



MINUTES

For the **REGULAR MEETING** of Council to be held on Monday, November 25, 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 W. Niesh (Remote)
Councillor G. Randhawa
Councillor B. Cunningham
Councillor N. Adey
Councillor T. Forster
Councillor R. Skelton-Morven (Remote)

STAFF: R. Pucci, Deputy City Manager
R. Miller, Director of Corporate & Legislative Services /
Corporate Officer
C. Bomben, Chief Financial Officer
M. Pope, Director of Development Services
V. Steward, Manager of Communications, Engagement and Social
Development

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the regular meeting to order at 9:22 pm.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Forster and seconded by Councillor Adey THAT the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of November 25, 2024 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. RESOLUTIONS AND/OR RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Forster and seconded by Councillor Skelton-Morven THAT Council considers repealing Bylaw 3401, 2016 and introduce and give First, Second and Third Readings to a Bylaw to regulate the provision of use of water works – Bylaw No. 3549, 2024 (Fee schedule option 3);

CARRIED

AND MOVED by Councillor Adey and seconded by Councillor Forster THAT Council considers applying the full 9.5 million dollars to sewer funds and repealing Bylaw 3402, 2016, and any amendments thereto, and introduce and give First, Second and Third Readings of a Bylaw to regulate the provision and use of sewer works – Bylaw No. 3548, 2024 (Fee schedule option 1, 2, 3 or 4);

3 IN-FAVOUR

3 OPPOSED

DEFEATED

AND MOVED by Councillor Adey and seconded by Councillor Forster THAT Council considers repealing Bylaw 3480, 2021 and introduce and give First, Second and Third Readings to a Bylaw regulate the collection and disposal of solid wastes – Bylaw No. 3550, 2024 (Fee schedule option 2);

CARRIED

AND MOVED by Councillor Adey and seconded by Councillor Niesh THAT Council considers repealing Bylaw 3486, 2022 and introduce and give First, Second and Third Readings of a Bylaw to regulate subdivision and services – Bylaw No. 3546, 2024 (Option 1);

AND THAT Council's Committee of the Whole resolution(s) directing utility bylaw options be recommended to the Regular Meeting of Council for November 25, 2024.

CARRIED

MOVED by Councillor Forster and seconded by Councillor Adey THAT Council receives the information in this report;

AND THAT Council directs staff to prepare the Five-Year Financial Plan Bylaw using the recommendations presented in Attachment 3 with the removal of the Capital Reserve Transfer and the 3rd & Fulton street light repair;

AND THAT the funding from the 3rd & Fulton street light repair be allocated to fund the City Hall Envelope Repairs and top floor offices and the Pool Filtration replacement and Pool Exterior Wall repairs;

AND THAT Council directs staff to include in the Five-Year Financial Plan Bylaw the Indigenous Relations Committee request and the staff increase to Bylaw for the Community Safety Officer program;

AND THAT Council directs staff to incorporate the proposed Water Utility and Sanitary and Storm Sewer Utility rate increases resolved at the Committee of the Whole November 25, 2024 into the Five-Year Financial Plan Bylaw;

AND THAT Council's Committee of the Whole resolution directing the preparation of the Five-Year Financial Plan be recommended to the Regular Meeting of Council November 25, 2024.

CARRIED

5. PUBLIC COMMENT(S) REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

Terry Sawka, Prince Rupert – Re: Request for Civic Bylaw Officer

6. CONSENT AGENDA

a) Council minutes for approval

- i. Minutes of the Special Meeting of November 12, 2024;
- ii. Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 12, 2024;
- iii. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 12, 2024

b) Correspondence for receipt

- iv. Northern Health News Release Re: New Terrace Hospital Gifted Tsimshian Name;
- v. Letter to Mayor Pond on behalf of the Westac Board of Directors;
- vi. Email from Brian Denton Re: Intersection of 3rd Avenue and Fulton Street; and,
- vii. Letter from Brian Roberts Re: Intersection of 3rd Avenue and Fulton Street and Playground Equipment for Odd Eidsvik Park.

MOVED by Councillor Cunningham and seconded by Councillor Adey THAT all items on the Consent Agenda be approved as requested.

CARRIED

7. REPORTS

a) Report from the Director of Corporate & Legislative Services Re: Creation of a Good Neighbour Bylaw.

MOVED by Councillor Cunningham and seconded by Councillor Randhawa THAT Council direct Staff to create a "Good Neighbour Bylaw" to assist with the protection of the Quality of Life for its citizens and endeavor to promote the civic responsibility and further strive to encourage good relations between neighbours and the community overall.

