



MINUTES

For the **REGULAR MEETING** of Council to be held on Monday, January 27, 2025, at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 424 – 3rd Avenue West, Prince Rupert, B.C.

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

STAFF: R. Buchan, City Manager
R. Pucci, Deputy City Manager (Remote)
R. Miller, Director of Corporate & Legislative Services /
Corporate Officer (Remote)
C. Bomben, Chief Financial Officer
M. Pope, Director of Development Services
N. Beauregard, Director of Recreation & Community Services
R. Fraser, Director of Operations
V. Steward, Manager of Communications, Engagement and Social
Development
R. Paras, Planner

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the regular meeting to order at 7:22 pm.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Adey and seconded by Councillor Randhawa THAT the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of January 27, 2025 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. PUBLIC COMMENT(S) REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

5. CONSENT AGENDA

a) Council minutes for approval

- i. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 13, 2025;

b) Reports for receipt

- ii. Report from the Planning Re: December 2024 Development Activity;
- iii. Report from the Manager of Communications, Engagement and Social Development: Update on Request for Extension of Millennium Walkway Memorial Wall Program;
- iv. Report from the Planning Re: January 2025 Community Planning Activity Report;
- v. Report from the Deputy City Manager Re: Follow-Up to Council Inquires – Consent Agenda;
- vi. Report from the Director of Operations Re: Prince Rupert Major Project Update;

c) Correspondence for approval

- vii. North Coast Regional District Re: United Coast - Collective Advocacy for Northern Ferry Routes;
- viii. Request for Support for the Application to Northern Development Trust from the Prince Rupert Performing Arts Centre Society for the Freshened Impression project; and

d) Correspondence for receipt

- ix. Union of BC Municipalities Re: 2024/25 Urban Communities Partnering for Reconciliation Pilot – Approval Agreement & Terms and Conditions of Funding.

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

CARRIED

6. REPORTS

a) Report from the Planning Re: Climate Change Adaptation Plan

MOVED by Councillor Forster and seconded by Councillor Adey THAT Council adopt the Climate Change Adaptation and Action Plan indicated in Attachment 1 and direct staff to integrate plan direction into departmental and budgeting as resources permit.

CARRIED

b) Report from the Director of Corporate & Legislative Services Re: Liquor License Amendment (New Outdoor Patio)

MOVED by Councillor Niesh and seconded by Councillor Cunningham 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 for a Liquor Primary New Outdoor Patio at 1F-801 Fraser

Street with hours of operation from 10:00 am to 11:00 pm Sunday through Saturday for the patio.

CARRIED

c) Report from the Director of Recreation and Community Services Re: 2025 All Native Basketball Tournament arena set-up fee removal

MOVED by Councillor Forster and seconded by Councillor Cunningham THAT Council approve waiving the 2025 bylaw fees associated for the arena dry floor set up on Friday February 7th, from 10:30 pm to Saturday February 8th, 8 am for the All Native Basketball Tournament (ANBT).

CARRIED

d) Report from the Director of Operations Re: Lisa Walters Drive Improvements

MOVED by Councillor Niesh and seconded by Councillor Cunningham THAT Council resolves that expenditures for improvements to Lisa Walters Drive be approved and directs the work to be included in the 5 Year Financial Plan Bylaw.

CARRIED

e) Report from the Planning Re: Development Variance Permit #24-10 – 975 Saskatoon Avenue

MOVED by Councillor Niesh and seconded by Councillor Cunningham THAT Council approves of Development Variance Permit (DVP) #24-10.

CARRIED

f) Report from the Planning Re: Rezoning Application ZBLA-24-04

MOVED by Councillor Adey and seconded by Councillor Niesh THAT Council consider the Rezoning Application ZBLA-24-04;

AND THAT a Section 219 covenant is registered in the Land Title Office prior to 4th reading of this Bylaw on the property titled LOTS 1 TO 4 BLOCK 16 SECTION 1 DISTRICT LOT 251 RANGE 5 COAST DISTRICT PLAN 923 that requires the owner to upgrade servicing to the subject property as required by the City to accommodate any future land-use changes or development.

CARRIED

7. BYLAWS

a) City of Prince Rupert Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 3537, 2025

MOVED by Councillor Adey and seconded by Councillor Skelton-Morven THAT Council give First and Second Readings to the City of Prince Rupert Zoning

Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 3537, 2025;

AND THAT Council proceed to the Public Hearing.

CARRIED

8. COUNCIL ROUND TABLE

The City doesn't have any plans to close the Library.

Staff will look into a new system to implement for the Spring Clean up program for 2025.

Request from Director of Recreation & Community Services for support in voting for Prince Rupert to win the Kraft Hockeyville community prize of \$250,000.00 for arena upgrades.

Thank you from the City to the North Coast Transition Society, the Highliner Hotel, the Prestige Hotel, the Bargain Shop and others for helping victims of the fire in the Sherbrook Apartments.

The Health Committee (a task force on recruitment and retention) has done great work to facilitate physician visits and to help find solutions to barriers for these physicians to settle in Prince Rupert.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Cunnigham and seconded by Councillor Niesh THAT the meeting be adjourned to close at 7:54 pm.

CARRIED

Confirmed:

MAYOR

Certified Correct:

CORPORATE OFFICER