

Date: January 6, 2026

To: **Mayor and Council**

Name and title: Councillor Garth Frizzell, Chair, Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

Subject: Downloading Report Advocacy Tool

Attachment(s):

1. Kamloops Administrative Report – Financial Impacts of Higher-Level Government Policy Change
2. Coquitlam Committee Report – Provincial Government Downloading

Recommendation(s):

That Council DIRECTS Administration to prepare a Downloading Report to be used by Council and Staff as an advocacy tool as described in the report dated January 6, 2026, from the Chair of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs, titled “Downloading Report Advocacy Tool”.

Purpose:

This report requests Council support for the preparation of a Downloading Report for use as an advocacy tool by Committees, Council and staff.

Background:

At the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs meeting held on January 6, 2026, the Committee discussed the impacts of costs and responsibilities that have been downloaded from senior levels of government to municipalities and further discussed the effectiveness of data as an advocacy tool.

Recent reports produced by other BC municipalities have identified millions of dollars in downloaded costs that are being borne by local governments, taking budget away from municipal services such as roads, water, parks, and snow removal.

Preparation of a report similar to that of Coquitlam and Kamloops (attached) detailing the data and financial impacts of provincial and federal downloading on the City of Prince George is recommended by the Committee to be used as an advocacy tool to strengthen conversations held between the City and other levels of government.

As this initiative requires staff time to access and analyze data and prepare the report and as the completed report may be used by all of Council as an advocacy tool, the Committee is seeking Council approval to direct Administration to complete the intended work.

Summary and conclusion:

The Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs is seeking Council approval for the preparation of a Downloading Report for use as an advocacy tool.

Respectfully submitted:

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