

# PRINCE GEORGE SITUATION (SPIRIT) TABLE REINVIGORATION IMPLEMENTATION

## OVERVIEW

### 1. Project Background and Description

The Two Rivers Crime Prevention Society, along with the Prince George RCMP Community Policing Section applied to the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General (MPSSG) – Office of Crime Reduction and Gan Outreach (OCR-GO) to receive grant funding to establish a Situation Table in Prince George. The grant application was successful and in February 2020 the City of Prince George received \$65,000. Unfortunately, the launch of the Prince George SPIRIT Table took place during the COVID-19 pandemic and delivery of the program was challenging to navigate. As a result, the SPIRIT Table is not operating effectively with many original partner representatives having moved on from roles in their organization that allowed them to participate at the SPIRIT Table. The key objectives and expected outcomes of BC Situation Tables are to improve wellbeing to those who are at acute elevated risk in the community and improve community safety. The MPSSG has approved a supplemental grant of approximately \$30,000 to restart the Prince George SPIRIT Table so that the municipality and collaborative partners can connect with at-risk people in the community and support them by offering support services.

#### Some of the Participating Agencies

- City of Prince George
- Northern Health
- BC Housing
- School District 57
- Active Support Against Poverty (ASAP)
- BC Corrections
- Phoenix Transition Society
- RCMP

### 2. Project Scope

Pending approval, the City of Prince George will receive the supplemental grant from the MPSSG and these funds will be used to provide proper training and service delivery to community stakeholders. The City of Prince George currently has approximately \$21,000 from the original grant and will have a sum of approximately \$51,000 after receiving the supplemental grant. The Global Network for Community Safety is the identified agency to deliver training for the launch of a Situation Table and the cost is approximately \$30,000. The training includes the following:

1. Initialization Phase

2. Training Phase
3. Post-launch phase

The surplus of funds will be used for identified training opportunities and ongoing training of new table participants. We will engage Indigenous partners to ensure that the SPIRIT Table is collaborative in relationship building and understanding of Indigenous culture so that program delivery is providing successful support to our diverse population. In addition, funding may be used to acquire equipment and software required to facilitate meetings and conduct an evaluation of the Prince George SPIRIT Table's activities and impacts. The table will be engaged with the MPSSG and participate in provincial training gatherings. In addition, it is proposed that the table will provide an honorarium to a Table Chair for a period of one year. The honorarium will be provided for the attendance of each meeting and be paid to the chair every month. The initial grant provided funding for the recruitment and retention of a part-time chair for a period of one year.

### 3. Implementation Plan

1. Engage with Legislative Services to ensure the agreement meets our specific requirements, and ensure our collection and retention of information meets requirements.
2. Engage with City of Prince George participants to identify employees who can take on table roles (Deliver a presentation if needed):
  - a. Data Recorder – 2 employees. The Community Policing Coordinator has already been identified as a Data Recorder. 1 more employee required. Data Recorder's will alternate meetings.
  - b. Member to complete intake of new table participants – ensure appropriate agreements reviewed and signed, follow up to ensure training is completed before attendance at the table. Ensuring distribution list is kept up to date and that people who leave the table are removed from communications.
  - c. Steering Committee member – Representing CPG.
  - d. Local Champion Member - CPG
3. Identify the Steering Committee representatives.
4. Inform the SPIRIT Table participants of the reinvigoration.
  - a. Review the table participants to ensure that the table is comprised of organizations who can deliver support services.
5. Hold a general information session
6. Seek out and create a Local Champions Group – representing multiple organizations.

## 4. Timeline/Schedule Until September City Council Meeting

