



# NOTICE OF MOTION

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Date: February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023

To: Mayor and Council

From: Councillors Kyle Sampson, Tim Bennett, Cori Ramsay, Trudy Klassen, & Ron Polillo

Subject: Council to Establish Meetings with Other Locally Elected Officials

Attachment: None

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## RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council invites locally elected Provincial (MLAs) and Federal (MPs) officials to collaborate in an informal 'Team PG' information and strategy roundtable intended to strengthen and build a united, multi-jurisdictional approach for tackling local issues and initiatives by information sharing between each other on key initiatives, issues, or opportunities for the City/region.
2. That Council invites Lheidli T'enneh Chief, Council, and senior administrative officials to meet with City Council and senior City Administration for informal meetings intended to continue building on the relations between CoPG and LTN, to share information regarding key initiatives each organization is undergoing, as well as to address and highlight opportunities to advance reconciliation initiatives in Prince George.
3. That Council invites School Board No. 57 elected and senior administrative officials to meet with City Council and senior City Administration for informal meetings intended to establish and maintain strong relations between the two organizations, and to share information regarding key initiatives each organization is undergoing.

## DISCUSSION:

Although suspended during the pandemic, Council has typically taken initiative to coordinate a variety of meetings with various locally elected officials, including our local MLAs, MPs, and School Board Trustees. It is imperative that this Council takes initiative to restart regular meetings with other locally elected provincial and federal officials, as well as with School Board officials, and extend an invitation to commence regular meetings with Lheidli T'enneh Chief, Council and Administration.

These meetings will provide opportunity for the City to glean information, observations, and experience from other locally elected officials; and also for the City to share information as well.

The 'Team PG' informal roundtable will provide opportunity for the City to engage with our locally elected Provincial and Federal colleagues, who have direct access to the Provincial and Federal governments; both of which have unique jurisdictions over various key issues facing our community.

The intention behind the 'Team PG' informal roundtable is to strengthen and build a united, multi-jurisdictional approach, when possible, for tackling local issues and initiatives by information sharing between each other on key initiatives, issues, or opportunities for the City/region. The frequency of the meetings is intended to be on a quarterly basis; however, the motion provides flexibility. The meetings should be focused on discussing current observations of our community's key issues, sharing details about what initiatives are currently underway, what is working, what isn't, and to identify potential opportunities to work together and/or collaborate where our resources overlap. A collaborative approach on these issues, I believe, will prove to be our best success moving forward.

Key areas of discussion should include (but not limited to):

- Industry and economic diversification.
- Current and future infrastructure needs and opportunities.
- Downtown and community wide social, addictions, mental health, and prolific crime.

The informal meetings with the Lheidli T'enneh are intended to continue building on the relations between CoPG and LTN, to share information regarding key initiatives each organization is undergoing, as well as to address and highlight opportunities to advance reconciliation initiatives in Prince George. The intended frequency of the meetings is to hold 2 to 3 meetings annually however, the motion provides flexibility.

Key areas of discussion should include (but not limited to):

- Potential opportunities for collaboration in economic diversification initiatives.
- Current, future, and potential Reconciliation initiatives in Prince George.
- Downtown and community wide social, addiction, mental health, and prolific crime.

The informal meetings with School District No. 57 are intended to establish and maintain strong relations between the two organizations, and to share information regarding key initiatives each organization is undergoing. The intended frequency of the meetings is to be on a biannual basis; however, the motion provides flexibility.

The intent for all of the abovementioned meetings is that they be informal and informational in nature, and that any potential action(s) for the City would come to a Council meeting through a staff report, Mayor's report, or notice of motion to be debated and decided by Council.

Respectfully Submitted,



Councillor Kyle Sampson



Councillor Tim Bennett



Councillor Trudy Klassen



Councillor Cori Ramsay



Councillor Ron Polillo

The date for this motion to be considered is at the March 27, 2023 open council meeting.

CC;

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*Mike Morris, MLA Prince George – Mackenzie*

*Todd Doherty, MP Cariboo – Prince George*

*Bob Zimmer, MP Prince George – Peace River*

*Chief Dolleen Logan – Lheidli T'enneh*

*Rachael Weber, Board Chair – SD57*