



Committee Report to Council

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Date: September 16, 2025

To: **Mayor and Council.**

Name and title: Standing Committee on Public Safety

Subject: Referrals from the September 16, 2025 Standing Committee on Public Safety Meeting

Attachment(s):

1. Two Items of Correspondence from Chrisie Berry, Executive Director, Downtown Prince George: Downtown Prince George Security Camera Pilot Project Update as of August 20, 2025; and an Update as of September 17, 2025
2. Correspondence from Dr. Daryl Lieski and Cindy Zurowski, Owner and Co-Founders, Crossroads Brewing & Distillery
3. Draft Correspondence from Council to Premier Eby regarding public safety matters

Recommendation(s):

That Council:

1. AGREE to share the correspondence from Dr. Daryl Lieski and Cindy Zurowski, Owners and Co-Founders of Crossroads Brewing & Distillery, with relevant provincial ministries for consideration during the Union of BC Municipalities convention, as attached to the report dated September 16, 2025 from the Standing Committee on Public Safety titled “Referrals from the September 16, 2025 Standing Committee on Public Safety Meeting”; and
2. APPROVE sending correspondence from Council to Premier Eby requesting an update on matters related to public safety, substantially similar to that attached to the report dated September 16, 2025 from the Standing Committee on Public Safety titled “Referrals from the September 16, 2025 Standing Committee on Public Safety Meeting.”

Purpose:

At its September 16, 2025, the Standing Committee on Public Safety received a letter from Chrisie Berry, Executive Director, Downtown Prince George, providing an update on the Downtown Prince George Security Camera Pilot Project as of August 20, 2025. Ms. Berry also gave a verbal update at the meeting and subsequently submitted a follow-up letter, dated September 17, 2025, which captured the contents of that verbal update. Both letters are attached to this report.

The committee also heard a verbal presentation from Daryl Lieski, Owner of Crossroads Brewing & Distillery, regarding his experiences as a downtown business owner. Dr. Lieski raised concerns about public safety and described the significant impacts he has faced, including the loss of his business in a fire allegedly set by a known criminal offender.

The Committee requested that Dr. Lieski consider submitting a letter to the September 17, 2025 regular Council meeting for Council's consideration, with the intent that Council share the letter with relevant provincial ministries during meetings at the Union of BC Municipalities convention. That letter is attached for Council's review.

In addition, the Committee resolved to recommend that Council send correspondence to Premier Eby requesting an update on matters related to public safety. A draft letter is attached for Council's consideration.

Summary and conclusion:

The Standing Committee on Public Safety requests that Council share Dr. Lieski's letter with relevant provincial ministries as a testament to the hardships experienced by local business owners; and to approve sending a letter to Premier Eby requesting an update on public safety matters.

Respectfully submitted:

Mayor Simon Yu, Chair
Standing Committee on Public Safety

Meeting date: 2025/09/17