



MINUTES

For the **REGULAR MEETING** of Council to be held on Monday, March 24, 2025, at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 424 – 3rd Avenue West, Prince Rupert, B.C.

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

STAFF: R. Buchan, City Manager
R. Pucci, Deputy City Manager
C. Bomben, Chief Financial Officer
N. Beauregard, Director of Recreation & Community Services
J. Schmidt, Deputy Director of Operations
V. Steward, Manager of Communications, Engagement and Social Development

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the regular meeting to order at 8:38 pm.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

Added as items:

4. a) Recommendation from the Committee of the Whole with respect to Impending Staff Shortages Presentation;
4. b) Recommendation from the Committee of the Whole with respect to Sacred Fire Family Presentation;
8. a) Notice of motion to upgrade the Cemetery Bylaw proposed by Councillor Cunningham.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CARRIED

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

a) Recommendation from the Committee of the Whole with respect to Impending Staff Shortages Presentation

MOVED by Councillor Adey and seconded by Councillor Randhawa that Council direct Staff to work with John Farrell, Executive Director for the Community Futures, on crafting the declaration to the next Council Meeting for consideration.

CARRIED

b) Recommendation from the Committee of the Whole with respect to Sacred Fire Family Presentation

MOVED by Councillor Forster and seconded by Councillor Cunningham THAT Council direct Staff to connect with Symbia Barnaby for the future steps forward.

CARRIED

5. PUBLIC COMMENT(S) REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

6. CONSENT AGENDA

a) Council minutes for approval

- i. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 10, 2025;
- ii. Minutes of the Special Meeting of March 10, 2025;

b) Reports for receipt

- iii. Report from the Fire Chief Re: Monthly Fire / Rescue Report – February 2025;
- iv. Report from the Deputy Director of Operations Re: Operations Major Project Update;

c) Correspondence for approval

- v. Request for the Letter of Support for the 2030 Special Olympics Canada Summer Games; and,

d) Correspondence for receipt

- vi. CMF Charters Re: Upcoming Bylaw Amendment for Cow Bay Marina Rates.

MOVED by Councillor Forster and seconded by Councillor Adey THAT all items

on the Consent Agenda be approved or received as requested and amended.

CARRIED

7. REPORTS

a) Report from the Chief Financial Officer Re: Northwest Regional Funding Reporting

MOVED by Councillor Adey and seconded by Councillor Forster THAT Council approve the long-term development plan for 2024 through 2028 and the policy statement prepared for the Province of British Columbia as required under the Northwest Regional Funding Agreement.

CARRIED

b) Report from the Manager of Communications, Engagement, and Social Development Re: Rotary Club Bandshell Project

MOVED by Councillor Forster and seconded by Councillor Cunningham THAT Council confirm that the City will accept Rotary's donation of the bandshell structure at Mariners Park as a City-owned asset following construction completion, with provision for continued staff involvement in materials selection and design processes;

AND THAT Council provide direction for staff to include projected asset management expenses in the annual budget for consideration, following construction completion.

CARRIED

c) Report from Councillor Forster Re: Proposal for Prince Rupert City re: Canadian Procurement Proposal

MOVED by Councillor Forster and seconded by Councillor Randhawa THAT the Prince Rupert City Council requests Staff to review current procurement practices and identify opportunities to enhance "Buy Canadian" purchasing;

AND THAT Staff are requested to report back to Council with a proposed outline of changes at a future meeting of Council, including the cost-benefit implications of adopting a "Buy Canadian" policy and its potential impact on the budget.

CARRIED

8. COUNCIL ROUND TABLE

a) Notice of motion to upgrade the Cemetery Bylaw proposed by Councillor Cunningham.

MOVED by Councillor Forster and seconded by Council Randhawa that Council direct Staff to upgrade the Cemetery Bylaw.

CARRIED

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Randhawa and seconded by Councillor Adey THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:00 pm.

CARRIED

Confirmed:

MAYOR

Certified Correct:

CORPORATE OFFICER