

Date: January 9, 2025

To: **Standing Committee on Public Safety**

Name and title: Eric Depenau, Director of Administrative Services

Subject: Discussion on Vacant Buildings

Attachment(s):

1. Questions & Considerations Document – Vacant Buildings
2. City of Prince George Nuisance Abatement Bylaw
3. Community Charter – Remedial Action
4. City of Prince George Property Maintenance Bylaw

#### Recommendation(s):

That the Committee RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated January 9, 2025 from the Director of Administrative Services, titled “Discussion on Vacant Buildings”.

#### Purpose:

This report is provided at the committee’s request as an item identified in the work plan.

#### Background:

The committee has requested comments on the City’s:

- Liability and responsibility to protect vacant buildings
- Liability and access to vacant land and unsightly properties
- Requirements of owners to address vacant buildings, land and unsightly properties
- Enforcement of bylaws related to addressing vacant buildings, land, and unsightly properties

The attached discussion document and suite of bylaws share information on these topics. The content should not be mistaken for legal advice.

#### Summary and conclusion:

This report is intended to support conversation on vacant buildings and related considerations.

#### Respectfully submitted:

Eric Depenau, Director of Administrative Services

Prepared with support by: Shawn Smith, Manager of Risk and Procurement.

#### Approved:

Andy Beesley, Acting City Manager/Director of Civic Facilities and Events

Meeting date: 2025/02/18