chief Financial Officer
R. Pucci, Director of Operations & Intergovernmental Relations
M. Pope, Director of Development Services
P. Vendittelli, Director of Economic Development & Transportation
V. Stewart, Manager of Communications, Engagement & Social Development
R. Paras, Planner

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the Regular Meeting of Council to order at 7:00 p.m. The Mayor also took the time to acknowledge the passing of Mrs. Barbara Gruber. Mrs. Gruber received the Freedom of the City award in 2021.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

Item 7.f) Pole raising and feast

Item 8.c) Third Reading for Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Adey and seconded by Councillor Randhawa THAT the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of October 10, 2023, be adopted as presented and amended.

CARRIED

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

5. CONSENT AGENDA

a) Council minutes

- i. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 11, 2023;
- ii. Minutes of the Special Regular Meeting of September 11, 2023;

b) Reports

- iii. Report from the Fire Chief Re: Monthly Fire / Rescue Report – September 2023;
- iv. Report from the Chief Financial Officer Re: August 2023 Financial Variance Report;

- v. Report from Planning Re: Community Planning Activity Report for September 2023;
 - vi. Report from Planning Re: Development Activity Report for September 2023;
 - vii. Report from Manager of Communications, Engagement & Social Development and the Victim Services Manager Re: Update on Situation Table Program Roll Out; and,
- c) **Correspondence**
- viii. Report from Minister of Housing, Ravi Kahlon Re: Prince Rupert Homeless Count.

MOVED by Councillor Randhawa and seconded by Councillor Adey THAT all items on the Consent Agenda be accepted as noted and filed.

CARRIED

6. REPORTS

a) **Report from the Director of Economic Development & Transportation Re: Digby Island Ferry 2024 Refit - Award**

MOVED by Councillor Cunningham and seconded by Councillor Niesh THAT Council award the Digby Island Ferry 2024 Refit to Point Hope Marine.

b) **Report from the Manager of Communications, Engagement & Social Development Re: New City Flag.**

MOVED by Councillor Randhawa and seconded by Councillor Adey THAT Council select Flag Option C from the updated options selected as the City of Prince Rupert's new flag.

c) **Report from the Director of Development Services Re: DVP-23-01 – Parcel A, District Lot 251**

MOVED by Councillor Niesh and seconded by Councillor Randhawa THAT Council direct staff to proceed to statutory notification for DVP-23-01.

d) **Report from Planning Re: Temporary Use Permit #22-03 for 191 Metlakatla Road**

MOVED by Councillor Adey and Councillor Cunningham THAT Council postpone the approval of TUP-23-03 pending review of comment received.

DEFEATED

MOVED by Councillor Cunningham and seconded by Councillor Niesh THAT Council proceeds with the approval for the renewal of the Temporary Use Permit (TUP) #22-03 and include as a permit condition that the City retains a \$5,000 cash bond until the temporary use is discontinued.

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(Councillors Adey, Cunningham & Skelton-Morven opposed)

- e) Report from the Director of Development Services and Manager of Communications, and Social Development Re: Housing Accelerator Fund – Housing Action Plan.**

MOVED by Councillor Adey and seconded by Councillor Skelton-Morven THAT Council adopt the Housing Acceleration Action Plan as indicated in Attachment 1 of the provided report and direct staff to begin actioning policy statement as budget and resources permit.

- f) Report from the City Manager Re: Pole Raising & Feast**

MOVED by Councillor Forster and seconded by Councillor Skelton-Morven THAT Council approve a grant in the amount of \$5,800.00 for the pole raising and feast taking place on Saturday, October 21, 2023 organized and hosted by the Indian Residential School Survivors Society and the local Ts'msyen Prosperity Society.

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7. BYLAWS

- a) Reserve Fund Amendment Bylaw No. 3522, 2023**

MOVED by Councillor Niesh and seconded by Councillor Cunningham THAT Council introduce and give First, Second and Third Readings to the Reserve Fund Amendment Bylaw No. 3522, 2023.

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- b) Infrastructure Replacement Design Temporary Borrowing Bylaw No. 3523, 2023**

MOVED by Councillor Randhawa and seconded by Councillor Forster THAT Council introduce and give First, Second and Third Readings to the Infrastructure Replacement Design Temporary Borrowing Bylaw No. 3523, 2023.

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- c) Linear Liquid Waste Infrastructure Replacement Temporary Borrowing Bylaw No. 3524, 2023.**

MOVED by Councillor Niesh and seconded by Councillor Forster THAT Council introduce and give First, Second and Third Readings to the Linear Liquid Waste Infrastructure Replacement Temporary Borrowing Bylaw No. 3524, 2023.

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- d) Permissive Property Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 3521, 2023.**

MOVED by Councillor Adey and seconded by Councillor Randhawa THAT Council repeal Permissive Property Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 3501, 2022;

AND THAT Council give Fourth and Final Reading to the City of Prince Rupert Permissive Property Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 3521, 2023.

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8. COUNCIL ROUND TABLE

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Adey and seconded by Councillor Randhawa THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

CARRIED

Confirmed:

MAYOR

Certified Correct:

CORPORATE ADMINISTRATOR