

# STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL

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**DATE:** May 16, 2024

**TO:** MAYOR AND COUNCIL

**NAME AND TITLE:** Ethan Anderson, Manager of Legislative Services/Corporate Officer

**SUBJECT:** Advisory Committee on Bear Awareness – Terms of Reference

**ATTACHMENT(S):** Draft Terms of Reference for the Advisory Committee on Bear Awareness

## RECOMMENDATION(S):

That Council APPROVES the draft Terms of Reference for the Advisory Committee on Bear Awareness as attached to the report dated May 16, 2024 from the Manager of Legislative Services titled “Advisory Committee on Bear Awareness – Terms of Reference.”

## PURPOSE:

For Council’s approval of the Terms of Reference for the Advisory Committee on Bear Awareness.

## BACKGROUND:

At the May 6, 2024 regular Council meeting, Council approved the formation of an advisory committee to address bear awareness in the community and directed administration to return to Council draft Terms of Reference for consideration.

The Advisory Committee on Bear Awareness will meet for up to four months to research and form recommendations to Council regarding opportunities to increase bear-proofing and reduce bear attractants throughout Prince George with a goal to minimize human-bear conflicts in the community and promote public safety and bear safety.

Since May 6, 2024 Council meeting, several members of the community have reached out to staff in interest to sit on the committee. If Council wishes to add additional groups to the list, or additional ‘public at large’ Council should make a motion to amend the Terms of Reference.

## SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:

Administration recommends that Council approves the Terms of Reference for the Advisory Committee on Bear Awareness.

## RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Ethan Anderson, Manager of Legislative Services/Corporate Officer

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## APPROVED:

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