



MINUTES

For the **REGULAR MEETING** of Council, held on Monday, June 9, 2025, 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 (Remote) (7:06PM)
Councillor W. Niesh

ABSENT: R. Pucci, Deputy City Manager

STAFF: R. Buchan, City Manager
R. Miller, Director of Corporate & Legislative Services/Corp. Officer
C. Bomben, CFO
J. Beckwith, Fire Chief
M. Pope, Director of Development Services & Planning (Remote)
N. Beauregard, Director of Recreation & Community Services
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 7:00pm.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Randhawa and Seconded by Councillor Adey THAT the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of June 9, 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 May 26, 2025;

b) Reports for receipt

- ii. Report from the Director of Recreation and Community Services Re: Recreation and Community Services 2025 Activities Update;
- iii. Report from Planning Re: Development Activity Report May 2025; and,

c) Correspondence for approval

- iv. Request for proclamation for National Drowning Prevention Week – July 20 – 26, 2025.

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

CARRIED

6. REPORTS

a) Report from the City Manager Re: Consideration of the 2024 Annual Report for Public Circulation

MOVED by Councillor Randhawa and seconded by Councillor Adey THAT Council approve the circulation of the 2024 Annual Report;

AND THAT Council set the date of June 23, 2025, for a public meeting on the Annual Report.

CARRIED

b) Report from the City Manager Re: Strategic Plan Update

MOVED by Councillor Adey and seconded by Councillor Randhawa THAT Council adopt the mid-year Strategic Plan Status Update.

CARRIED

c) Report from the Director of Development & Planning Services Re: Prince Rupert Middle School Development

(Mayor Pond and Councillor Adey left the meeting at 7:16pm)

MOVED by Councillor Randhawa and seconded by Councillor Niesh THAT Council require under S. 506.3 (2)(b) of the *Local Government Act* that School District No. 52 complete the scope of sanitary main replacement as shown in Schedule A of this report at their cost and prior to receiving occupancy of the new middle school building;

AND THAT Council declines the request from School District 52 contractors to waive building permit fees for the new middle school and demolition of the current middle school.

CARRIED

(Mayor Pond and Councillor Adey returned to the meeting at 7:20 pm)

d) Report from Planning Re: Donation of Shelters for Picnic Tables – Seal Cove Salt Marsh Park

MOVED by Councillor Niesh and seconded by Councillor Cunningham THAT Council approves of the donation from the Prince Rupert Rainmakers Interact Club with the condition that the prospective donors opt for metal roof.

CARRIED

7. COUNCIL ROUND TABLE

a) Councillor Forster Re: Request for discussion regarding backyard chickens.

MOVED by Councillor Randhawa and seconded by Councillor Adey THAT Council direct Staff to conduct a review of how introducing a backyard chicken bylaw for the community may work including challenges and considerations including potential costs (addressing waste; bylaw enforcement; etc.) and report back to a future Council meeting.

CARRIED

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Forster and seconded by Councillor Skelton-Morven THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:39pm.

CARRIED

Confirmed:

MAYOR

Certified Correct:

CORPORATE OFFICER