

***MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON  
TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2021 AT 7:30 P.M.***

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*Deputy Mayor S. Bujtas presided. Mayor C. Leclerc was present (via videoconference). Councillors present were L. Christiansen (via videoconference), J. Cordeiro (via videoconference), and B. Downie (via videoconference). Councillor E. Ramsay was absent. Also in attendance were A. Thompson, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer and Clerk, L. Greenlaw, Director of Finance (via videoconference), D. Block, Director of Development Services (via videoconference), K. Newman, Planning Manager (via videoconference), J. Lambert, Director of Engineering and Public Works (via videoconference), T. Irwin, Director of Leisure Services (via videoconference), K. Lautens, Communications Advisor (via videoconference), S. Pellegrino, RCMP Victim Services Unit Program Manager (via videoconference at 7:55 p.m.), and A. Poole, Executive Assistant.*

**MOVE TO IN-CAMERA  
SPECIAL COUNCIL:**

***Meeting Called to Order at  
6:45 p.m. – Move to In-  
Camera Special Council***

*(No. 220)*

*MOVED/SECONDED to move In-Camera and close the meeting to the public pursuant to Division 3, Section 90(1) (k) of the Community Charter (to discuss matters relating to negotiations for municipal services).*

*Carried Unanimously.*

**REGULAR MEETING:**

*Deputy Mayor Bujtas acknowledged that the meeting was being held on the traditional unceded homelands and territories of the Tsimshian First Nations. He also advised that Council agendas and minutes were available for viewing at [www.terrace.ca](http://www.terrace.ca), that the Council meeting was being livestreamed on the City's Facebook page, and that the past minutes have been archived.*

*Deputy Mayor Bujtas acknowledged that the current public health orders prohibit the public from attending Council meetings in person. The media and members of the public still have an opportunity*

*at the end of the meeting to comment or ask questions pertaining to items on the agenda.*

*It was further explained that participation could be had by joining the virtual Microsoft Teams meeting through a computer, mobile device, or regular telephone call. The information on how to take part in the question portion of the meeting could be found at [terrace.ca/participate](http://terrace.ca/participate).*

**ADDENDUM:**

*There was no Addendum.*

**DELEGATIONS & GUESTS:**

***Cathy Peters, Be Amazing Campaign, Educator – How to Stop Human Sex Trafficking, Sexual Exploitation, and Child Sex Trafficking in BC***

*Deputy Mayor Bujtas welcomed Ms. Peters of the Be Amazing Campaign to the Council meeting.*

*Human sex trafficking and sexual exploitation for the purpose of prostitution is the fastest growing crime in the world and is in British Columbia.*

*Human Trafficking is the recruiting, transporting, transferring, receiving, holding, concealing, harbouring, and exercising of control over a person for the purpose of exploiting them.*

*The average age of recruitment into the sex industry is 13. It is much younger for Indigenous girls. The target age now in the Lower Mainland is 10 – 12 years of age. 54% of those in the sex industry are Indigenous. Indigenous girls are very overrepresented in the sex industry. Ms. Peters shared this information with the BC Indigenous Chiefs and Federal Minister of Justice. At the very least, Indigenous women and girls want forensic nurses and rape kits.*

*COVID-19 has made this problem much worse.*

*Approximately 82% of those involved in prostitution had childhood sexual abuse or incest. 72% live with complex PTSD. 95% of those in prostitution want to leave. It is not a choice, a job, or work. 86% have housing needs and 82% need drug rehabilitation. 84% of prostituted persons are pimped or trafficked.*

*Ms. Peters has been raising awareness about sexual exploitation and child sexual exploitation and trafficking to every City Council, MLA, MP, and police agency in BC since the Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act became federal law in 2014. This law has three parts:*

- 1. It targets demand by targeting the buyer of sex;*
- 2. It recognized the seller of sex as the victim. The victims are usually female and are immune from prosecution; and*
- 3. Exit strategies are put in place to assist the victims out of the sex trade.*

