



MINUTES

For the **REGULAR MEETING** of Council to be held on November 27, 2023, at 7:00 pm 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
Councillor W. Niesh
Councillor R. Skelton-Morven (Remote)

STAFF: R. Miller, Director of Corporate & Legislative Services
C. Bomben, Chief Financial Officer (Acting City Manager)
R. Pucci, Director of Operations & Intergovernmental Relations
M. Pope, Director of Development Services
R. Paras, Planner
V. Stewart, Communications Manager

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the Regular Meeting of Council to order at 7:56pm

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Recommendation:

MOVED by Councillor Adey and seconded by Councillor Niesh THAT the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of November 27, 2023, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

(No public present)

5. CONSENT AGENDA

a) Council minutes

- i. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Nov 14, 2023;
- ii. Minutes of the Special Regular Meeting of Nov 14, 2023;

b) Reports

- iii. Report from Chief Financial Officer Re: September 2023 Financial Variance Report; and,

c.) Correspondence

- iv. Memorandum from Manager of Communications, Engagement and Social Development & Chair of Prince Rupert and Area Accessibility Committee Re: Update on Accessibility Committee.

Recommendation:

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

CARRIED

6. REPORTS

- a) **Report from Chief Financial Officer Re: Authorization to Borrow for Heavy Equipment Purchase.**

Recommendation:

MOVED by Councillor Randhawa and seconded by Councillor Foster THAT under Section 175 of the Community Charter, a council may incur a liability; and;

AND THAT Council adopted the 2023 Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw 3517, 2023 on 8th May 2023,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council gives authorization to borrow from the Municipal Finance Authority (MFA) \$1,617,235.27 (One million, six hundred seventeen thousand, two hundred thirty-five dollars and twenty-seven cents) for the purchase of a Gravel Truck, a Garbage Truck, a Dozer, and an Excavator.

CARRIED

- b) **Report from Planning Re: Development Variance Permit #23-23 – 1439 Overlook Street**

Recommendation:

MOVED by Councillor Niesh and seconded by Councillor Cunningham THAT Council gives final approval Development Variance Permit (DVP) #23-23 for 1439 Overlook Street.

CARRIED

- c) **Report from Planning Re: Development Variance Permit #23-25 – 807 Alfred Street**

Recommendation:

MOVED by Councillor Randhawa and seconded by Councillor Adey THAT Council proceeds with the statutory notification process for Development Variance Permit (DVP) #23-25 for 807 Alfred Street.

CARRIED

- d) **Report from the Director of Corporate & Legislative Services Re: Resolution from the Committee of the Whole**

Recommendation:

MOVED by Councillor Adey and seconded by Councillor Skelton-Morven THAT Council directs Staff to Prepare the Five-Year Financial Plan Bylaw using the recommendations presented in Attachment 3 of the 2024 Budget Direction Report to Council provided during the November 27, 2023, Committee of the Whole Meeting.

CARRIED
(OPPOSED: Councillor Randhawa)

MOVED by Councillor Adey and seconded by Councillor Forster THAT staff undertake setting up conversations with the Lester Centre Board and City staff to help the Lester Centre move forward with their financial requests presented.

CARRIED

MOVED by Councillor Adey and seconded by Councillor Skelton-Morven THAT staff explore ways to find opportunities to fund required repairs to the 4th Avenue stairway.

CARRIED

7. BYLAWS

a) City of Prince Rupert 2023 Five Year Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 3525, 2023

Recommendation:

MOVED by Councillor Niesh and seconded by Councillor Skelton-Morven THAT Council introduces and gives First, Second, and Third Readings to the City of Prince Rupert 2023 Five Year Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 3525, 2023.

CARRIED

8. COUNCIL ROUND TABLE

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Cunningham and seconded by Councillor Adey THAT the meeting by adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

CARRIED

Confirmed:

MAYOR

Certified Correct:

DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE
& LEGISLATIVE SERVICES