

MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RESOLUTIONS MEETING

March 11, 2022 3:00 pm

5th Floor Board Room of City Hall 1100 Patricia Boulevard, Prince George, BC

PRESENT: Councillor Brian Skakun < Chair > < via Zoom >

Councillor Kyle Sampson <3:03 p.m. to 3:33 p.m.>

Councillor Susan Scott

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. Darcy Repen, Guest <3:01 p.m. to 3:13 p.m.>

Ms. Maureen Connelly, Manager of Legislative Services/Staff Liaison

Ms. Leslie Kellett, Deputy Corporate Officer

A. COMMENCEMENT

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

B. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Scott Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That the agenda for the March 11, 2022 meeting of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Resolutions, BE ADOPTED.

Carried Unanimously

C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

C.1 Minutes from the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Resolutions Meeting held January 17, 2022

Moved By Councillor Scott Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That the minutes of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Resolutions meeting held January 17, 2022, BE ADOPTED.

Carried Unanimously

D. NEW BUSINESS

D.1 ICBC Rate Inequities

Mr. Darcy Repen joined the meeting via Zoom at 3:01 p.m.

Councillor Sampson entered the 5th Floor Board Room at 3:03 p.m.

Mr. Repen provided an overview of the subject and requested the committee consider recommending to Council to co-sponsor a resolution to the North Central Local Government

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Association (NCLGA) for the 2022 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention plenary session addressing regional ICBC rate inequities.

Discussion commenced.

Mr. Repen left the meeting at 3:13 p.m.

The committee discussed the opportunity to support the resolution at the NCLGA AGM and Convention and UBCM Convention.

Moved By Councillor Scott Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Resolutions RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the information regarding ICBC rate inequities as presented by Mr. Darcy Repen and as attached to the March 11, 2022 committee meeting agenda.

Carried Unanimously

D.2 Housing Permit Approval – Removal from Local Government

The committee discussed an article published in the Prince George Citizen on February 21, 2022 regarding the removal of housing construction permit powers from local government resulting in the potential loss of local autonomy.

M. Connelly, Manager of Legislative Services, provided an overview of legislative changed approved by the Province in an effort to create efficiencies at the local government level in terms of development variance approvals and public hearing requirements.

Administration will review past resolutions to NCLGA, UBCM, and FCM related to housing permit approvals and local government autonomy and return with that information at a future meeting of the committee.

Discussion commenced regarding extending invitations to the Director of Planning and Development, and Mayor Hall, for further discussion at a future committee meeting.

D.2.1 Resolution from the Prince George Public Library Board regarding Provincial Library Funding

The committee reviewed correspondence from the Prince George Public Library that will be considered as a handout at the March 14, 2022 regular Council meeting including a resolution from the Prince George Public Library Board for submission to the BC Library Trustees Association, UBCM, and NCLGA requesting the Government of British Columbia to increase funding for public libraries in the BC Provincial Budget for 2022 and beyond.

D.3 Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Resolutions – 2022 Work Plan

The Work Plan was reviewed with no changes.

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E. ADJOURNMENT

THE MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RESOLUTIONS ADJOURNED AT 3:33 P.M.

Councillor Brian Skakun, Chair

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