

# STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL

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**DATE:** November 15, 2022

**TO:** MAYOR AND COUNCIL

**NAME AND TITLE:** WALTER BABICZ, CITY MANAGER

**SUBJECT:** Council Representative Appointments to External Organizations

**ATTACHMENTS:** None

## RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. APPOINTS one (1) member of Council to serve on the Prince George Public Library Board for a one year term ending November 30, 2023;
2. APPOINTS up to two (2) members of Council to serve as Council liaison(s) to the Prince George Council of Seniors and its member organizations until the 2026 general local election;
3. APPOINTS one (1) member of Council to serve as the City of Prince George representative on the Prince George Community Foundation Board of Directors until the 2026 general local election;
4. APPOINTS one (1) member of Council and one (1) alternate member of Council to serve as the City of Prince George representative on the Prince George Regional Advisory Committee (PG RAC) of the Northern Development Initiative Trust until the 2026 general local election.
5. APPOINTS one (1) member of Council to serve as the City of Prince George representative on the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Regional Transit Service Committee until the 2026 general local election;
6. APPOINTS one (1) member of Council to serve as the City of Prince George representative on the Canadian Urban Transit Association (CUTA) Transit Board Members Committee (TBMC) until the 2026 general local election; and
7. APPOINTS one (1) member of Council and one (1) alternate member of Council to serve as the City of Prince George representative on the Mount Milligan Community Sustainability Committee until the 2026 general local election.

## **PURPOSE:**

For Council to appoint its representatives to serve on the external organizations set out above.

## **DISCUSSION:**

### **1. Prince George Public Library Board**

The Prince George Public Library Board consists of nine members. One (1) member of Council is selected to sit on the Board, and eight (8) members are appointed by Council from applications received from residents or electors of the municipality.

Annual appointments to the Library Board are to be made each November at the first regular meeting of the municipal Council in accordance with the *Library Act*.

In accordance with the *Library Act*, City Council must appoint one (1) of its members to serve on the Library Board for a one-year term, beginning December 1, 2022 and ending November 30, 2023.

### **2. Prince George Council of Seniors (PGCOS) and Member Organizations**

The Prince George Council of Seniors (PGCOS) is an active community organization governed by a volunteer Board of Directors that provides a variety of programs and services to seniors in our community. Member organizations include five seniors activity centres, various seniors and community organizations as well as a number of individual seniors unaffiliated with those centres or groups.

As in the previous term, City Council may appoint up to two (2) of its members to serve as a liaison to City Council in providing support for seniors' services, the Prince George Council of Seniors and their member organizations who provide various support services in the community.

### **3. Prince George Community Foundation**

Founded in 1995, the Prince George Community Foundation is an independent, volunteer-driven, charitable organization that brings together people who care about their community. As a member of the Community Foundations of Canada, the Prince George Community Foundation facilitates philanthropy, by partnering with donors to build permanent endowment funds that support community projects.

The Prince George Community Foundation offers the unique opportunity to support our community and to share in shaping its future by pooling and investing the charitable gifts of its donors. Gifts and bequests are accumulated in a permanent trust fund managed by a highly skilled team of professionals. Investment income is allocated carefully and responsibly to charitable organizations committed to enhancing the quality of life in our community.

The Prince George Community Foundation Board of Directors is responsible to set policies and practices that reflect clearly articulated values, vision and missions, which in turn inspire trust and stress fairness, flexibility and inclusiveness for the Prince George Community Foundation.

City Council may appoint one (1) of its members to the Prince George Community Foundation Board of Directors.

### **4. Prince George Regional Advisory Committee (PG RAC) of the Northern Development Initiative Trust**

PG RAC's role is to provide advice to the Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) Board on governing NDIT's assets and corporate policy. It is also the responsibility of the regional advisory committees to elect two of their members to represent them on the NDIT Board for two-year terms. Although each

regional advisory committee member is appointed by a local government or represents a provincial constituency or appointment, the committees are intended to function in the best interests of the corporation and to make decisions by consensus or vote.

Council may appoint one of its members to serve as its representative on the PG RAC and one of its members to serve as its alternate representative. Traditionally, Council has appointed the Mayor as its primary representative on the PG RAC.

#### **5. Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Regional Transit Service Committee**

The Bulkley-Nechako Regional Transit Service Committee serves as an advisory body to the local government and first nations funding partners of the Highway 16 Regional Transit Service. Specifically, this body works to advise on topics including expansion and changes to existing service, related fares, and infrastructure needs. The Committee schedules approximately four meetings per year.

City Council may appoint one (1) of its members to the Bulkley-Nechako Regional Transit Service Committee.

#### **6. Canadian Urban Transit Association (CUTA) Transit Board Members Committee (TBMC)**

The Transit Board Members Committee (TBMC) is one of six sub-committees of the Canadian Urban Transit Association (CUTA) and is comprised of municipal councillors who sit on their local transit boards. It serves as a forum to share experiences, best practices, explore and study mutual topics of interest and coordinate national and provincial efforts to improve transit from a municipal perspective. Much like CUTA, the topics and discussions focus on the municipal-federal transit relationship and include discussion about different provincial approaches. It also raises awareness and promotes the use of CUTA reports and activities throughout the municipal sector.

The committee strives to have varied geographic and municipal size representation with approximately 15 members on the committee from all over Canada. Under the direction of the Chair of TBMC, the committee will be actively promoting CUTA'S Transit Vision 2040 to municipalities across the country and will encourage them to adopt it. Members of the committee will also focus their efforts in reaching out to their Federal counterparts to discuss transit issues. TBMC holds regular meetings three to four (4) times per year, generally in February, May, September and November.

City Council may appoint one (1) of its members to the CUTA Transit Board Members Committee.

#### **7. Mount Milligan Community Sustainability Committee**

The Mount Milligan Community Sustainability Committee (CSC) is a collaboration of community-based organizations, local governments, First Nations, and Centerra Gold, established to facilitate communication and better understanding between regional residents and the owners of the Mount Milligan Mine.

The CSC operates as a vehicle for the discussion of plans, programs, recommendations, and issues of concern and interest to Centerra Gold and the surrounding communities. The purpose of the CSC is to support open communication between Centerra Gold and the communities, and to assist Centerra Gold in identifying ways to maximize benefits of the mine, to improve its operations and to reduce impacts on the communities in ways that benefit all concerned. The CSC is an advisory group, with the right, and the responsibility, to make recommendations or requests to Centerra Gold, which will be reviewed, considered and responded to. The CSC meets at least quarterly. Members are required to attend a minimum of two meetings per year.

City Council may appoint one (1) of its members to the Mount Milligan CSC.

**SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:**

It is recommended that Council appoint members of Council to the seven external organizations described in the report.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

Walter Babicz, City Manager

PREPARED BY: Leslie Kellett, Deputy Corporate Officer

MEETING DATE: November 28, 2022