

Helpful Presentation Suggestions

- Arrive in advance of the meeting start time as delegations are generally scheduled as one of the first items of business on the Council agenda and identify yourself to the Legislative Coordinator upon arrival.
- Be prepared. Have a purpose and support your position with facts.
- Direct your presentation to Members of Council and communicate through the Chair/Mayor
- Be prepared to answer questions from Council.
- Be courteous, respectful and polite.
- Bring at least 12 copies of any materials you wish to provide to Council that were not previously published in the agenda or provided to the Corporate Officer.

Submissions Via Zoom, Telephone or In Person

- City of Prince George open Council meetings are public and may be televised, streamed live by webcast, recorded and archived on the City's website for viewing by the public.
- By attending an open Council meeting or making a delegation presentation you are consenting to the disclosure of any personal information that you provide.
- Delegation submissions may be provided via Zoom, telephone, or in-person.
- Please make note of your preferred delivery method on the request form and City Staff will contact you to discuss your request.

Authority

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Applicant Information

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Presentation Information

First Presenter's Name *

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First Presenter's Title / Position *

Director, Law and Policy, Health Indoor
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Second Presenter's Name

Dr. Anne-Marie Nicol

Second Presenter's Title / Position

Professor, Faculty of Health Sciences, Simon
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Presentation Topic *

I am the Director of Law and Policy, Healthy Indoor Environments, at the BC Lung Association. We currently have programs focused on radon gas, an odourless, colourless, but radioactive gas that moves from bedrock into soil and can accumulate in homes and other buildings. Radon has been identified as the leading environmental carcinogen in Canada and the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers, killing over 3,000 people a year. While radon levels vary from building to building, Health Canada research has found 7 percent of homes in Canada are over Canada's Radon Guideline of 200 Bq/m³ and in some regions the percentage can be much higher. Unfortunately, most homes and other buildings in Canada have not been tested for radon, and many communities do not know local radon levels.

This Fall, the British Columbia Radon Data Repository, housed at the British Columbia Centre for Disease Control has released to us a compilation of all known radon tests in BC. Numbers for Prince George establish a significant radon problem. Due to past testing efforts by BC Lung Association and others, Prince George has more radon tests than any other city in British Columbia, with over 1900 results and these show 34% of homes in the city are above Canada's Radon Guideline of 200 Bq/m³.

I am hoping to appear before Mayor and Council in the second half of October or early November to present these findings. I would like to ask the municipal government to join many other communities across Canada in declaring November Radon Action Month. I hope to be accompanied in my presentation by medical experts from Simon Fraser University's Faculty of Health Sciences to speak to the significance of radon as a health concern. I would also like to speak to possible further actions your government can consider in addressing this significant health risk. In particular, I have worked with Health Canada to develop Radon Action Guides for municipalities, and the BC Lung Association has funding to work with local governments to develop radon strategies and plans.

Purpose of Presentation and/or Action You Wish Council to Take *

Information Only

Request for a Letter of Support

Request for Funding or Financial Support

Other (please provide details)

Other Purpose of Presentation / Action *

Declare November Radon Action Month. Direct staff to work with BC Lung Association on developing radon strategies for Prince George.

Presentation Date

You can find upcoming Council meeting dates on the [Council Calendar](#).

Delegations are assigned to Council meetings on a first come-first served basis and your requested date may not be available. Legislative Services staff will contact the applicant following the submission of the delegation request to confirm availability of the requested meeting date and associated deadlines to submit presentation materials.

Please list your requested Council meeting date.

10/18/2021

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What is your preferred method of delivery for your delegation presentation?*

In-person Presentation

via Zoom

via Telephone

Will You be Providing Supporting Documentation (PowerPoint, Brochures, etc.)?*

Yes

No

All presentation materials and documentation must be provided a by 12:00 p.m., two Wednesdays in advance of your intended meeting date.

What types of materials will be provided? *

PowerPoint Presentation

Handouts

Other (please specify)

List Any Additional Technical Requirements