

**DATE:** August 28, 2023

**TO:** MAYOR AND COUNCIL

**NAME AND TITLE:** Deanna Wasnik, Director of Planning and Development

**SUBJECT:** Official Community Plan Review Project – Update September 2023

**ATTACHMENT(S):** Official Community Plan Review Project Presentation – Urban Systems

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated August 28, 2023, from the Director of Planning and Development titled “Official Community Plan Review Project – Update September 2023”.

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on the selection of consultant services for the Official Community Plan (OCP) Review Project and for the consultant to provide an overview of their proposed plan.

**BACKGROUND:**

The OCP establishes a framework for planning and land use in the City of Prince George. The OCP gains its “official” status once Council has adopted it through the enactment of a bylaw. The OCP applies to all areas within the City of Prince George's jurisdictional boundaries and includes statements and map designations for residential, commercial, community facilities, industrial, agricultural, recreational, and utility land uses, and comprises contextual information, objectives, and policies.

On June 25, 2012, Council adopted *City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011*. The OCP is intended to be reviewed and revised every 5 years to 10 years. While several minor amendments have occurred since its adoption, a comprehensive review has not been undertaken.

On [December 19, 2022](#), Council directed Administration to seek consultant services to lead the OCP Review Project to renew and align the OCP with current land use planning and infrastructure considerations to meet the needs of a growing city. A request for proposals was completed through the City's Procurement Department between December 2022 to May 2023, and Urban Systems was selected as the lead proponent commencing work as of June 2023.

**STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:**

Initiation of the OCP Review Project has been identified within Council's Strategic Plan 2023-2026 and within the 2023 Corporate Workplan to create and share a long-term vision to grow the City.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

Administration has identified that project costs will be covered with the 2023 and 2024 operating budgets.

**SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:**

The OCP Review Project is intended to renew and align the OCP with current land use planning and infrastructure considerations to meet the needs of a growing city. Administration has selected Urban Systems to lead the OCP Review Project which commenced in June 2023 and is scheduled to be completed by December 31, 2024.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

Deanna Wasnik, Director of Planning and Development

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**APPROVED:**

Walter Babicz, City Manager

Meeting Date: 2023/09/11