



City of Prince Rupert

MINUTES

For the **REGULAR MEETING** of Council held on February 25, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 424 - 3rd Avenue West, Prince Rupert, B.C.

PRESENT: Mayor L. Brain
Councillor B. Mirau
Councillor B. Cunningham
Councillor W. Niesh
Councillor G. Randhawa
Councillor N. Adey
Councillor R. Skelton-Morven

STAFF: R. Long, City Manager
C. Bomben, Chief Financial Officer
A. Vera, Deputy Corporate Administrator
V. Stewart, Communications Manager
Z. Krekic, City Planner

1. CALL TO ORDER

MOVED by Councillor Adey and seconded by Councillor Randhawa that the Regular Meeting be suspended and the Committee of the Whole Meeting be convened.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Randhawa and seconded by Councillor Cunningham that the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of February 25, 2019 be adopted as presented, with the addition of Petitions & Delegations Agenda Item 4(a) being an opportunity for public comment on the Development Variance Permit Application at 1045 – 1st Avenue West.

CARRIED

3. MINUTES

a) MOVED by Councillor Cunningham and seconded by Councillor Skelton-Morven that the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting of February 11, 2019 be adopted.

CARRIED

b) MOVED by Councillor Adey and seconded by Councillor Randhawa that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of February 11, 2019 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

a) Application for Development Variance Permit at 1045 – 1st Avenue West – Re: Opportunity for Public Comment.

The Mayor asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to speak to this application. There were no comments made by the public.

b) Representative of the Select Standing Committee – Re: Mayor & Council Remuneration and Per Diem.

Rory Gowler and Bob Thompson, Representatives of the Select Standing Committee, presented the following recommendations in regard to the Mayor and Council's remuneration and per diem rates:

- City of Prince Rupert Mayor position should retain fulltime status;
- Mayor and Council position salaries be updated to include the annual salary adjustment as per Bylaw 2892, 1994 with no wage freeze moving forward;
- Mayor position gross salary be set at \$75,000;
- Council position salary be set at 25% of the mayor's gross salary;
- Tier system be introduced in the travel per diem rate structure, where Tier 2 communities (Lower main land, Vancouver, Whistler and Victoria) have a per diem rate of \$100 for a full day of travel and \$50 for a half day. Tier 1 communities (all other BC communities) have a per diem rate of \$80 for a full day of travel and \$40 for a half day.

c) Corinne Bomben, Chief Financial Officer, City of Prince Rupert – Re: 2019 Budget Presentation.

Corinne Bomben, Chief Financial Officer, presented the 2019 budget.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

a) Report from the Chief Financial Officer – Re: 2019 Budget Presentation

MOVED by Councillor Niesh and seconded by Councillor Cunningham that Council receive this report for information purposes and delay any direction to Staff until after public consultation and final BC Assessment values are released.

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b) Report from the City Planner – Re: Application for Development Variance Permit – 970 Edward Avenue.

MOVED by Councillor Adey and seconded by Councillor Randhawa that the Development Variance Permit Application No. DP-19-01 for 970 Edward Avenue proceeds to Final Consideration.

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c) Report from the City Planner – Re: Request to Discharge Covenant – 1051 Chamberlin Avenue.

MOVED by Councillor Randhawa and seconded by Councillor Niesh that Council approves the discharge of the Covenant subject to Mr. Warburton applying and receiving a Zoning Amendment to permit the proposed use and payment of all legal costs associated.

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d) Report from the Chief Financial Officer – Re: Authorization for Short Term Borrowing from the MFA.

MOVED by Councillor Niesh and seconded by Councillor Mirau that Council approves and makes the following resolution:

WHEREAS under Section 175 of the Community Charter a council may incur a liability; and,

WHEREAS Council adopted the 2018 Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 3426, 2018, on 23rd April 2018; and ,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council gives authorization to borrow from the Municipal Finance Authority (MFA) \$1,150,000 (One million, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars) for the upgrade of the Prince Rupert RCMP Detachment Cell Block, and the purchase and installation of the Public Works Office Complex; repayment of which to be made over five (5) years with no provisions for renewal.

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e) Report from the Communications Manager – Re: Grant Application for Refurbishment of the CNR Station Heritage Building.

MOVED by Councillor Mirau and seconded by Councillor Cunningham that Council approve, by resolution, the application to the NDIT Economic Diversification Infrastructure fund for funding to support the redevelopment of the CN Heritage Rail Station.

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7. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

8. RESOLUTIONS FROM CLOSED MEETINGS

9. BYLAWS

10. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

11. REPORTS, QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Adey and seconded by Councillor Mirau that the meeting be adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

CARRIED

Confirmed:

These meeting Minutes were adopted by Council. To view signed original, visit City Hall Administration or contact via phone 250-627-0934 or e-mail cityhall@princerupert.ca

MAYOR

Certified Correct:

CORPORATE ADMINISTRATOR