

Agenda

- Mandate
- Realistic expectations
- Constraints and "Must do's"
- Proposal and Options
- Deliberation
- Committee Recommendation(s)

Terms of Reference: The "Why"

"The purpose of the Committee is to advise Council and City Staff on priorities and strategies related to key issues and work required to be done to address social issues throughout Prince George with a focus on the downtown core..."

Realistic Expectations

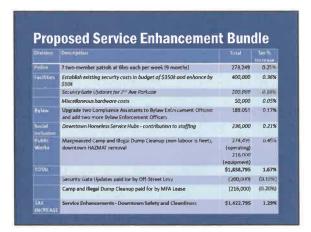
- Strategy occurs when aspirations are proportionate to capabilities
- Remain narrowly focused to immediate budget deliberations: Terms of Reference mandate
- Jurisdictional issues, legal evolution (R. v. Jordan case) and the 'new normal' – continent wide challenge;
 - The wickedly complex trifecta: opioid crisis, mental health and addictions, and homelessness reframe our thinking from a "problem to solve" to a "condition to (slightly) better manage" over the long-run

Constraints and "Must do's"

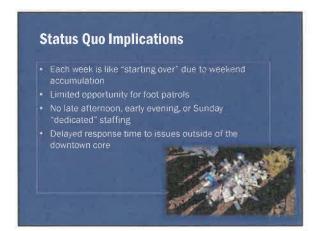
- There are obligatory "must do's": security, parkades and social inclusion hubs
 - Health and Safety of patrons and staff;
 - > Existing contracts:
 - Parkades covered by the Off-Street Parking Levy;
 - Internal efficiencies have already been maximized:
 - —Maintenance of the new 2019 "status quo" = service reductions in other areas (for example, camp cleanups = reduction of service to other areas of city)

2020 Budget - Service Enhancement Proposal

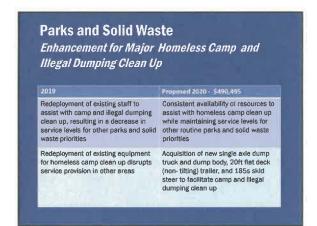
- Bylaw 2 additional officers, extended hours
- Policing 2 member patrol, 7 days/week
- Public Works increased staff and equipment for downtown cleaning (including biohazard removal, and additional support of Bylaw debris removal) and illegal camp cleanup











Proposed bylaw, policing, security, and social well-being enhancements allow for the alignment of resources to: • provide integrated service delivery for 18 hours per day in the downtown area; • ensure visible uniformed presence in the downtown; • enable route and schedule sharing and; • offer the full continuum of response services necessary for a clean, safe, and inclusive downtown

Not a silver bullet

- This proposal was the 'middle way' recommendation to the Finance and Audit Committee;
- It does not address overnight issues (less existing policing);
- Should demand for services continue to increase, future enhancements may be necessary

Committee recommendation:

- Questions and Answers
- Deliberation
- Committee's Budget Enhancement Recommendation to City Council