

DATE: June 29, 2020

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

NAME AND TITLE: Ian Wells, General Manager of Planning and Development

SUBJECT: 2020 CP100155 Report to Council - Request to Amend Consultation Procedures.docx

ATTACHMENT(S): Exhibit "A" to CP100155

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council **APPROVES** an amendment to the public consultation process for proposed "City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9063, 2019," by waiving the prerequisite for one Public Consultation Meeting, such that the public consultation process to fulfill the requirements of Section 475 of the *Local Government Act* consists of:

- a) Two Citywide Newspaper advertisements requesting written comments; and
- b) Request for written comment from properties identified on Exhibit "A" to CP100155.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to amend the public consultation process for proposed Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9063, 2019.

BACKGROUND:

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and Ministerial Order regarding Mass Gathering Events under the *Emergency Program Act*, Administration is unable to host a public consultation meeting or gathering where more than 50 patrons for the purpose of the event may attend.

As per Section 475 of the *Local Government Act*, the local government must provide one or more opportunities it considers appropriate for consultation with persons, organizations and authorities it considers will be affected by the proposed bylaw. In order to align with the Ministerial Order for Mass Gathering Events while fulfilling the requirements of Section 475 of the *Local Government Act*, Administration has proposed the following public consultation process:

- a) Two Citywide Newspaper advertisements requesting written comments; and
- b) Request for written comment from properties identified on Exhibit "A" to CP100155.

Written submissions received in response to the newspaper advertisements and request for comment will be summarized and provided to Council for consideration at the time Public Hearing of the bylaw is proposed to be considered. As per Section 477 of the *Local Government Act*, the requirements for Public Hearing are in addition to the proposed public consultation process identified above.

Subject to Council's approval of the proposed amendment to the public consultation process, consultation will be initiated followed by Public Hearing and third reading of the proposed bylaw.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:

Administration recommends that Council waive the public hearing requirement for Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011, Amendment Bylaw No. 9063, 2019 due to the rationale identified above.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Ian Wells, General Manager of Planning and Development

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APPROVED:

Kathleen Soltis, City Manager

Meeting Date: 07/13/2020