



MINUTES

For the **REGULAR MEETING** of Council, held on Monday, February 9, 2026, at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 424 – 3rd Avenue West, Prince Rupert, B.C.’

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

ABSENT: Councillor R. Skelton-Morven

STAFF: R. Miller, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
C. Bomben, Chief Financial Officer
M. Pope, Director of Development Services
R. Paras, Planner

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Forster called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Randhawa and seconded by Mayor Pond THAT the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of February 9, 2026, be adopted as presented.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT(S) REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

5. CONSENT AGENDA

a) Council minutes for approval

- i. Minutes of the Special Meeting to Close of January 26, 2026;
- ii. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 26, 2026;

b) Reports for receipt

- iii. Report from the Planning Re: Development Activity Report – January 2026;
- iv. Report from the Fire Chief Re: Monthly Fire / Rescue Report – January 2026;

c) Correspondence for receipt

- v. North Coast Regional District Re: January 2026 Board Highlights;
- vi. Letter from Northern Health and First Nations Health Authority Re:

British Columbia's Decriminalization Pilot.

- vii. ~~PULLED Letter from Sharon Grattan Re: Request for Council Consideration: Municipally Owned Grocery Store for Prince Rupert.~~

d) Correspondence for approval

- viii. Request for proclamation February 16-22, 2026 as Heritage Week; and,
- ix. Request for proclamation March 26, 2026 as International Purple Day for Epilepsy Awareness

Recommendation:

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

CARRIED

- 5. c) vii Letter from Sharon Grattan Re: Request for Council Consideration: Municipally Owned Grocery Store for Prince Rupert.**

Recommendation:

MOVED by Mayor Pond and seconded by Councillor Adey that this item not be instructed to staff to proceed.

CARRIED

6. REPORTS

- a) Report from the Economic Development Officer Re: Application to Cultural Infrastructure Program**

MOVED by Councillor Adey and seconded by Councillor Cunningham THAT Council resolve to support staff's funding application to the following grant opportunity from the Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT): Cultural Infrastructure Program.

CARRIED

- b) Report from the Planning Re: Development Variance Permit #26-01 – 1524 Omineca Ave**

MOVED by Councillor Randhawa and seconded by Councillor Niesh THAT Council proceeds with the statutory notification process for Development Variance Permit (DVP) #26-01.

CARRIED

- c) Report from the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Re: 331 8th Avenue East: Remedial Action Order (Lots 17 & 18, Block 25, Section 6, District Lot 251, Range 5, Coast District Plan 923) (PIDs:014-538-857 and 014-538-865) (the "Property")**

MOVED by Councillor Adey and seconded by Councillor Randhawa THAT

Council adopt the following resolution:

THAT pursuant to the *Community Charter*, ss. 72-74, the Council of the City of Prince Rupert hereby:

- (a) Receives the Report of the Deputy CAO regarding the vacant and dilapidated single-family dwelling (the "Building") located on land civically and legally described as 331 8th Avenue East, Prince Rupert, BC, PID: 014-538-857 and 014-538-865, Lot 17 & 18 Block 25, Section 6, District Lot 251 Range 5 Coast District Plan 923 (the "Property") and such other information presented to Council;
- (b) Finds the Building to be in and create an unsafe condition;
- (c) Finds the Building to be a nuisance and so dilapidated and unclean as to be offensive to the community;
- (d) Orders the registered owner of the Property, Nicolaas Vandenberg, (the "Owner") to do the following:
 - (i) apply for and obtain a permit from the City to either demolish the Building or repair the Building;
 - (i) either demolish the Building or repair the Building by replacing, removing, or repairing all dilapidated elements and make the structure safe for human habitation;
 - (ii) remove all debris and construction waste from the Property;
 - (iii) dispose of all waste and debris at an appropriate waste disposal facility; and
 - (iv) fill in any resulting hole in the ground following the Building's demolition(the "Remedial Action Requirement");
- (e) Requires the Owner to:
 - (i) apply for and obtain from the City a permit under (d)(i) above within 45 days of notice of this Remedial Action Requirement being sent to the Owner; and
 - (ii) complete the remainder of the Remedial Action Requirement within 3 months after the issue of a demolition permit or within 12 months after the issue of a building permit to repair the Building;

- (f) Directs staff to give notice of the Remedial Action Requirement in accordance with section 77 of the *Community Charter*; and
- (g) If any required action under the Remedial Action Requirement is not fulfilled in the time required by Council for that action, authorizes the City, by its staff and contractors, to:
 - (i) enter the Property and demolish the Building and otherwise fulfill the Remedial Action Requirement pursuant to section 17 of the *Community Charter*; and
 - (ii) take such action at the expense of the Owner and recover the cost in accordance with sections 258 and 259 of the *Community Charter*.

