

A tally of key votes August 23

City council
Boxscore

The Question

Approve terms of reference, technical study and a call for design tenders for proposed new art gallery. (Harkins/Basserman — carried).
Declare the city of Prince George a postal closure free zone. (Fornari/Martin — defeated).
Authorize staff to decide on resident's request to plant a cedar hedge on city property as dust and noise buffer. (Fornari/Kinsley — carried).
Give permission to the Prince George Council of Seniors to use that title for incorporation as society. (Becott/Harkins — carried).



Mayor Backhouse



Councillor Bassermann



Councillor Becott



Councillor Fornari



Councillor Gratton



Councillor Harkins



Councillor Kinsley



Councillor Martin



Councillor Thiel

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Official motions on selected issues have been paraphrased

PERFORMANCE THEATRE AT UNBC

Committee members named

by BERNICE TRICK
Citizen Staff

Prince George city council has approved eight of 11 members to sit on a committee to oversee development of a performance theatre proposed on the UNBC campus.

Members representing the general public are Carol Yates, Irene Heese, Cindy Storozinski, Janice Smithurst and Bill Russell. City councillors named to the committee are Anne Martin, Monica Becott and Colin Kinsley.

UNBC members appointed to the committee are Dan Adamson, Paul Zanette and Pat Appavo.

The performance theatre is the fifth major facility city council hopes to construct by the year 2000.

The first, a \$12.1-million new civic centre and plaza complex, is being built downtown.

An art gallery committee is working towards completion of a new \$4.6-million facility by 1998 next to the outdoor plaza.

Two other committees are overseeing development of a \$17-million ice arena and \$8.8-million aquatic centre slated for Exhibition Park.

Council is submitting a last-minute resolution to the Union of B.C. Municipalities which, if approved, would allow seniors' housing societies to be eligible for the annual B.C. homeowners grant.

The resolution asks the UBCM to contact societies providing seniors' housing for support to petition the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Recreation and Housing to make the grant available.

The UBCM annual conference is scheduled Sept. 21 through 24 in Vancouver.

Coun. Ron Thiel was the lone opposer Monday to a request to allow the name Prince George Council of Seniors be used by a

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new society which is an umbrella group of seven seniors' centres in this area.

Because the name closely resembles that of Prince George city council, the registrar of companies required consent of council before proceeding with the incorporation of the society.

Thiel said he had a problem with supporting the request when

the group's lawyer suggested it might be simpler to apply for a name such as Prince George Association of Seniors Society.

Coun. Bob Harkins, losing patience, thundered, "We could go on all night splitting hairs. If they want to be the Prince George Council of Seniors, so be it. Give it to them."

That ended the matter and the request was granted in an 8-1 vote.

After a resident complained Monday of garbage-strew streets, city council directed city staff to review the number of garbage re-

ceptacles available for public disposal.

Staff will also investigate using community work service hours assigned to offenders by the courts.

George Gough told council the roadways and sidewalks in some areas of the city are deplorable.

"I walk every night and talk to people who feel the roadways — the broken glass factor alone — are in terrible condition."

Walking an animal is like facing an obstacle course, Gough said.

The main streets are all an unsightly mess and, "Quite frankly, I'm ashamed of what I see," he told council.

"It's hard to believe this city could care so little about the maintenance of our roads and sidewalks."

Mayor John Backhouse indicated the budget and taxpayer dollars allow only so much hired maintenance, but suggested a public education program might help.

Resident Gordon Seiter came to council after writing letters in March and August about a particular light pole on Massey Drive which is periodically knocked over by vehicles.

He suggested it's a waste of taxpayer dollars to continue repairing the standard unless it's moved from its location.

But moving a light standard is more difficult than one would think because of the electric wiring, replied Gary Champagne, director of public works.

An alternative method of breakaway bases on light standards will be used at three locations along Massey Drive, Champagne said.

In the event of an accident, the base will break away to substantially reduce damages to the light post and vehicle involved.

Local lawn bowlers
must wait for green

Offers of help from some good samaritans in Prince George may be the only way work will get started this year on a lawn bowling green.

Connie Buchanan, president of the local lawn bowling club, pleaded with city council Monday to get started on the site. But the city's five-year capital budget has the work slated for 1994.

"Please consider ground preparation this fall so we can look forward to bowling (outdoors) sometime in mid-1994," said Buchanan in a presentation to council Monday.

"It will be highlighted again in the 1994 budget," responded Tom Madden, city director of Leisure Services.

