



MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

December 14, 2022

2:00 pm

Council Chambers of City Hall

1100 Patricia Boulevard, Prince George, BC

PRESENT: Mayor Simon Yu
Councillor Tim Bennett
Councillor Garth Frizzell <Chair>
Councillor Trudy Klassen
Councillor Ron Polillo
Councillor Cori Ramsay <via Zoom>
Councillor Kyle Sampson
Councillor Brian Skakun

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. Walter Babicz, City Manager
Ms. Deanna Wasnik, Director of Planning and Development
Mr. Kris Dalio, Director of Finance and IT Services
Mr. Andy Beesley, Director of Civic Facilities and Events
Mr. Adam Davey, Director of Public Safety
Mr. Blake McIntosh, Director of Civic Operations
Ms. Chris Bone, Senior Manager of Civic Initiatives and Partnerships
Ms. Julie Rogers, Manager of Communications
Ms. Devon Cooper, Manager of Police Support Services
Ms. Leslie Kellett, Deputy Corporate Officer
Ms. Catharine Sikobe, Legislative Services Assistant
Superintendent Shaun Wright, Royal Canadian Mounted Police
Dr. Curt Griffiths, Simon Fraser University
Dr. Joshua Murphy, Kwantlen Polytechnic University

A. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Polillo

Seconded By Councillor Sampson

*That the agenda for the Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for December 14, 2022,
BE ADOPTED.*

Carried Unanimously

B. MINUTES

B.1 Adoption of Minutes – March 8, 2017

Moved By Councillor Bennett

Seconded By Mayor Yu

That the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held March 8, 2017 be adopted as read on this day and that such minutes as read set out all the business before Committee of the Whole at that meeting and fully and properly record all of the resolutions passed by Committee of the Whole at that meeting.

Carried Unanimously

C. REPORTS

C.1 Police Services Review

A. Davey, Director of Public Safety, and Superintendent Wright, RCMP, provided an overview of the report.

Dr. Curt Taylor Griffiths, Ph.D., Simon Fraser University, and Dr. Joshua J. Murphy, Ph.D., Kwantlen Polytechnic University, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the police resource review of the Prince George RCMP detachment including information on the project framework and method, information regarding the municipality including quality of life, residents, community policing, the local RCMP detachment, calls for services, at-risk and vulnerable persons, and recommendations pertaining to policing framework and strategy, and RCMP member and municipal staffing strength.

Discussion commenced regarding triaging incoming calls at dispatch, strategies to reduce the number of calls to the RCMP that are not of a policing nature, implementing a community safety and well-being plan as a means of building crime prevention capacity, and staffing enhancement requests for an increase in the number of RCMP members and municipal employees supporting police services.

A. Davey, Director of Public Safety, Superintendent Wright, Dr. Griffiths, and Dr. Murphy responded to questions of Council.

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That Committee of the Whole RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report titled “Police Services Review” dated December 2, 2022, from the Director of Public Safety.

Carried Unanimously

Discussion commenced regarding the utilization of Safe Restart funds as a funding source for the requested police budget enhancement in 2023. W. Babicz, City Manager, and K. Dalio, Director of Finance and IT Services, responded to questions of Council.

Moved By Councillor Ramsay
Seconded By Councillor Skakun

That the Committee of the Whole RECOMMENDS that Council considers the 2023 Police Budget Enhancement Requests attached to the report titled “Police Services Review” dated December 2, 2022, from the Director of Public Safety, as part of Council’s 2023 Budget deliberations.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Skakun exited Council Chambers at 4:05 p.m.

Discussion commenced regarding referring the Police Services Review to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs for consideration in conjunction with other referrals to the committee related to downtown service enhancements and request for provincial ministry meetings.

Moved By Mayor Yu
Seconded By Councillor Bennett

That Committee of the Whole:

- 1. RECOMMENDS that Council considers initiating a resourced Community Safety & Well Being (CSWB) planning process in accordance with Council’s upcoming 2023-2026 strategic planning process; and*
- 2. REFERS the report dated December 2, 2022 from the Director of Public Safety titled “Police Services Review” to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs.*

Carried Unanimously

D. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Councillor Polillo
Seconded By Mayor Yu

That there being no further business the Committee of the Whole meeting, BE ADJOURNED.

Carried Unanimously

THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:23 P.M.

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