

STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL

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DATE: January 14, 2022

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

NAME AND TITLE: Walter Babicz, City Manager

SUBJECT: Knox Bell Music Venue Update – Feasibility Study

ATTACHMENT(S): Knox Bell Music Venue Update – Feasibility Study

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That Council **RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION** the report dated January 14, 2022, from the City Manager, titled “Knox Bell Music Venue Update – Feasibility Study”.

PURPOSE:

Attached to this report is a letter from the Community Arts Council of Prince George and District (CAC) that provides an important update regarding a feasibility study to explore the potential to create a live music and events venue within the existing the Trinity United Downtown Campus site (formerly Knox United Church). Council is asked to receive this report for information.

BACKGROUND:

Council was introduced to this project at the October 18, 2021 Regular Council meeting. During that meeting, a delegation with representation from the Community Arts Council of Prince George and District and Trinity United Church requested funding of \$5,000 from the City of Prince George in support of the proposed feasibility study. The matter was referred to Administration for consideration.

During the December 12, 2021 Regular Council meeting, and as part of report regarding the draft Downtown Arts Strategy, Administration recommended that decisions regarding the City's financial support of the feasibility study be deferred until funding from other sources identified by the CAC during its October 18 presentation, had been confirmed.

Since that time, and as reflected in the attached letter, all required funding to enable the feasibility study to proceed is now in place.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Walter Babicz, City Manager

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APPROVED:

Walter Babicz, City Manager

Meeting Date: 2022/02/07