CARRIED

b) Report from the Director of Corporate & Legislative Services Re: Port City Spirits Liquor License Amendment Request.

MOVED by Councillor Cunningham and seconded by Councillor Randhawa THAT Council direct Staff to provide a Letter of Support to the BC Liquor and Cannabis Licensing Branch with respect to the application for Port City Spirits for an application to amend their Hours of Liquor Service to Sunday through Saturday from 10 am through to 2 am.

CARRIED

c) Report from the Director of Corporate & Legislative Services Re: Retail Cannabis Application for 719 – 2nd Avenue West.

MOVED by Councillor Cunningham and seconded by Councillor Forster THAT Council direct Staff to provide a Letter of Support to the BC Liquor and Cannabis Licensing Branch with respect to the application for 1456412 BC Ltd. in accordance with the City of Prince Rupert's Retail Cannabis Retail Application Policy.

CARRIED

d) Report from the Chief Financial Officer Re: 2024 Five Year Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 3552, 2024.

MOVED by Councillor Cunningham and seconded by Councillor Niesh THAT Council proceed with consideration of the City of Prince Rupert 2024 Five Year Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 3552, 2024.

CARRIED

e) Report from the Chief Financial Officer and the Director of Development Services Re: Extension of Development Incentives

MOVED by Councillor Niesh and seconded by Councillor Forster THAT Council waive application fees for residential Rezoning, Development Permit and Building Permit applications outside of the City Core that result in net new housing units until December 31, 2029, while maintaining fees for any permit renewals;

AND THAT Council waive application initial fees for all Development Permits, Building Permits, and Rezoning in the City Core until December 31, 2029, while maintaining fees for any permit renewals;

AND THAT Council direct staff to bring annual reports on the effectiveness and opportunity cost of these incentives in December of each year of this program for their consideration;

AND THAT Council consider this report in regards to the City of Prince Rupert Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 3553, 2024.

CARRIED

8. BYLAWS

a) City of Prince Rupert Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 3542, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Adey and seconded by Councillor Randhawa THAT Council give Fourth and Final Reading to the City of Prince Rupert Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 3542, 2024.

CARRIED

b) City of Prince Rupert Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3543, 2024.

MOVED by Councillor Adey and seconded by Councillor Forster THAT Council give Fourth & Final Reading to the City of Prince Rupert Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3543, 2024.

CARRIED

c) City of Prince Rupert 2024 Five Year Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 3552, 2024.

MOVED by Councillor Adey and seconded by Councillor Forster THAT Council give First, Second, and Third reading to the City of Prince Rupert 2024 Five Year Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 3552, 2024.

CARRIED

d) City of Prince Rupert Revitalization Tax Exemption Program Bylaw No. 3553, 2024.

MOVED by Councillor Forster and seconded by Councillor Niesh THAT Council give First, Second, and Third reading to the City of Prince Rupert Revitalization Tax Exemption Program Bylaw No. 3553, 2024.

CARRIED

e) City of Prince Rupert Subdivision and Servicing Standard Bylaw No. 3546, 2024.

MOVED by Councillor Adey and seconded by Councillor Randhawa THAT Council give First, Second, and Third reading to the City of Prince Rupert Subdivision and Servicing Standard Bylaw No. 3546, 2024.

CARRIED

f) City of Prince Rupert Sanitary and Storm Sewer Utility Management Bylaw No. 3548, 2024.

Council postpone the City of Prince Rupert Sanitary and Storm Sewer Utility Management Bylaw No. 3548, 2024 to the next Council Meeting.

g) City of Prince Rupert Water Utility Management Bylaw No. 3549, 2024.

MOVED by Councillor Forster and seconded by Councillor Adey THAT Council give First, Second, and Third reading to the Option 3 of the City of Prince Rupert Water Utility Management Bylaw No. 3549, 2024.

CARRIED

h) City of Prince Rupert Solid Waste Management Bylaw No. 3550, 2024.

MOVED by Councillor Forster and seconded by Councillor Adey THAT Council give First, Second, and Third reading to the Option 2 of the City of

Prince Rupert Solid Waste Management Bylaw No. 3550, 2024.

CARRIED

9. COUNCIL ROUND TABLE

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Randhawa and seconded by Councillor Adey THAT the meeting be adjourned to close at 9:50 pm.

CARRIED

Confirmed:

MAYOR

Certified Correct:

CORPORATE OFFICER