CARRIED

d) Report from the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Re: 234 11th Avenue East: Remedial Action Order (Lot E, Block 2, District Lot 251, Range 5, Coast District Plan 4069) (PID: 008-873-119) (the “Property”)

MOVED by Councillor Adey and seconded by Councillor Randhawa THAT

Council adopt the following resolution:

THAT pursuant to the *Community Charter*, ss. 72-74, the Council of the City of Prince Rupert hereby:

- (a) Receives the Report of the Deputy CAO regarding the vacant and dilapidated single-family dwelling (the “Building”) located on land civically and legally described as 234 11th Avenue East, Prince Rupert, BC, PID: 008-873-119, Lot E, Block 2, District Lot 251, Range 5, Coast District Plan 4069 (the “Property”) and such other information presented to Council;
- (b) Finds the Building to be in and create an unsafe condition;
- (c) Finds the Building to be a nuisance and so dilapidated and unclean as to be offensive to the community;
- (d) Orders the registered owners of the Property, Richard Philip Crosby and Mary Louise Crosby, (collectively the “Owner”), to do the following:
 - (i) apply for and obtain a permit from the City to either demolish the Building or repair the Building;
 - (ii) either demolish the Building or repair the Building by replacing, removing, or repairing all dilapidated elements and make the structure safe for human habitation;

- (ii) remove all debris and construction waste from the Property;
- (iii) dispose of all waste and debris at an appropriate waste disposal facility; and
- (iv) fill in any resulting hole in the ground following the Building's demolition

(the "Remedial Action Requirement");

(e) Requires the Owner to:

- (iii) apply for and obtain from the City a permit under (d)(i) above within 45 days of notice of this Remedial Action Requirement being sent to the Owner; and
- (iv) complete the remainder of the Remedial Action Requirement within 3 months after the issue of a demolition permit or within 12 months after the issue of a building permit to repair the Building;

(f) Directs staff to give notice of the Remedial Action Requirement in accordance with section 77 of the *Community Charter*; and

(g) If any required action under the Remedial Action Requirement is not fulfilled in the time required by Council for that action, authorizes the City, by its staff and contractors, to:

- (iii) enter the Property and demolish the Building and otherwise fulfill the Remedial Action Requirement pursuant to section 17 of the *Community Charter*; and
- (iv) take such action at the expense of the Owner and recover the cost in accordance with sections 258 and 259 of the *Community Charter*.

CARRIED

e) Report from the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Re: 1056 8th Avenue East: Remedial Action Order (Lot A, Block 39, District Lots 251 and 1992, Range 5, Coast District Plan 1899 Except Plan 6862) (PID: 012-594-792) (the "Property")

MOVED by Councillor Niesh and seconded by Councillor Cunningham THAT

Council adopt the following resolution:

THAT pursuant to the *Community Charter*, ss. 72-74, the Council of the City of Prince Rupert hereby:

- (a) Receives the Report of the Deputy CAO regarding the vacant and fire-damaged single-family dwelling (the “Building”) located on land civically and legally described as 1056 8th Avenue East, Prince Rupert, BC, PID: 012-594-792, Lot A, Block 39, District Lots 251 and 1992, Range 5, Coast District Plan 1899 Except Plan 6862 (the “Property”) and such other information presented to Council;
- (b) Finds the Building to be in and create an unsafe condition;
- (c) Finds the Building to be a nuisance and so dilapidated and unclean as to be offensive to the community;
- (d) Orders the registered owner of the Property, William Elden Angus, to do the following:
 - (i) apply for and obtain a permit from the City to either demolish the Building or repair the Building;
 - (ii) either demolish the Building or repair the Building to remove and replace all fire-damaged elements and make the structure safe for human habitation;
 - (iii) remove all debris and construction waste from the Property;
 - (iv) dispose of all waste and debris at an appropriate waste disposal facility; and
 - (v) fill in any resulting hole in the ground following the Building’s demolition(the “Remedial Action Requirement”);
- (e) Requires the Owner to:
 - (v) apply for and obtain from the City a permit under (d)(i) above within 45 days of notice of this Remedial Action Requirement being sent to the Owner; and
 - (vi) complete the remainder of the Remedial Action Requirement within 3 months after the issue of a demolition permit or within 12 months after the issue of a building permit to repair the Building;
- (f) Directs staff to give notice of the Remedial Action Requirement in accordance with section 77 of the *Community Charter*; and
- (g) If any required action under the Remedial Action Requirement is not fulfilled in the time required by Council for that action, authorizes the City, by its staff and contractors, to:

- (v) enter the Property and demolish the Building and otherwise fulfill the Remedial Action Requirement pursuant to section 17 of the *Community Charter*; and
- (vi) take such action at the expense of the Owner and recover the cost in accordance with sections 258 and 259 of the *Community Charter*.

CARRIED

7. BYLAWS

a) City of Prince Rupert Highway Road Closure Bylaw No. 3664, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Adey and seconded by Councillor Randhawa THAT Council give Third Reading to the City of Prince Rupert Highway Road Closure Bylaw No. 3664, 2026.

CARRIED

8. COUNCIL ROUND TABLE

- a) Potholes crew has been doing a great job
- b) Best wishes to all for the All Native Basketball Tournament
- c) Old RCMP Building to be brought up to snuff
- d) Mayor in Juneau at Southeast Conference mid session with primary objective to discuss the return of the Alaska ferry to Prince Rupert

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Cunningham and Seconded by Councillor Adey THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:19 pm.

CARRIED

Confirmed:

MAYOR

Certified Correct:

CORPORATE OFFICER