



MINUTES

For the **REGULAR MEETING** of Council, held on Tuesday, September 8, 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
Councillor N. Adey
Councillor W. Niesh

STAFF: R. Pucci, Chief Administrative Officer
R. Miller, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
C. Bomben, Chief Financial Officer

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 Skelton-Morven THAT the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of September 8, 2026, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. PUBLIC COMMENT(S) REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

5. CONSENT AGENDA

a) Council minutes for approval

- i. Minutes of the Special Meeting to Close of August 24, 2026;
- ii. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 24, 2026;

b) Reports for receipt

- i. Report from the Chief Administrative Officer Re: Council Requests & Inquiries;

c) Correspondence for approval

- i. Request for Proclamation September 21-27, 2026 as Rail Safety Week;
- ii. Request for Proclamation October 10, 2026 as National Dental Care Day;

- iii. Request for Letter of Support from the City of Prince George Re: Northern and Rural Homeowners Grant;

d) Correspondence for receipt

- i. UBCM Re: Application of Four Criteria, per Extraordinary Resolution 2025-ER1 – Local Government Scope;
- ii. Corporation of the Village of Slocan Re: Support for Continued Local Government Climate Action Program Funding; and,
- iii. Mike Hagen on behalf of Prince Rupert Residents Re: Support for Regulated Use of Electronic Scooters and E-bikes.

MOVED by Councillor Randhawa 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 Chief Financial Officer Re: Permissive Property Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 3571, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Randhawa and seconded by Councillor Adey THAT Council consider the repeal and replace of the Permissive Property Tax Exemption Bylaw for 2027.

CARRIED

b) Report from the Chief Financial Officer Re: Tax Sale Redemption Extension Bylaw 3572, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Cunningham and seconded by Councillor Niesh THAT Council consider the repeal and replace of the Permissive Property Tax Exemption Bylaw for 2027.

CARRIED

c) Report from the Chief Administration Officer Re: Build Communities Strong Fund Application

MOVED by Councillor Adey and seconded by Councillor Niesh THAT Council authorizes staff to apply to the Build Communities Strong Fund (BCSF), Direct Delivery Stream, for funding toward site selection and detailed design of a new water treatment facility with a Class B cost estimate;

AND THAT Council directs staff to include \$2,500,000 in the City's 2027 Capital Budget as the municipal matching contribution, subject to approval of the BCSF application and execution of a funding agreement.

CARRIED

d) Report from the Chief Administrative Officer Re: Award RFP 2026-100 – Integrated Project Delivery Services

MOVED by Councillor Adey and seconded by Councillor Randhawa THAT Council authorize staff to award RFP 26-100 – Integrated Major Project Delivery Services to the joint venture of McElhanney Ltd. and Associated Engineering (B.C.) Ltd., and authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to execute the associated Master Services Agreement and subsequent project-specific assignments in accordance with approved City budgets and funding agreements.

CARRIED

7. BYLAWS

a) Delegation Bylaw No. 3564, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Adey and seconded by Councillor Randhawa THAT Council consider fourth and final reading to Delegation Bylaw No. 3564, 2026.

CARRIED

b) Development Approval Information Amendment Bylaw No. 3565, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Niesh and seconded by Councillor Cunningham THAT Council consider fourth and final reading to Development Approval Information Amendment Bylaw No. 3565, 2026.

CARRIED

c) Development Procedure Bylaw No. 3566, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Forster and seconded by Councillor Randhawa THAT Council consider fourth and final reading to Development Procedure Bylaw No. 3566, 2026.

CARRIED

d) Officers Bylaw No. 3567, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Forster and seconded by Councillor Adey THAT Council consider fourth and final reading to Officers Bylaw No. 3567, 2026.

CARRIED

e) Corporate Signing Authority & Delegation Bylaw No. 3568, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Cunningham and seconded by Councillor Niesh THAT Council consider fourth and final reading to Corporate Signing Authority & Delegation Bylaw No. 3568, 2026.

CARRIED

f) Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Administration Bylaw No. 3569, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Forster and seconded by Councillor Adey THAT Council consider fourth and final reading to Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Administration Bylaw No. 3569, 2026.

CARRIED

g) Permissive Property Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 3571, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Forster and seconded by Councillor Skelton-Morven THAT Council consider first, second and third readings to Permissive Property Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 3571, 2026.

CARRIED

h) Tax Sale Redemption Extension Bylaw 3572, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Cunningham and seconded by Councillor Forster THAT Council consider first, second and third readings to Tax Sale Redemption Extension Bylaw No. 3572, 2026.

CARRIED

8. COUNCIL ROUND TABLE

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Forster and seconded by Councillor Randhawa THAT the meeting be adjourned to the closed meeting at 7:27 pm.

CARRIED

Confirmed:

MAYOR

Certified Correct:

CORPORATE OFFICER