*Vancouver & Toronto are global sex tourism hot spots. Canada is known as a child sex tourism destination.*

*The global sex trade is growing fast and is targeting children. It has been fuelled by the internet where most of the luring is now taking place.*

*Contributing factors to a rapidly growing sex industry are globalization, unregulated technology, limited law enforcement, and very little prevention education.*

*Pornography is fuelling the sex industry and creating the market for commercially paid sex. Men and boys are the buyers and exploiters of sex and are the key to ending exploitation.*

*Ms. Peters recommended that the City reduce demand by targeting complicit businesses. The supply can be diminished by implementing education and public awareness. Business licensing staff can be trained on what to look for when granting business licenses.*

*Typical covers for sex trafficking and exploitation include unregistered massage and body rub parlours, nail spas, holistic health centres, day spas, modeling agencies, tattoo parlours, escort services, cheap bars and hotels, men's clubs, Air BNBs, VRBOs, casinos, strip clubs, organized crime*

*clubhouses, truck stops, homeless camps, tent cities, and work camps.*

*The sex industry is targeting youth, children, and the vulnerable in every BC community and schools are the recruiting grounds for gangs and sex trafficking. The School Liaison Officer programs are critical deterrents. School Liaison Officers prevent crime and protect the vulnerable.*

*Any anti-police narrative will harm communities. They are the only individuals trained to enforce the law. Public awareness in BC is severely lacking.*

*Ms. Peters has sent information packages to 190 municipalities and regional districts and has presented to 87 communities over the past 10 weeks.*

*Ms. Peters had three requests:*

- 1. The ability to present to any stakeholders in the community (including Indigenous bands);*
- 2. That the City alert the Premier and the Solicitor-General that this crime is a priority in BC. She would like the City to ask for funding for provincial law enforcement and a provincial awareness campaign. BC needs an inter-agency human sex trafficking task force, like what is in place for gangs and drugs; and*
- 3. Provide her with a letter of support.*

*Northern BC has a large Indigenous population, as well as the Highway of Tears. There are also many work camps in northern BC, which are notorious for sex trafficking.*

*Ms. Peters requested that staff reach out to MP Taylor Bachrach and ask that he get in touch with her.*

*Deputy Mayor Bujtas thanked Ms. Peters for her presentation and advised that the matter would be further dealt with under the "Correspondence" portion of this meeting's Agenda (See Resolution No. 226).*

***Michael McFetridge, Terrace & District Community Services Society (TDCSS) – Request for Resolution of Support for Northern Development Initiative Trust Grant Application***

*Deputy Mayor Bujtas welcomed Mr. McFetridge of the Terrace & District Community Services Society (TDCSS) to the Council meeting.*

*Mr. McFetridge requested a resolution of support for TDCSS's application to Northern Development Initiative Trust under the Economic Development Stream for a Family Peer Support worker to be positioned at the Foundry Terrace site.*

*The Foundry Terrace wished to support a new service for caregivers of youth who are receiving services from the Foundry. It is important that the caregivers have support in navigating the complex health care systems that youth need to access.*

*Deputy Mayor Bujtas thanked Mr. McFetridge for his presentation and advised that the matter would be further dealt with under the "Correspondence" portion of this meeting's Agenda (See Resolution No. 227).*

**MINUTES:**

***Regular Council Minutes, May 10, 2021***

*(No. 225)*

*MOVED/SECONDED that the Regular Council Minutes of May 10, 2021 be adopted as read on this day and that such Minutes as read set out all the business before Council that day and fully and properly record all of the resolutions and bylaws passed and adopted by Council at that meeting.*

*Carried Unanimously.*

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (OLD BUSINESS):**

*There was no Old Business.*

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

***Cathy Peters, Be Amazing Campaign, Educator – How to Stop Human Sex Trafficking, Sexual Exploitation, and Child Sex Trafficking in BC***

