

DATE: November 23, 2018

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

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

SUBJECT: Amendment to Second Hand Dealers and Pawnbrokers Bylaw N. 8098, 2008

ATTACHMENT(S): None

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That Council grant first two readings to City of Prince George Second-Hand Dealers and Pawnbrokers Bylaw No. 8098, 2008, Amendment Bylaw No. 8996, 2018.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with information for consideration and decision.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

The information being provided is consistent with Council's strategy to update and improve systems to ensure appropriate and valid customer service delivery.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:

At the March 6, 2017 regular meeting, Council received correspondence from Kelsy Polnik, of Game Quest, asking that the Second-Hand Dealers and Pawnbrokers Bylaw No. 8098, 2008 be amended to exempt trading and collectible cards from the requirements of the bylaw to be held for 30 days, similar to the amendment in 2014 that exempted video games from that requirement. Following discussion of the correspondence, Council resolved that Administration bring forward amendments to the "City of Prince George Second-Hand Dealers and Pawnbrokers Bylaw No. 8098, 2008" regarding collectible and trading cards.

In preparation of the Amendment and this report, Administration consulted with the RCMP. Insp. Shaun Wright advised that the RCMP views Collectible and Trading Cards as being different than video games, as video games in most cases are unidentifiable. The concerns are that Collectible and Trading Cards can be quite valuable and can also be quite rare or unique, allowing for identification and return to the rightful owner. They may also come with authentication paperwork that adds to the ability of the RCMP to positively identify those items. As such, it is useful for the police to have those items held for the 30 day waiting period, similar to other identifiable items such as electronics with serial numbers.

Conclusion:

Administration acknowledges the concerns of the RCMP and suggests that Council consider them in their deliberations on this amendment; however, Administration supports the amendment as drafted.

If Council grants first two readings to the Amendment Bylaw, then a public hearing will be scheduled as required by the Community Charter.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



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APPROVED:



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Meeting date: December 10, 2018