



MINUTES

For the **REGULAR MEETING** of Council, held on Monday, May 25, 2026, 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 424 – 3rd Avenue West, Prince Rupert, B.C.

PRESENT: Councillor G. Randhawa (Acting Mayor/Chair)
Mayor Pond (Remote)
Councillor T. Forster (Remote)
Councillor R. Skelton-Morven (Remote)
Councillor B. Cunningham

STAFF: R. Pucci, Chief Administrative Officer
A. Vera, Sr. Manager of Human Resources
M. Pope, Director of Planning and Development Service
R. Paras, Planner

ABSENT: Councillor N. Adey
Councillor W. Niesh

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Acting Mayor called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Cunningham and seconded by Councillor Skelton-Morven THAT the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of May 27, 2026, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. PUBLIC COMMENT(S) REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

Julio Areias, Registered Architect, representing Kevin Zang, Owner, of the property on 800 2nd Avenue – Spoke in favour of the Parking Variance for this property.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

a) Council minutes for approval

- i. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 11, 2026;

b) Reports for receipt

- i. Report from from Planning Re: Development Activity Report – April 2026;

- ii. Memorandum from the Manager of Communications, Engagement and Social Development Re: Indigenous Relations Committee Feedback on ANBT;

c) Correspondence for action

- i. Joint Advocacy Letter from the City of Dawson Creek Re: Improved Access to Publicly Funded Mental Health Services;

d) Correspondence for receipt

- i. Response to Council Inquiries;
- ii. Approval Letter from Northern Development Initiative Trust Re: Prince Rupert Heritage Rail Zone Revival – Kwinitsa Station;
- iii. Letter from the City of Abbotsford to Honourable Brenda Bailey, Minister of Finance Province of BC Re: Provincial Sales Tax Expansion; and,
- iv. Letter from the Corporation of the District of Saanich to Premier Eby, Minister Dix, Minister Greene, Minister Boyne, and Minister Bailey Re: BC Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP) – Funding Continuation.

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

CARRIED

6. REPORTS

a) Report from the Planning Re: Temporary Use Permit #26-01 – 171 Mish-Aw Road

MOVED by Councillor Cunningham and seconded by Mayor Pond THAT Council proceed with the statutory notification process for Temporary Use Permit (TUP) #26-01 and include as a permit condition that the City retains a \$5000 cash bond until the temporary use is discontinued.

CARRIED

b) Report from the Planning Re: Development Variance Permit #26-04 – 800 2nd Ave W

MOVED by Mayor Pond and seconded by Councillor Cunningham THAT Council proceeds with the statutory notification process for Development Variance Permit (DVP) #26-04.

CARRIED

7. BYLAWS

a) The City of Prince Road Closure Bylaw No. 3672, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Cunningham and seconded by Mayor Pond THAT Council gives Third Reading to the City of Prince Road Closure Bylaw No.

3672, 2026.

CARRIED

b) The City of Prince Road Closure Bylaw No. 3673, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Cunningham and seconded by Councillor Forster THAT Council gives Third Reading to the City of Prince Road Closure Bylaw No. 3673, 2026.

CARRIED

8. COUNCIL ROUND TABLE

Council congratulated the Charles Hays Secondary golf team on qualifying for provincials. The Second Avenue Bridge is expected to be completed in the second week of June. An inquiry was made regarding the timing of upcoming cemetery and other bylaws.

Attendance at the NCGLA conference was reported, where Councillor Forster's resolution on nurse health and safety and staffing ratios was passed and will advance to UBCM.

Council also acknowledged the upcoming election period and reflected on the work completed during the current term, expressing appreciation to Council members and staff for their efforts, collaboration, and perseverance.

The five-year anniversary of the 215 unmarked graves was acknowledged, with thanks to the Lax Kw'alaams Truth and Reconciliation group for hosting events at the Civic Centre. Appreciation was also extended to community volunteers for organizing events such as Salmonfest that benefit the community.

Staff were asked to gather information regarding a proposed AI data centre discussed on social media, to clarify details and potential local impacts.

Council recognized the efforts of staff and contractors in the community clean-up despite increased challenges and requested a post-project review to identify improvements.

Representation at community events was noted, including recognition of investments by Gitxaala Enterprises and attendance at the Red Apple store opening.

It was also noted that delegates from the Governor General's Canadian Leadership Conference are visiting the community.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Cunningham and seconded by Councillor Forster THAT the

meeting be adjourned at 7:36 pm.

CARRIED

Confirmed:

MAYOR

Certified Correct:

CORPORATE OFFICER