*(No. 226)*

*MOVED/SECONDED that staff provide Ms. Peters with the contact information for Kitselas and Kitsumkalum First Nations, and that Council alert the Premier and the Minister of Public Safety & Solicitor General that this crime is a priority in BC and request funding for provincial law enforcement, a provincial awareness campaign, and an inter-agency human sex trafficking task force similar to what is available for drugs and gangs, and that*

*Council provide Ms. Peters with a letter of support for her advocacy;*

*And that MLA Ellis Ross and MP Taylor Bachrach be copied in the letter of support.*

*Carried Unanimously.*

***Michael McFetridge, Terrace & District Community Services Society (TDCSS) – Request for Resolution of Support for Northern Development Initiative Trust Grant Application***

*MOVED/SECONDED that the City of Terrace support the application to Northern Development Initiative Trust from the Terrace & District Community Services Society for a Family Peer Support position at the Foundry Terrace Center.*

*Carried Unanimously.*

*(No. 227)*

**CONVENE INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:**

*MOVED/SECONDED that the May 25, 2021 Regular Council Meeting convene into Committee of the Whole.*

*(No. 228)*

*Carried Unanimously.*

***Committee of the Whole Development Services Component***

*The following items were discussed at the May 25, 2021 Development Services Component of the Committee of the Whole:*

***➤ May 25, 2021***

- 1. DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT NO. 04-2021 – CITY OF TERRACE (4531, 4533, 4535, AND 4537 PARK AVENUE)***

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- 2. OFFSITE WORKS AND SERVICES – NORTHERN HEALTH AUTHORITY (4720 HAUGLAND AVENUE)***

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

*It was recommended that the Committee now rise and report.*

***Committee of the Whole Development Services Component***

*MOVED/SECONDED that the May 25, 2021 Development Services Component of the Committee of the Whole verbal report be adopted with the following recommendations:*

***➤ May 25, 2021***

*(No. 229)*

- 1. DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT NO. 04-2021 – CITY OF TERRACE (4531, 4533, 4535, AND 4537 PARK AVENUE)***

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*It was recommended that the City issue Development Variance Permit No. 04-2021 for the property located at 4531, 4533, 4535, & 4537 Park Avenue [Lots 10-13, Block 1, District Lot 369, Range 5, Coast District, Plan 972] for the following variances:*

- *To vary Section 3.9 of Zoning Bylaw No. 2069-2014 and amendments thereto to increase the maximum height permitted for a fence from 1m to 2.14m within a visual clearance area, defined as a triangular area 6m from the intersection point of parcel lines on a street corner.*
- *To vary Section 3.6.1 of Zoning Bylaw No. 2069-2014 and amendments thereto to increase the maximum height permitted for a fence in a Front Yard from 1.8m to 2.14m.*

**2. OFFSITE WORKS AND SERVICES – NORTHERN HEALTH AUTHORITY (4720 HAUGLAND AVENUE)**

*It was recommended that the following Off-site Works and Services on Haugland Avenue be completed by the developer, as per the requirements of Subdivision and Development Bylaw 1591- 1997, to facilitate the development of a new hospital building construction under Building Permit No. 1007-21:*

- *Haugland Avenue property frontage – approximately 170m: widen the north side of the existing paved road surface by 1.5m, construct to asphalt standard with concrete barrier curb and storm drainage.*
- *Developer to retain a Professional Engineer for design and field reviews.*
- *Developer to enter into a Servicing Agreement with the City of Terrace and provide a security deposit to guarantee the completion of the off-site works and services on Haugland Avenue.*

*Carried Unanimously.*

**COMMITTEE REPORTS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY):**

***Committee of the Whole  
Finance, Personnel and  
Administration Component  
➤ May 10, 2021***

*MOVED/SECONDED that the May 10, 2021 Finance, Personnel and Administration Component of the Committee of the Whole report be received for information only.*

