



Minutes of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

February 4, 2025

10:00 am

2nd Floor Conference Room, 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: Councillor Garth Frizzell <Chair>
Councillor Susan Scott
Councillor Kyle Sampson

IN ATTENDANCE: Eric Depenau, Director of Administrative Services
Ethan Anderson, Manager of Legislative Services / Corporate Officer
Elisha Leclair, Legislative Services Assistant

A. COMMENCEMENT

The meeting of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs was called to order at 10:04 a.m.

B. ADOPTION OF THE AMENDED AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Scott
Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That the agenda for the February 4, 2025 Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs meeting, be amended by removing item D.5 Library Funding [Verbal Update] and by adding a new item as D.2 inviting Neil Godbout, Executive Director of Prince George Chamber of Commerce, to discuss policy resolution collaborations with the committee, 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 January 7, 2025

Moved By Councillor Scott

Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That the minutes of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs meeting held January 7, 2025 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 Conversation on 2025 North Central Local Government Association Resolutions

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Scott

That the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs APPROVES draft resolution 1: Conservation Officer Advocacy, as follows:

WHEREAS the provincial government is responsible for managing the conservation service, with few officers covering a geographically vast region, which has a negative impact on the ability of the BC Conservation Officer Service to meet the needs of the communities served;

WHEREAS the British Columbia Conservation Officer Service needs additional resources to adequately address public safety, focus on natural resource law enforcement, off road vehicle enforcement, illegal dumping, human wildlife conflicts prevention, and respond to wildlife human conflict:

THEREFORE, be it resolved that NCLGA advocates that the provincial government be required to provide adequate funding, offices and staffing to fully support the BC Conservation Officer Service to be more active and proactive in effectively managing conservation services.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Scott

That the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs APPROVES the amended draft resolution 2: Regional Secure Psychiatric Care Facility, as follows:

WHEREAS the provincial government has stated an interest in establishing, throughout the province, beds under the Mental Health Act at highly secure regional facilities, where people will receive long term care and housing that is secure, safe and dignified.

WHEREAS the provincial government has stated they are working on legislation, supported by expert consultation, that would support involuntary admittance to these specialized, compassionate care facilities with a coordinated plan for both treatment and post care. And the City of Prince George recognizes its role as a regional service hub for these types of facilities.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that NCLGA advocates to the Provincial Government the construction of a standalone secure psychiatric care facility, to serve the region, in Prince George.

Carried Unanimously

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Scott

That the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs APPROVES draft resolution 3: Provincial Funding for Public Libraries, with the authorization for Administration to consolidate the four (4) WHEREAS clauses into two (2) WHEREAS clauses, as required by North Central Local Government Association.

D.2 Policy Resolution Collaborations

Moved By Councillor Scott

Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs INVITES Neil Godbout, Executive Director of Prince George Chamber of Commerce, to discuss policy resolution collaborations

Carried Unanimously

N. Godbout and the committee discussed proposed resolutions regarding conservation officers, a regional, secure psychiatric care facility, and provincial funding for public libraries being supported by Prince George Chamber of Commerce. The committee also considered bringing forward resolutions from the Prince George Chamber of Commerce for the committee to support Prince George as the location for a BC Veterinarian School and to advocate for upgrades to highway infrastructure.

Moved By Councillor Scott

Seconded By Councillor Sampson

That the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs REQUESTS administration to send proposed NCLGA resolutions, once approved by Council, to the Prince George Chamber of Commerce for inclusion in the BC Chamber annual general meeting.

Carried Unanimously

D.3 National RCMP Contract Negotiations

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Scott

That the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report titled, “National RCMP Contract Negotiations” from the Chair, dated 27 January 2025.

Carried Unanimously

D.4 Benefit Agreement Conversation

Moved By Councillor Sampson

Seconded By Councillor Scott

That the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report titled, “Benefit Agreement Conversation” from the Chair, dated January 27, 2025.

Carried Unanimously

D.5 BC Anti Human Trafficking Network [Verbal Report]

There were no updates to present.

E. OLD BUISNESS

F. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

Councillor Garth Frizzell, Chair

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