



Minutes of the Advisory Committee on Bear Awareness

October 2, 2024

9:00 am

2nd Floor Conference Room of City Hall
1100 Patricia Boulevard, Prince George, BC

*We respectfully acknowledge the unceded ancestral lands of the Lheidli T'enneh,
on whose land we live, work and play.*

PRESENT: Lisa Cran <Chair>
Nicole Botten
Lauren Harding
Alex Schare <9:03 a.m. – 10:16 a.m.>
James Spankie

IN ATTENDANCE: Sean Lebrun, Manager of Parks and Solid Waste Services/Staff Liaison
Neil Matheson, Parks Supervisor
Charlotte Peters, Manager of Bylaw Services
Leslie Kellett, Deputy Corporate Officer

A. COMMENCEMENT

The meeting of the Advisory Committee on Bear Awareness was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

A. Schare entered the 2nd Floor Conference room at 9:03 a.m.

B. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved By J. Spankie

Seconded By A. Schare

That the agenda for the October 2, 2024 Advisory Committee on Bear Awareness meeting, be amended by adding item D.3 – Negative Effects of Human-Bear Conflict on City, Taxpayers, and Community Life, and item D.4 – City-wide Garbage Bin Roll out Options, and that the agenda, BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

Carried Unanimously

C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

**C.1 Minutes from the Advisory Committee on Bear Awareness Meeting held
September 18, 2024**

Moved By N. Botten

Seconded By J. Spankie

That the minutes of the Advisory Committee on Bear Awareness meeting held September 18, 2024 BE ADOPTED as 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 Consideration of Recommendations from the September 18, 2024 Committee Meeting

Moved By L. Cran

Seconded By J. Spankie

That the Advisory Committee on Bear Awareness RECOMMENDS that Council:

- 1. DIRECT Administration to include educational materials regarding human-bear interactions with the City's utility bills for the spring and fall billing cycles; and*
- 2. DIRECT Administration to continue incorporating bear awareness information on the garbage collection schedule, social media platforms, and website.*

Carried Unanimously

D.2 All Recommendations from the Advisory Committee on Bear Awareness

The committee reviewed all recommendations of the Committee for Council consideration and made amendments to the following recommendations.

Moved By L. Cran

Seconded By J. Spankie

That the Advisory Committee on Bear Awareness AMENDS recommendation #1 from the July 24, 2024 committee meeting by:

- a. adding the word "Provincial" before the words "Bear Smart Status"; and*
- b. replacing the word "reduce" with the word "reducing".*

Carried Unanimously

Moved By L. Cran

Seconded By N. Botten

That the Advisory Committee on Bear Awareness AMENDS recommendation #2 from the July 24, 2024 committee meeting by:

- a. replacing the word “ESTABLISH” with the words “DIRECTS Administration to establish”;*
- b. replacing the word “Advisory” with the word “Technical”;*
- c. adding the words “that meets regularly” before the words “with membership”;*
- d. adding the words “at least” after the word “include”;* and
- e. adding the words “vii. Other City staff members as required.” after item 2.b.vi.*

Carried Unanimously

Moved By J. Spankie

Seconded By N. Botten

That the Advisory Committee on Bear Awareness AMENDS recommendation #3a from the July 25, 2024 committee meeting by:

- a. replacing the word “an” with the the word “multiple” before the words “automated bear-resistant”;*
- b. replacing the word “bin” with “bins”;* and
- c. replacing the words “an area” with “areas”.*

Carried Unanimously

The committee deferred consideration of proposed amendments to item #3b from the July 25, 2024 committee meeting to the October 16, 2024 committee meeting.

Moved By L. Cran

Seconded By J. Spankie

That the Advisory Committee on Bear Awareness AMENDS recommendation #5 from the August 22, 2024 committee meeting by:

- a. replacing the words “fruit gleaning and harvest sharing” with the words “bear-resistant garbage bins, fruit gleaning and harvest sharing, and public education”;* and
- b. replacing the word “could” with the word “would”.*

Carried Unanimously

L. Harding exited the 2nd Floor Conference Room at 10:04 a.m. and returned at 10:05 a.m.

Consideration of the remaining agenda items is postponed to the October 16, 2024 committee meeting.

D.3 Negative Effects of Human-Bear Conflict on City, Taxpayers, and Community Life

D.4 City-wide Garbage Bin Roll out Options

E. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

E.1 Next Committee Meeting: October 16, 2024 - Discussion Topic: Finalize Report to Council

All reports, information items and associated background documents must be submitted through the chair and staff liaison to legislativeservices@princegeorge.ca before 5:00 p.m., Monday, October 7, 2024.

F. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

Lisa Cran, Chair

Certified Correct