He said some survey work on the site at Watrous Park was done last year, but it's been a slow process "so as not to tie up planning dollars" slated for projects in the current budget.

There is \$67,000 marked for the project next year, but there are no funds in the parks budget to do the

work this year unless there's a re-assessing of the private sector, Madden explained.

Even that 1994 amount is enough to develop the lawn only, and won't cover fencing.

"We need both city and club funds to do both," said Madden.

Coun. Colin Kinsley sent out a message, saying the bowling green is a good project for "any worthwhile service clubs" to join with the city and the club to develop the facility at the site of the former Watrous Street outdoor pool.

The 20 club members bowl indoors at the Connaught Youth Centre on 45-foot-long mats, but Buchanan estimated a green would increase the club's membership to 150 in the first year.

She said curlers and youth both enjoy the game, and that the average age of bowlers at international tournaments is 45.

The estimated cost of a bowling green with fencing is \$80,000. A large clubhouse, to allow indoor mat bowling during winters, would cost an additional \$200,000.

Summer at the Four Seasons Pool

The management and staff of the Four Seasons Leisure Pool would like to take this opportunity to thank all our friends who continued to patronize the pool over the summer months and for being so patient and understanding in the face of all the construction activity going on around the pool.

If you looking for a healthy, fun and enjoyable way to spend those hot summer afternoons come on down to the pool for a refreshing public swim. We'd love to have you.

The last swim of the summer is Labor Day, Monday Sept. 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Then the pool will close for its annual maintenance closure from Sept. 7 to 19.

Patrons wishing to register for classes or to purchase admission coupons at that time can do so at the Leisure Services Department office.

Royal Life Saving Society branch lifeguard championships: The Four Seasons Leisure Pool will be the site of this year's championships.

Come on down to the pool and cheer on our local teams as they compete against the best from British Columbia and the Yukon. The dates for this year's event are Aug. 27 to 29.

If you'd like to get involved the pool is taking names of volunteers who would be able to help as officials, simulation victims, etc.

In hosting this event there have been some program changes that we'd like our guests to note: @turnlede = ■ The pool will be closed Friday, Aug. 27 at 7 p.m.

■ On Saturday, Aug. 28 from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. the Leisure

Recreation
spotlight

Services Department will offer a special lifeguard competition swim. Join the action as the best teams from the province and the Territories compete for the coveted Bamsley Shield. Admission to this swim will be limited to 180 swimmers; the admission price for all will be \$2.15.

■ The Everyone Welcome Swim will go from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28.

Fitness North 1993 (exercise your imagination): We welcome all of you involved or interested in health and fitness — participants, leaders, business owners and managers. Join the fun while learning about proper exercise technique, interval workouts, step aerobics and much more.

Our guest resources include: Calgary's Helen Vander Burg, Ryka-sponsored Canadian aerobics champions, Danny MacKinnon and Sharon Mann, Victoria's Lara Lauzon, Michigan's Ruth Sovo, Vancouver's Natalie Tomara and Prince George's own Andy Beesley, Shannon Johnson, Sherry Ogasawara and Marnie Bosmann.

Conference registration includes conference sessions, Saturday dinner and a world class aerobics demonstration by Danny and Sharon.

The conference is sponsored by Ryka, Evian Water, City of Prince George (Leisure Services Department), Prince George YM-YWCA and the Northern Interior Health Unit.

College of New Caledonia from Oct. 1 to 3. Early bird registration postmarked before Sept. 17 — \$135. Registration after Sept. 17 — \$155.

Recreation Market: Registration packages have now been sent out to recent participants of Recreation Market.

If your recreation non-profit group has not yet received a package and is interested in participating in Recreation Market on Sept. 10 and 11, please contact the Leisure Services Department at 561-7633.

September Smash 1993: The Prince George Youth Recreation Organization is organizing the September Smash 1993 Sand Volleyball Tournament. It will take place Saturday, Sept. 25 at the Fort George Park volleyball courts.

It is a co-ed tournament with the following categories — 14 and younger and 15 and older. We will allow teams with all females or all males in, but we encourage teams to be co-ed.

The tournament entry fee is only \$16 per team, which will get you at least two games and you will be able to take part in the various skill contests planned by PYRO. All teams must register at City Hall-Leisure Services Department or the Four Seasons Leisure Pool by 5 p.m. Sept. 23.

Registration forms will be available at the pool, City Hall and all junior secondary and senior secondary schools.

Enter a team today. There is lots of fun to be had, and great prizes to be won. For more information, call Leisure Services at 561-7633.

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