*(No. 230)*

*Carried Unanimously.*

***Committee of the Whole  
Development Services  
Component  
➤ May 10, 2021***

*MOVED/SECONDED that the May 10, 2021 Development Services Component of the Committee of the Whole report be received for information only.*

*(No. 231)*

*Carried Unanimously.*

**SPECIAL REPORTS:**

***Memo – Director of  
Development Services,  
Downtown Security Safety  
Patrol Program***

*MOVED/SECONDED that Council allocate \$54,000 from the COVID-19 Safe Restart Grant Reserve Funds to hire a security firm to perform downtown security beginning June 1, 2021, and that staff develop a schedule to be brought back to Council to assess the effectiveness of the program to determine if it should proceed or be discontinued.*

*Withdrawn.*

*(No. 232)*

*MOVED/SECONDED that Council allocate \$54,000 from the COVID-19 Safe Restart Grant Reserve Funds to hire a security firm to perform downtown safety patrols from June 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021, and amend the 2021 Financial Plan accordingly.*

*Carried Unanimously.*

***Memo – Director of  
Development Services,  
Development Cost Charges  
Bylaw***

*MOVED/SECONDED that Council consider first, second, and third reading of a bylaw to establish a Development Cost Charges program.*

*Carried Unanimously.*

*(No. 233)*



**Memo – Director of Development Services, Employee Designation – Deputy Approving Officer**

*MOVED/SECONDED that Ken Newman, Planning Manager, be appointed as the Deputy Approving Officer for the City of Terrace as per Section 77 of the Land Title Act.*

(No. 234)

*Carried Unanimously.*

**RECESS & RECONVENE**

*A recess was called at 9:35 p.m. and the Regular Council meeting reconvened at 9:40 p.m.*

**Memo – Corporate Administrator, Improved Agenda Software**

*MOVED/SECONDED that Council approve the purchase of Meeting Manager Pro software, at a cost of \$8,500/year from the COVID-19 Safe Restart Reserve Grant for 2021, and that the Financial Plan be amended accordingly.*

(No. 235)

*Carried Unanimously.*

**Memo – Communications Advisor, Public Engagement Software**

*MOVED/SECONDED that Council approve the purchase of Bang the Table EngagementHQ software, at a cost of \$10,000 from the COVID-19 Safe Restart Reserve Grant for 2021, and that the Financial Plan be amended accordingly.*

(No. 236)

*Carried Unanimously.*

**Memo – Director of Engineering and Public Works, Bylaw Update – Driveways and Accesses (Work in City ROW/Boulevard)**

*MOVED/SECONDED that Council consider first, second, and third reading of a bylaw to amend the Subdivision and Development Bylaw Schedule H Section 00500 Clause 2.5.*

(No. 237)

*Carried Unanimously.*

***Memo – Director of Leisure Services, Social Development Program – Funding Update and Options for Next Steps***

*(No. 238)*

*Mayor Leclerc left the meeting due to technical difficulties.*

*MOVED/SECONDED that Council approve "Option 4", as outlined in the Director of Leisure Services report dated May 25, 2021, including allocating \$69,988.00 from the COVID-19 Safe Restart Grant for the first two years of the program, and \$151,994.00 for year three of the program for a total of \$221,982.00, and amending the 2021 Financial Plan accordingly.*

*Carried Unanimously.*

***Memo – Director of Leisure Services, UBCM Strengthening Communities' Services Program – Revised Submission***

*(No. 239)*

*MOVED/SECONDED that the City of Terrace apply to the UBCM Strengthening Communities' Services Program for \$161,100.00 for the "Homelessness Resilience Initiative".*

*Carried Unanimously.*

***Memo – Victim Services Unit Program Manager, Terrace & District RCMP Victim Services Program Report***

*(No. 240)*

*MOVED/SECONDED that the Terrace & District RCMP Victim Services Program Report be received for information.*

