



MINUTES

For the **REGULAR MEETING** of Council, held on Monday, February 23, 2026, 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 424 – 3rd Avenue West, Prince Rupert, B.C.

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

STAFF: R. Pucci, Chief Administrative Officer
R. Miller, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
C. Bomben, Chief Financial Officer
J. Schmidt, Director of Operations
R. Paras, Planner

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor 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 Councillor Forster THAT the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of February 23, 2026, be adopted as presented.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT(S) REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

Moment of silence for the victims of Tumbler Ridge.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

a) Council minutes for approval

- i. Minutes of the Special Meeting to Close of February 9, 2026;
- ii. Minutes of the Public Hearing Meeting of February 9, 2026;
- iii. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 9, 2026; and,

b) Correspondence for receipt

- iv. Email from the City of Kamloops re: Certified Resolution on Heritage Conservation.

Recommendation:

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

CARRIED

6. REPORTS

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

Recommendation:

MOVED by Councillor Cunningham and seconded by Councillor Randhawa THAT Council approves Development Variance Permit (DVP) #26-01

CARRIED

b) Report from the Director of Operations Re: RFT 26-0001 – 2nd Avenue (Morse Creek) Bridge Repair

MOVED by Councillor Randhawa and seconded by Councillor Niesh THAT Council Award RFT 26-0001 for the 2nd Avenue (Morse Creek) Bridge Repair to Surespan Construction Ltd in the amount of \$2,304,557.09 plus applicable taxes;

AND THAT Council directs staff to include the overall estimated project increase of \$1,000,000.00 in the 2026 five-year Financial plan.

CARRIED

OPPOSED – Councillor Cunningham

c) Report from the Director of Operations Re: RFP 2026-0003 – Purchase of Tandem Axle Dump Truck

MOVED by Councillor Cunningham and seconded by Councillor Forster THAT Council award RFP 2026-0003 for the supply and delivery of one tandem axle dump truck to Velocity Trucking Center for Proposal No. 6 – 2027 Freightliner M2106 in the amount of \$343,876.60 plus applicable taxes.

CARRIED

7. COUNCIL ROUND TABLE

a) Councillor Forster presented a resolution for NCLGA (forward then to UBCM) Re: Violence in healthcare and minimum nurse to patient ratios.

MOVED by Councillor Forster and seconded by Councillor Randhawa THAT the resolution as provided, be brought to NCLGA and then to UBCM.

WHEREAS all British Columbians deserve access to high-quality health care when they need it;

AND whereas health-care workers deserve to be provided with safe workplaces – when workers are not safe, neither are patients;

AND whereas minimum nurse-to-patient ratios are an evidence-based solution that improve patient outcomes, provide nurses with manageable workloads, help facilitate safe workplaces;

AND whereas unsafe work environments for health-care workers heighten risks of them leaving the sector, which worsens staffing shortages, can compromise patient access to and quality of care and makes minimum staffing ratios more difficult to achieve;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that UBCM urges the provincial government to take immediate action to prevent violence against health-care workers, including holding health authorities accountable to provide safe workplaces for their employees;

AND be it further resolved that UBCM urges the provincial government to fully implement minimum nurse-to-patient ratios in all health-care settings as soon as possible.

CARRIED

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Forster and seconded by Councillor Randhawa THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:31 pm.

CARRIED

Confirmed:

MAYOR

Certified Correct:

CORPORATE OFFICER