

SELECT COMMITTEE ON A SAFE, CLEAN AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY

Minutes of the City of Prince George Select Committee on A Safe, Clean and Inclusive Community meeting, held in the 2nd Floor Conference Room, City Hall, 1100 Patricia Boulevard, Prince George, BC, on February 4, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mayor Lyn Hall (Chair); Ms. Lynne Brown; Mr. Todd Corrigall; Mr. David McMullen < 1:49 p.m. to 2:42 p.m.>; Ms. Connie Abe; Mr. Daniel Roy; Mr. Derek Dougherty <Alternate to Mr. Eoin Foley, Downtown Prince George>; Mr. Paul Burry; Mr. Graham Hall; Ms. Shelby Petersen; Mr. Chris Wetmore <Alternate to Ms. Valerie Hare, BC Housing>; Supt. Shaun Wright; Mr. Dan Denis <Alternate for Ms. Dawn Matte>; Mr. Bernie Schneider; and Ms. Barb Ward-Burkitt.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor Murry Krause <1:10 p.m. to 2:42 p.m.>; Ms. Kathleen Soltis, City Manager/Staff Liaison; Ms. Chris Bone, Associate Director of Strategic Initiatives and Partnerships/Staff Liaison; Mr. Adam Davey, Director of Community Services and Public Safety/Staff Liaison; Ms. Gina Layte Liston, Director of Public Works; Ms. Dyra Pridham, Senior Executive Assistant to the Mayor/City Manager's Office; and Ms. Leslie Kellett, Legislative Coordinator.

GUESTS:

Ms. Colleen Van Mook, Director, Downtown Prince George; Mr. John Zukowski, Business Owners Advocacy Group <1:48 p.m. to 2:42 p.m.>.

A. Commencement

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

A roundtable of introductions was conducted.

B. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Mr. Schneider, seconded by Supt. Wright, that the agenda for the February 4, 2020 Select Committee on A Safe, Clean, and Inclusive Community, BE ADOPTED.

Carried Unanimously

C. Adoption of Minutes

C.1 Minutes from the Select Committee on A Safe, Clean, and Inclusive Downtown Meeting Held January 22, 2020

Moved by Mr. Corrigall, seconded by Ms. Petersen, that the minutes from the January 22, 2020 Select Committee on A Safe, Clean, and Inclusive Downtown, BE ADOPTED.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Murry Krause entered the 2nd Floor Conference Room at 1:10 p.m.

D. Old Business

D.1 Terms of Reference

Mayor Hall advised that at the February 3, 2020 regular Council meeting, Council approved an update to the name of the Select Committee from *Select Committee on A Safe, Clean, and Inclusive Downtown* to *Select Committee on A Safe, Clean, and Inclusive Community*. Correspondence and documents pertaining to the Committee from that day forward will bear the new Committee name.

E. New Business**E.1 Proposed 2020 Budget Service Enhancement: Downtown Safe, Clean, and Inclusive Package**

Mr. Adam Davey, Director of Community Services and Public Safety, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Proposed 2020 Budget Service Enhancement Package including information on expectations, constraints and “must-do’s”, and details on the Bylaw, RCMP, and Parks and Solid Waste service enhancement.

Discussion commenced regarding the timeline for Council to deliberate and decide on the budget service enhancements to meet legislated requirements.

The Committee discussed the potential impact of an increased Bylaw and RCMP presence in the “downtown” area including an increased perception of safety, and an increased impact on the “conflict of use” (of the space) between patrons, business owners and individuals that may be impeding access to these spaces. Concern was noted that an increased enforcement presence in the “downtown area” may help alleviate stress in that area through the displacement of the affected individuals to other areas of the community.

Discussion commenced regarding the costs associated with the proposed service enhancement and options to have those costs met without an increase to the 2020 Tax Levy. Some Committee members requested that Council finance the service enhancements from within the existing City budget. For consideration, some Committee members suggested Council direct Administration to reduce each departmental budget by 0.25% to financially support the proposed service enhancement.

Mr. Zukowski, Alternate for the Business Owners Advocacy Group, entered the 2nd Floor Conference Room at 1:48 p.m.

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Discussion commenced regarding the value of the developing partnerships with organizations who have established relationships with the target population. The Committee discussed the benefits of better linking RCMP, Bylaw Services and Organizational Outreach Services to more comprehensively address issues by connecting individuals to available services.

Discussion commenced regarding the accuracy of existing statistics for the number of displaced and homeless in Prince George.

The Committee discussed utilizing “work programs” instead of City staff for the biohazard cleanup. Staff addressed the health, safety, risk, and specialized training required for the safe clean-up of biohazardous materials.

K. Soltis, City Manager, G. Layte Liston, Director of Public Works, C. Bone, Associate Director of Strategic Initiatives and Partnerships, and A. Davey, Director of Community Services and Public Safety, responded to questions of the Committee.

F. Informational Items**F.1 Next Committee Meeting: To Be Determined****G. Adjournment**

THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON A SAFE, CLEAN, AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2:42 p.m.

Mayor Lyn Hall, Chair

Ms. Leslie Kellett, Legislative Coordinator

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