



## Minutes of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

May 21, 2024

10:00 am

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, City Hall  
1100 Patricia Boulevard, Prince George, BC

**PRESENT:** Councillor Kyle Sampson < Acting Chair >  
Councillor Susan Scott  
Councillor Brian Skakun

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Eric Depenau, Acting Director of Administrative Services  
Elisha Leclair, Legislative Services Assistant

### A. COMMENCEMENT

The meeting of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

### B. ADOPTION OF THE AMENDED AGENDA

**Moved By** Councillor Sampson

**Seconded By** Councillor Scott

*That the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs AMENDS the meeting agenda for by adding agenda item D.6 - Follow Up Report on Advocacy Trip and UBCM, and that the agenda, BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.*

**Carried Unanimously**

### C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

#### C.1 Minutes of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs Meeting held March 4, 2024

The committee noted a resolution was not completed during the March 4, 2024 committee meeting regarding D.2 – Background on CleanBC.

**Moved By** Councillor Scott  
**Seconded By** Councillor Skakun

*That the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs DIRECTS Administration to draft a letter to the most appropriate Minister indicating that the CleanBC Roadmap should include broad consultation with rural and remote Northern areas.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**Moved By** Councillor Skakun  
**Seconded By** Councillor Scott

*That the minutes of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs meeting held March 4, 2024 BE ADOPTED and read on this day and that such minutes as read set out all the business before the Committee at that meeting and fully and properly record all of the resolutions passed by the Committee at that meeting.*

**Carried Unanimously**

## D. NEW BUSINESS

### D.1 Tax Sale Mandated Procedural Changes 2024

**Moved By** Councillor Skakun  
**Seconded By** Councillor Scott

*That the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs:*

1. *RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION* the report dated May 13, 2024 from Councillor Garth Frizzell, Chair, titled “Tax Sale Mandated Procedural Changes 2024”;
2. *RECOMMENDS* to Council that a letter be written to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs to raise concerns regarding the challenges faced by the City in implementing the changes proposed as outlined in this report; and
3. *RECOMMENDS* to Council that a copy of the letter be sent to the North Central Local Government Association members.

**Carried Unanimously**

**Moved By** Councillor Scott  
**Seconded By** Councillor Skakun

*That the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs RECOMENDS to Council that a copy of the letter, mirrored to the letter from the City of Burnaby as attached to the report dated May 13, 2024 from Councillor Garth Frizzell, Chair, titled “Tax Sale Mandated Procedural Changes 2024”, be sent to North Central Local Government Association members.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**Moved By** Councillor Sampson  
**Seconded By** Councillor Skakun

*That the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs DIRECTS Administration to communicate with City of Burnaby staff to understand their intentions for further action and to bring back to Council or the committee with potential options for further action with the Union of BC Municipalities.*

**Carried Unanimously**

## **D.2 2024 Budget Referrals**

**Moved By** Councillor Scott  
**Seconded By** Councillor Skakun

*That the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs DEFERS item one “Retroactive RCMP renumeration” noted in the report dated May 13, 2024 from Councillor Garth Frizzell, Chair, titled “2024 Budget Referrals” to the next committee meeting and REQUESTS Councillor Ramsay to present background information including dates and timelines previous advocacy had taken place in regarding this item.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**Moved By** Councillor Skakun  
**Seconded By** Councillor Scott

*That the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs DIRECTS Administration to send a letter to ICBC requesting reimbursement for replacement cost of street lighting rather than the depreciated value as discussed regarding item two “ICBC coverage of street lighting being limited to depreciated value” noted in the report dated May 13, 2024 from Councillor Garth Frizzell, Chair, titled “2024 Budget Referrals”.*

**Carried Unanimously**

## **D.3 Proposed Motion – Gender Based Violence**

**Moved By** Councillor Skakun  
**Seconded By** Councillor Scott

*That the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs RECOMMENDS to Council to adopt the motion titled “Motion to Declare a Gender-Based Violence and Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic in the City of Prince George” as attached to the report dated May 13, 2024 from Councillor Garth Frizzell, Chair, titled “Proposed Motion – Gender Based Violence” with any edits to the motion by Administration to account for legislative requirements and/or formatting.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**Moved By** Councillor Sampson  
**Seconded By** Councillor Scott

*That, subject to Council’s adoption of the proposed motion “Motion to Declare a Gender-Based Violence and Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic in the City of Prince George”, the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs EXPRESSES further interest to the Lieutenant Governor to share the motion with the proponents of the BC Human Trafficking network.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**D.4 Advocacy to Increase Conservation Officers**

**Moved By** Councillor Skakun  
**Seconded By** Councillor Scott

*That the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs DIRECTS Administration to advocate to increase the number of conservation officers the Prince George region and to include letters of support from the Regional District of Fraser Fort George and Lheidli T’enneh First Nation.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**D.5 Work Plan and Calendar Update Report – May 2024**

**Moved By** Councillor Skakun  
**Seconded By** Councillor Scott

*That the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs ADDS to the Committee Work Plan the exploration of a Fair Share agreement with the Province similar that of the Northwest BC Resource Benefits Alliance that was formed to seek funding to ensure more of the revenue generated from the region remains in the region.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**Moved By** Councillor Skakun  
**Seconded By** Councillor Scott

*That the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated May 13, 2024 from Councillor Garth Frizzell, Chair, titled "Updates to the Committee Work Plan and Calendar".*

**Carried Unanimously**

**D.6 Follow Up Report on Advocacy Trip and UBCM**

**Moved By** Councillor Skakun  
**Seconded By** Councillor Scott

*That the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs SCHEDULES a meeting outside of a regular meeting of the Committee to develop an advocacy strategy plan*

*for the City of Prince George at the Union of BC Municipalities Convention held in September 2024.*

**Carried Unanimously**

**E. OLD BUSINESS**

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved By** Councillor Skakun  
**Seconded By** Councillor Scott

*That there being no further business, the meeting of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs, BE ADJOURNED.*

**Carried Unanimously**

The meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

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Councillor Garth Frizzell, Chair

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