*Carried Unanimously.*

***Memo – Building Inspector, April 2021 Building Synopsis***

*(No. 241)*

*MOVED/SECONDED that April 2021 Building Synopsis be received for information.*

*Carried Unanimously.*

**Oral Report, May 25, 2021  
Public Hearing**

(No. 242)

*MOVED/SECONDED that the Oral Report from the May 25, 2021 Public Hearing be adopted with the following recommendation:*

**1. AMENDMENT TO ZONING BYLAW NO. 2069-2014  
(2703 BRAUN STREET)**

*It was recommended that following the holding of a Public Hearing, a bylaw to amend Zoning Bylaw No. 2069-2014 by changing the Zoning designation from RS1 – Rural Suburban Residential to R2 (Semi-detached Residential) for the property legally described as Lot 10, District Lot 615, Range 5, Coast District, Plan 3904 (2703 Braun Street) proceed to Council for consideration of third reading and adoption.*

*Carried Unanimously.*

**BYLAWS:**

**Zoning Amendment (2703  
Braun Street) Bylaw, Project  
No. ADP-02-2109  
(Third Reading)**

(No. 243)

*MOVED/SECONDED that Zoning Amendment (2703 Braun Street) Bylaw, Project No. ADP-02-2109 be read by title only and passed in its third reading.*

*Carried Unanimously.*

**Zoning Amendment (2703  
Braun Street) Bylaw, Project  
No. ADP-02-2109  
(Adoption)**

(No. 244)

*MOVED/SECONDED that Zoning Amendment (2703 Braun Street) Bylaw, Project No. ADP-02-2109 be read by title only and adopted.*

*Carried Unanimously.*

**Development Cost Charges  
Bylaw, Project No. ADP-02-  
2111  
(First, Second, and Third  
Reading)**

(No. 245)

*MOVED/SECONDED that Development Cost Charges Bylaw, Project No. ADP-02-2111 be read by title only and passed in its first, second, and third reading.*

*Carried Unanimously.*

***Subdivision and Development Bylaw Amendment (Schedule H - Section 00500 Highways) Bylaw, Project No. ADP-02-2112 (First, Second, and Third Reading)***

*MOVED/SECONDED that Subdivision and Development Bylaw Amendment (Schedule H - Section 00500 Highways) Bylaw, Project No. ADP-02-2112 be read by title only and passed in its first, second, and third reading.*

*Carried Unanimously.*

*(No. 246)*

**NEW BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL:**

***Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine Report***

*There was no report on the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine.*

**REPORTS ON COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:**

*There were no Reports on Council Activities.*

**REPORT FROM IN-CAMERA:**

**In-Camera Special Meeting of Council, May 10, 2021**

**Res. No. 218**

**Downtown Safety**

**MOVED/SECONDED that Administration be directed to the following:**

- Remove the benches in the 4600 block of Lakelse Avenue;
- Investigate the feasibility of hiring private security for the downtown using the COVID-19 Safe Restart Grant Reserve funds and report back to Council;
- Prepare a letter to the Minister of Mental Health & Addictions regarding the need for mental health and addictions supports in Terrace;
- Prepare a letter to the Attorney General regarding the impact Crown Counsel's reluctance to approve charges against prolific offenders is having on public safety in Terrace;
- That the RCMP investigate the feasibility of re-starting Citizens on Patrol in Terrace;
- That the RCMP provide training/information for downtown businesses regarding theft

- protection;
- That an enhanced communication strategy be developed to provide more information to downtown businesses and the public regarding the City's efforts; and
- That Administration request a meeting with Crown Counsel to discuss the court system.

**QUESTIONS/COMMENTS  
FROM THE MEDIA &  
AUDIENCE:**

*Deputy Mayor Bujtas asked if there was anyone from the media or audience dialed in to ask a question.*

*There was nobody present from the Media and nobody present in the audience.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*MOVED/SECONDED that the May 25, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council be now adjourned.*

*(No. 247)*

*Carried Unanimously.*

*The meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.*

**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

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*Deputy Mayor*

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*Clerk*