

Date: November 15, 2024

To: **Mayor and Council.**

Name and title: Ethan Anderson, Manager of Legislative Services/Corporate Officer

Subject: City of Prince George Downtown Business Improvement Area Bylaw No. 9507, 2024

Attachment(s): Appendix "A" - Report dated September 13, 2024 from Manager of Legislative Services titled 'City of Prince George Downtown Business Improvement Area Bylaw No. 9507, 2024.'
Appendix "B" - Certificate of Insufficiency for City of Prince George Downtown Business Improvement Area Bylaw No. 9507, 2024

Recommendation(s):

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the Certificate of Insufficiency attached as Appendix "B" to the report dated November 15, 2024 from the Manager of Legislative Services/Corporate Officer titled "City of Prince George Downtown Business Improvement Area Bylaw No. 9507, 2024."

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the results of the petition process for the renewal of the City of Prince George Downtown Business Improvement Area bylaw.

Strategic Priorities:

This report supports Council's Priorities of City Government and Infrastructure and Effective Governance.

Discussion:

At the September 25, 2024 regular meeting, Council gave first three readings to "City of Prince George Downtown Business Improvement Area Bylaw No. 9507, 2024" and Administration conducted a counter-petition process regarding the adoption renewal of the Downtown Prince George Business Improvement Association bylaw.

Notice was given in accordance with the *Community Charter* and the "City of Prince George Public Notice Bylaw No. 9329, 2022" and include publication of the notice to the 1st floor bulletin board, the City's public notice webpage, and the City's Facebook social media page.

The notice, including a map of the Downtown Business Improvement Area boundary, covering letter outlining the petition process, and the petition was mailed to all owners of Class 5 and 6 properties within the Downtown Prince George Business Improvement Association. Property owners were given thirty days to submit written opposition to the bylaw renewal. The deadline for receiving submissions was Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

As outlined in the Certificate of Insufficiency, attached as Appendix “B”, the number of petitions received has been determined to be insufficient and therefore Council may proceed with consideration of final reading and adoption of “City of Prince George Downtown Business Improvement Area Bylaw No. 9507, 2024.”

Summary and conclusion:

As there were insufficient petitions against “City of Prince George Downtown Business Improvement Area Bylaw No. 9507, 2024” that would prevent Council from adopting the bylaw, it is recommended that Council grant final reading to “City of Prince George Downtown Business Improvement Area Bylaw No .9507, 2024.”

Respectfully submitted:

Ethan Anderson, Manager of Legislative Services/Corporate Officer

Approved:

Walter Babicz, City Manager

Meeting Date: 2024/12/02