His Worship Mayor Lyn Hall
City of Prince George
1800 Patricia Blvd
Prince George, BC

## CC: Mayors Task Force on a Safe, Clean and Inclusive Community <br> City Council <br> Mr. Walter Babicz, City Manager <br> City Clerk

## **Sent Electronically**

Good day, Mayor Hall:

On behalf of the majority of members from the Mayors Select Committee for a Safe, Clean and Inclusive Community, we are writing today to express our serious concerns with the manner in which this Select Committee (SC) and its members have been engaged, communicated with and portrayed externally.

Earlier this year, several members distributed emails outlining concerns with the way in which facilitated sessions were handled. These concerns ranged from addressing that ideas were not able to be shared and scribed appropriately, to an issue of staff members from the City of Prince George seeming to have pushed their agenda ahead of those of the SC. Given the diversity of knowledge, experience and networks, the SC members felt as though this showed an unwillingness on behalf of the City to appreciate the ideas being brought forward - with true collaboration in mind.

Further to the above, recent press clippings indicated, and we are paraphrasing, that the $\$ 2 \mathrm{M}$ grant funding provided to the City had been allocated in accordance with the suggestions and ideas of the SC. This is a false and misleading statement. Providing benefit of the doubt, the City never corrected the statements, despite numerous emails from SC members expressing concern with this portrayal. Specifically, one item was 'Downtown Civic Security'. This item, you may recall, was expressly defeated by the SC members at one of the original meetings, citing concerns that the City should not be funding security for civic facilities through this SC, but through facility budgets. Further, what message does it send when civic buildings are protected with tax payers dollars while their buildings, stores and organizations and targeted, repeatedly, by thieves and vandals.

Another recent instance of communication concern was during the July 12, 2021 City Council meeting when a motion was presented and passed to extend the mandate of the SC through to the end of 2021. While this is an important measure, no SC members were engaged to extend their terms and continue devoting their time to an SC that has, essentially, been moth-balled for months without communication. Members feel that the City is not willing to truly engage or collaborate, but use the SC as a shield for internal decision making rooted in fallacy.

Our members have agreed to take time away from their schedules and day-to-day work to focus on, and bring experience to, the single largest challenge facing our community today. To not respond to multiple emails from members, at least acknowledging their concerns and frustrations, is challenging for all. On multiple occasions, both privately and publically, you've stated (paraphrasing) "What can we do?" "We will listen to any ideas?". But, when ideas are presented from leaders in our community, they are ignored, rebuffed or not responded to.

Mayor Hall, we understand the rigours of the tasks everyone is faced with. However, we have committed time, energy and resources to these issues, as community leaders, and expect similar in return. We are requesting an immediate meeting of the SC, "in-camera", to discuss the issues, concerns and to, hopefully, find a collaborative path forward.

It is our hope that you will accept our offer above at your earliest convenience. For clarity of concerns, we are attaching multiple correspondence pieces to support the above frustrations.

Thank you in advance, Mayor Hall.

With great hope for a shared path forward,

Members, Mayors Select Committee for a Safe Clean and Inclusive Community

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Well, given the recent revelations in the media and on social media via press releases from the city, I would go one step further in response to the others responding to Eoin's letter. There should be no monies changing hands until this committee has been reconvened to discuss this in a proper fashion. Liberties have been taken with respect to committee business and decisions made that are not in keeping with that of the membership. This matter needs to be discussed in a proper and prudent manner with all parties responsible at the table. Questions still remain unanswered to the issues we are still facing in our community and more over our downtown core. Some limited forward motion has been seen in some fronts, but the primary goal has yet to be addressed. The Mayor should, at the soonest opportunity conducive to all members of the committee, reconvene the committee to discuss further plans of action on the fronts yet to be addressed. I agree with Dawn Matte, the committee members should receive a public apology for the liberties that have been taken by the city administration in its name.

I know the Prince George Business Advocacy Group members are very disturbed by the news they have been excluded from discussions involving reported committee decisions of which we were never party to. This is not how a select committee operates, and this is totally unacceptable.

John Zukowski

Prince George Business Owners Advocacy Group

On Tue, 17 Aug 2021 at 15:01, Ave Maria General Manager Redacted
wrote:
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Thank you for penning this, Eoin.

It was truly an unfortunate turn on this. Not only is the Select Committee quoted as rationale for this decision, the SC was not even provided a courtesy email in advance of the news story.

Collaboration requires partners. This indicates a clear lack of partnership or desire to truly collaborate on the biggest issues facing our community, residents and businesses.

Todd.

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Sent: August 17, 2021 11:56 AM


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> I too am disappointed that the city has already decided what to do with the money and that our SCIC committee seems to have been dropped. When the City was dealing with tent cities and bylaw regarding that, I felt that we should have been talking about that with the City as well. I feel that since the cancelled meeting in June we are a non-committee. Thanks Eoin for bringing this up. Maybe we can reconvene soon, Lynne

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Regards
Dan

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Service Enhancement Budget Question

Hi,
I just wanted to ask for clarification on the service enhancement budget. After speaking to a few people, none of us were very clear on what was going on with the $\$ 400,000$ for security of civic facilities.

Could we have someone state clearly that those funds will not be spent on security of civic facilities? My understanding from conversations about this is that the committee will have a chance to discuss how those funds could best serve the community.

Our main concern is that it is quite an inappropriate use of these funds and if these facilities require security, that should be managed from their operational budget.
$\$ 400,000$ could go a long way to serve our community and we look forward to discussing it at the next meeting.

Thanks all,

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