



MINUTES

For the **REGULAR MEETING** of Council, held on Monday, June 29, 2026, 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 424 – 3rd Avenue West, Prince Rupert, B.C.

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

STAFF: R. Pucci, Chief Administrative Officer
A. Vera, Senior Manager of Human Resources
M. Pope, Director of Development Services (Remote)
R. Paras, Planner

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the regular meeting to order at 7:43 pm.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

One item added to be discussed during the COUNCIL ROUND TABLE.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Randhawa and seconded by Councillor Forster THAT the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of June 29, 2026, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. PRESENTATIONS

- a) Presentation Re: 2025 Annual Report: CAO presented – Video of Mayor highlighting the 2025 Annual Report was shown.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT(S) REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

6. CONSENT AGENDA

a) Council minutes for approval

- i. Minutes of the Special Meeting to Close of June 5, 2026;
- ii. Minutes of the Special Meeting to Close of June 15, 2026;
- iii. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 15, 2026;

b) Reports for receipt

- iv. Report from the Director of Planning and Development Services Re: Notice of Contract Award over \$500K;

c) Correspondence for action

- i. North Coast Regional District Re: North and Central Pacific Coast Ferry Service Levels – Invitation for Joint Advocacy;
- ii. North Coast Regional District Re: Joint Advocacy Meeting regarding Alaska Ferry Reinstatement;
- iii. Request for Proclamation July 19-25, 2026 as National Drowning Prevention Week;
- iv. Request for Proclamation October 15, 2026 as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day and October 2026 as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month;
- v. City of Prince George Re: Support for the Northern-Rural Homeowners Grant;

d) Correspondence for receipt

- vi. Response to Council Inquiries; and,
- vii. North Central Local Government Association Re: 2026 AGM Highlights.

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

CARRIED

7. REPORTS

a) Report from the Chief Administrative Officer Re: Totem Pole Program – Haida Gwaii Invitation

MOVED by Councillor Adey and seconded by Councillor Forster THAT Council receives this Report and supports the Yahguudangang: To Pay Respect – Gwaii Haanas Repatriation Ceremonies Project with a donation commitment of 25K.

CARRIED

b) Report from the Chief Administrative Officer Re: Adoption of the 2025 Annual Report

MOVED by Councillor Randhawa and seconded by Councillor Forster THAT Council by resolution adopt the 2025 Annual Report.

CARRIED

c) Report from Planning Re: Development Variance Permit 26-04 (DVP-26-04) – 800 2nd Avenue West

MOVED by Councillor Randhawa and seconded by Councillor Adey THAT Council approves of Development Variance Permit (DVP) #26-04.

CARRIED

d) Report from Planning Re: Development Variance Permit 26-06 (DVP-26-06) – 525 2nd Avenue West

MOVED by Councillor Randhawa and seconded by Councillor Forster THAT Council proceeds with the statutory notification process for Development Variance Permit #26-06.

CARRIED

e) Report from the Director of Operations Re: RFT 70018 – 6th Avenue West Watermain Replacement

MOVED by Councillor Adey and seconded by Councillor Forster THAT Council award RFT 70018 for the 6th Avenue West Watermain Replacement to Knappett Industries (2006) Ltd. in the amount of \$11,595,755.00, excluding GST.

CARRIED

8. BYLAWS

a) Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 3558, 2025

MOVED by Councillor Adey and seconded by Councillor Forster THAT Council give Third Reading to Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 3558, 2025 with the amendment that the amount of visible stacked wood be changed to 4x4x8 feet or 1.219 m x 1.219 m x 2.438 m.

CARRIED

b) Election Procedures Bylaw No. 3561, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Randhawa and seconded by Councillor Forster THAT Council give Fourth and Final Reading to Election Procedures Bylaw No. 3561, 2026.

CARRIED

c) Highway Road Closure Bylaw No. 3672, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Niesh and seconded by Councillor Adey THAT Council give Fourth and Final Reading to Highway Road Closure Bylaw No. 3672, 2026.

CARRIED

d) Highway Road Closure Bylaw No. 3673, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Randhawa and seconded by Councillor Adey THAT Council give Fourth and Final Reading to Highway Road Closure Bylaw No. 3673, 2026.

CARRIED

e) Highway Road Closure Bylaw No. 3675, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Forster and seconded by Councillor Adey THAT Council give Third Reading to Highway Road Closure Bylaw No. 3675, 2026.

CARRIED

9. COUNCIL ROUND TABLE

MOVED by Councillor Randhawa and seconded by Councillor Adey THAT Council approve signing the statement requested by the United States Consulate, together with leading U.S. and Canadian companies, organizations, and municipalities, affirming the importance of the Canada–United States bilateral relationship.

OPPOSED: Councillors Forster, Randhawa, Cunningham and Niesh

DEFEATED

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Forster and seconded by Councillor Adey THAT the meeting be adjourned to reopen the closed meeting at 9:20 pm.

CARRIED

Confirmed:

MAYOR

Certified Correct:

CORPORATE OFFICER