



MINUTES

For the **REGULAR MEETING** of Council to be held on February 26, 2024, 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

STAFF: R. Buchan, City Manager
C. Bomben, Chief Financial Officer
M. Pope, Director of Development Services
R. Paras, Planner
V. Stewart, Manager of Communications, Engagement & Social Development

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the Regular Meeting of Council to order at 7:22 pm.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

Added as items:

- 6.d) Letter of support for northern process re: BC Ferries service;
- 6.e) Letter from North West Regional Hospital District re: Voting strength allocation on North West Regional Hospital District board.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Cunningham and seconded by Councillor Niesh THAT the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of February 26, 2024, be adopted as presented and amended.

CARRIED

4. PUBLIC COMMENT(S) REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Frank Chirico and Salvatore Chirico (Vancouver, BC) - spoke to item 6 a) 201 – 2nd Avenue West: Remedial Action Order.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) **Council minutes**
 - i. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Feb 12, 2024;

b) Reports

- ii. Report from Director of Operations & Intergovernmental Relations Re: Street Lights Out on the Ministry Highway Corridor; and,

c) Correspondence

- iii. Request for Letter of Support from the Prince Rupert & District Metis Society.

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

CARRIED

6. REPORTS

a) Report from Director of Corporate & Legislative Services Re: 201 – 2nd Avenue West: Remedial Action Order.

MOVED by Councillor Niesh and seconded by Councillor Forster THAT Council direct staff to proceed with a Remedial Action Order under Section 73 of the *Community Charter* whereby the City of Prince Rupert will proceed with the building removal located at 201 – 2nd Avenue West with the costs of removal placed on the property taxes for the said property;

AND THAT Council direct staff to provide notice to the property owner in accordance with Section 77 of the *Community Charter*;

AND THAT Council agree that reconsideration of these orders may be made, in writing, within 14 days of the notice provided under Section 77 of the *Community Charter*; and,

AND THAT if no reconsideration notices are received within 14 days of the notice provided Staff are directed to proceed with the Remedial Action Orders immediately as requested.

CARRIED

b) Report from Director of Corporate & Legislative Services Re: 1913 – 7th Avenue East: Remedial Action Order.

MOVED by Councillor Skelton-Morven and seconded by Councillor Cunningham THAT Council direct staff to proceed with a Remedial Action Order under Section 73 of the *Community Charter* whereby the City of Prince Rupert will proceed with the building removal located at 1913 – 7th Avenue East with the costs of removal placed on the property taxes for the said property;

AND THAT Council direct staff to provide notice to the property owner in accordance with Section 77 of the *Community Charter*;

AND THAT Council agree that reconsideration of these orders may be made, in writing, within 14 days of the notice provided under Section 77 of the *Community Charter*;

AND THAT if no reconsideration notices are received within 14 days of the notice provided Staff are directed to proceed with the Remedial Action Orders immediately as requested.

CARRIED

c) Report from Chief Financial Officer Re: Speculation and Vacancy Tax NCLGA Resolution.

MOVED by Councillor Cunningham and seconded by Councillor Niesh THAT Council endorse the attached resolution and submit it for consideration at the 2024 NCLGA Annual General Meeting.

CARRIED

d) Letter of Support for Northern Process Re: BC Ferries Service.

MOVED by Councillor Cunningham and seconded by Councillor Forster THAT Council direct staff to write a letter of support for a dedicated northern process as it relates to BC Ferries long-term vision for servicing the North and Central Coast population.

CARRIED

e) Letter from North West Regional Hospital District Re: Voting Strength Allocation on North West Regional Hospital District Board.

MOVED by Councillor Forster and seconded by Councillor Adey THAT Council assigns Councillor Cunningham 3 votes, Mayor Pond 2 votes of the 5 votes allocated on the North West Regional Hospital District Board and that the North West Regional Hospital District Board be informed of the voting strength assigned.

CARRIED

7. BYLAWS

a) City of Prince Rupert Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3506, 2023.

MOVED by Councillor Adey and seconded by Councillor Forster THAT Council gives fourth and final reading to the City of Prince Rupert Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3506, 2023.

CARRIED

(Councillor Forster left the meeting citing conflict of interest: 7:55 pm;

8. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

- a) MOVED by Councillor Randhawa and seconded by Councillor Adey THAT City of Prince Rupert invite representatives from business and industry, government, local First Nations, Northern Health and the medical community, to discuss and implement strategies that support recruitment and retention of medical professionals in Prince Rupert, with an immediate focus on physicians.

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- b) MOVED by Councillor Adey and seconded by Councillor Skelton-Morven THAT the City consult with Northern Health regarding the appropriate public use of Emergency Services, publicly available alternatives for non-emergency services, and to support Northern Health by using the City's communications to publicize the resulting information.

CARRIED

(Councillor Forster returned to the meeting: 8:05 pm)

9. COUNCIL ROUND TABLE

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Skelton-Morven and seconded by Councillor Cunningham THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

CARRIED

Confirmed:

MAYOR

Certified Correct:

DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE
& LEGISLATIVE SERVICES/ CORP. OFFICER