



NOTICE OF MOTION

Date: June 2nd, 2025

To: Mayor and Council

From: Councillor Kyle Sampson & Councillor Brian Skakun

Subject: Prince George Social Services Connector Event

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council **DIRECTS** administration to hold an event targeted at the social services sector late August/early September as a measure to increase connectivity between groups, and also with our own City resources; as well, to show appreciation for the challenging work undertaken by this sector.
2. That a budget of \$2,500 be made available from Council Contingency for this event, and that Council **DIRECTS** administration to seek out any appropriate partnership to host the event.

DISCUSSION:

Prince George is fortunate to have a significant number of NGOs, government agencies, non-profits, and other social service organizations dedicated to serving our community, particularly in the downtown core.

However, it's clear that many of these organizations unintentionally, or due to funding/operational constraints, operate in silos, with limited or in some cases no direct connection to one another. Often, their services overlap or complement each other in meaningful ways. By facilitating introductions and liaising an opportunity for these organizations to develop relationships among these groups, the City can play a key role in strengthening collaboration across the sector, and therefore better serving the folks who need their service and reside in the City of Prince George.

This event is an opportunity to:

- Build bridges between organizations that might not otherwise connect.
- Give social services a clear line of sight into the work others are doing and identify areas where they can support each other or avoid duplication.
- Provide City staff, such as bylaw enforcement and other frontline teams, with a better understanding of the organizations' roles, allowing for smoother coordination and more effective service delivery.

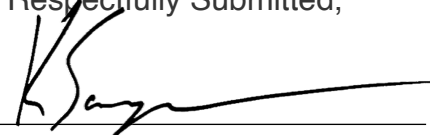
The format should be approachable and informal to encourage connection, for example, a community BBQ-style gathering would help create a relaxed and inclusive environment that fosters conversation and builds trust between attendees.

Additionally, administration should make efforts to work with MLA Rosalyn Bird's office, who is working on an event called 'Prescription Drug Takeback Day', as part of International Overdose Awareness Day to encourage the public to safely dispose of expired or unused medications. This initiative is critical to preventing these drugs from ending up on the streets, where they could be misused or cause harm. It would be wise to explore synergies between the City's event and the MLA's event, ensuring both complement each other and strengthen our collective impact on community health and safety.

This motion aims to highlight the importance of breaking down silos and working together, both between organizations, and between organizations and various levels of government, to deliver better outcomes for the people of Prince George.

It is intended that this motion be considered by Council at the July 14th Regular Council Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,



Councillor Kyle Sampson



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