

# STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL

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**DATE:** January 9, 2020

**TO:** MAYOR AND COUNCIL

**NAME AND TITLE:** Kathleen Soltis, City Manager

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Revision to the Select Committee on a Safe, Clean and Inclusive Downtown Terms of Reference

**ATTACHMENT:** Appendix "A" – Proposed Amendments to Terms of Reference for the Select Committee on a Safe, Clean and Inclusive Downtown

## RECOMMENDATION:

That Council APPROVES the revised Terms of Reference for the Select Committee on a Safe, Clean and Inclusive Downtown attached as Appendix "A" to the report dated January 9, 2020, to include the Prince George Business Owners Advocacy Group as one of the Community Organizations which is eligible to form the membership of this Committee.

## PURPOSE:

This report is provided for Council's consideration of an amendment to the Select Committee on a Safe, Clean and Inclusive Downtown Terms of Reference. The proposed amendment is the addition of the Prince George Business Owners Advocacy Group as a community organization that is listed in section 3.1.1 (2) of the Terms of Reference and an overall increase in the Committee's total membership as outlined in section 3.

## BACKGROUND:

The current Terms of Reference allow for up to eight (8) members from community organizations to be included in the membership of the committee. This number will be increased to nine (9) members with the addition of the Prince George Business Owners Advocacy Group. With this change, the total membership on this Committee will allow for up to fifteen (15) members. The Advocacy Group was recently formed to provide formal representation of the interests of downtown business owners on a variety of issues including the social challenges within the City's downtown core. Several downtown business owners are members of this Group; the group is working to develop short-term actions to improve the commercial environment in the City's centre for business owners and their employees, residents and visitors.

## SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:

As a potential Select Committee member, the Prince George Business Owners Advocacy Group could provide valuable information and contributions to the development of priorities and strategies in an effort to address social issues throughout Prince George with a focus on the downtown core. To formalize their membership, it is recommended Council pass the proposed resolution as outlined in this report.

## RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Kathleen Soltis, City Manager

**PREPARED BY:** Maureen Connelly, Manager of Legislative Services

Meeting Date: January 20, 2020

## Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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**Kathleen Soltis - Jan 13, 2020 - 1:11 PM**