



PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON SOCIAL ISSUES

December 2, 2019

Agenda

- Introductory Comments from Mayor Lyn Hall
- Brief Presentation
 - Kathleen Soltis, City Manager
 - Superintendent Shaun Wright, RCMP
 - Dr. Lawrence Fredeen, Northern Health
 - Shane DeMeyer, Director of Specialized Services, Northern Health
- Public Input

Social Issues in Communities

- Social issues are impacting cities of all sizes
- Local governments cannot address complex social issues alone
- City of Prince George tools
 - Legislated powers
 - Relationships and Advocacy
- The City of Prince George works with multiple organizations that contribute to community safety, cleanliness, and social inclusion

City's 2019 Response Effort: \$1.7+ Million

Safety & Enforcement

Bylaw Compliance

RCMP

Civic Facility Security Presence

Business License Suspension & Cancellation*

Derelict Building Removal*

Cleanliness

Additional Funding for Downtown Clean Team

Clean up of biohazards on sidewalks, laneways, and open areas

Seasonal Graffiti Management on Private Property – Baldy Hughes

Needle Retrieval (Calls for Service and Drop Boxes)

Homeless Encampments/ Camps & Illegal Dumping

Graffiti Removal on Civic Property

Damage to Civic Property and Tree Replacement

Social

Downtown Service Hubs for the Homeless

Integrated Housing and Health Project – 1st Avenue (property acquisition expenditure pending)

Multi-organizational collaboration & communication

Corporate Impacts

Staff focus on social issues; impacts daily operations:

- Service reductions in other areas
- Significant resources and attention re-allocated from the rest of the city to downtown
- Increased Health and Safety risks
- Increased policing, bylaw, security and cleaning services dedicated to downtown

RCMP

- Downtown Safety Unit (DSU)
- Patrol resources
- Mental health
- Hub City

NORTHERN HEALTH

Dr. Lawrence Fredeen

Family Practice and Addiction Medicine

Shane DeMeyer

Director, Specialized Services

SUCCESS IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS

The essentials:

- > Housing first
- > Collaborative governance
- > Partnerships: public safety (RCMP), City, health, social services and non-profit agencies, business, and those needing support
- > Integrating harm reduction services into other services
- > Cultural safety of services

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Simplifying services – integrating service delivery under a single manager for downtown to work with our partners

Keeping people stable and in their homes – providing in-home intensive mental health and substance use support

Supporting harm reduction and wellness – participating in the Community Action Team Detox – optimizing access to 20 detox beds

CURRENT ACTIVITIES ...2

Treatment – increased access to opioid therapy

Primary Care – enhanced teams for CINHS and Blue Pine Clinic

Harm reduction and overdose prevention – including an injection site for overdose monitoring

Child and youth support – partner with Foundry

Mental Health inpatient care – 30 beds for adults and youth

First Nations mental wellness – mobile support team with First Nations Health Authority

UNDERWAY AND FUTURE PLANNING

Safe and clean downtown – working with Downtown Prince George

Cultural mental health wellness – led by FNHA

Connecting vulnerable people to appropriate services – working with the Office of Crime Reduction and Gang Outreach, RCMP, MCFD, and the City

Sobering centre – working with the RCMP, BC Emergency health Services, City, and downtown not-for-profits

Stable housing – housing and health project with BC Housing and the City

Proposed First Ave Service Hub



BC Housing would lead the design and construction of the supportive and affordable homes and oversee operation of the housing units once construction is complete.



Northern Health would oversee the delivery of primary and community-care health services, as well as mental health and harm reduction services, within the health service spaces constructed by BC Housing. Some of these services may be delivered by Northern Health directly, or by other organizations.



The City would provide land for the development and lead the rezoning process.

Partnership to provide affordable housing integrated with healthcare services to serve the community's most vulnerable populations and improve downtown Prince George.

Integrated Health and Housing Project

- Location: 805 1st Avenue
- Land Use Applications In-Progress:
 - Official Community Plan Amendment (Bylaw No. 9085)
 - Rezoning (Bylaw No. 9086)
 - Road Closure (Bylaw No. 9095)



- December 16, 2019 – 1st and 2nd Readings of Bylaws
- January/February 2020 – Additional Public Consultation

HEARING FROM YOU

To ensure that everyone has a fair and equal opportunity to provide input to Council, there will be a 5 to 10-minute time limit per speaker.

Following initial comments, Council will hear from persons wishing to speak for a second time to provide new information.