

SELECT COMMITTEE ON STUDENT NEEDS

Minutes of the City of Prince George Select Committee on Student Needs meeting, held in the 2nd Floor Conference Room of City Hall, 1100 Patricia Boulevard, Prince George, BC, on November 21, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Councillor Jillian **Merrick** (Chair); Ms. Trina **Johnson**; Ms. Arctica **Cunningham**; Ms. Kamal **Bindra**; Ms. Lindsay **Albers**; and Ms. Dara **Campbell**.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Rob **van Adrichem**, Director of External Relations/Staff Liaison; and Ms. Leslie **Jackson**, Legislative Coordinator.

Commencement

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

A roundtable of introductions was conducted to introduce two new members: Ms. Lindsay Albers, Public Member Council Appointee, and Ms. Dara Campbell, Northern Undergraduate Student Society (NUGSS) Representative.

A. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Albers, that the agenda for the November 21, 2017 Select Committee on Student Needs meeting be amended to include new item C.4 – Next Meeting, and that the agenda, BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

Carried Unanimously

B. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Ms. Bindra, seconded by Ms. Johnson, that the minutes of the Select Committee on Student Needs Meetings held on July 31, 2017, BE ADOPTED.

Carried Unanimously

C. New Business

C.1 Committee Member Appointments – Term Ending December 31, 2017

Ms. Jackson reminded the Committee that Council appointed public members to the committee have terms expiring on December 31, 2017. Volunteer applications will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 27, 2017 and appointments will be made by Council at the December 4, 2017 Council meeting.

Ms. Kamal Bindra advised she will remain as the College of New Caledonia Student Union (CNCSU) representative until the end of her term on the Student Union at the end of February 2018.

Ms. Dara Campbell advised she has been appointed as the 2018 representative for the University of Northern British Columbia Northern Undergraduate Student Society (NUGSS), effective immediately.

Ms. Jackson noted that the School District 57 District Student Advisory Council appointment for 2018 has not yet been received.

C.2 UPASS Expansion Project

Discussion commenced regarding the inclusion of additional services or amenities within the UPASS, currently available to students registered at the University of Northern British Columbia and the College of New Caledonia. Mr. van Adrichem and Councillor Merrick met and negotiated the following increases for these additional proposed amenities:

- Two Rivers Art Gallery: \$1.00
- Exploration Place: \$1.00
- Outdoor Ice Oval: \$0.50
- Informational materials to be created and distributed by the City: \$0.50
- Total: \$3.00/semester to include all access passes to Two Rivers Art Gallery, Exploration Place and the Outdoor Ice Oval with a discount offered on skate rentals.

The Committee discussed the need to ensure students are aware of the amenities available to them through the UPASS program. Currently no information or promotional materials are provided to students within their orientation packages regarding the UPASS program. The additional \$0.50 per UPASS sold will provide the City with funds to develop, print and distribute informational material (i.e.: brochure) for use by the Student Society's during their student orientation.

Discussion commenced regarding other amenities for consideration to include in future UPASS expansion including cross country and downhill skiing opportunities.

The Committee discussed concern that the additional amenities may not be enticing to enough of the student population to gain approval of the cost increase during a student referendum.

Discussion commenced regarding the need to obtain Council endorsement to include these additional services within the UPASS program and to obtain endorsement from the NUGSS and CNCSU Student Society's by way of a society referendum question at their Annual General Meetings held in February 2018.

Moved by Ms. Cunningham, seconded by Ms. Johnson, that the Committee APPROVES seeking endorsement from Council and the student society's at the University of Northern British Columbia and College of New Caledonia to move forward with the addition of the Two Rivers Art Gallery, The Exploration Place Museum and Science Centre and the Outdoor Ice Oval to the UPASS program for September 2018.

Carried

Ms. Albers opposed.

C.3 Workplan Review

Councillor Merrick provided an overview of the 2017 workplan. The 2018 workplan will be discussed at the January 2018 committee meeting following appointments of the new committee members in December.

C.4 Next Meeting

Discussion commenced regarding the need for a December meeting. The committee agreed tentatively schedule a meeting for December 19, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Conference Room. This meeting will be confirmed in December pending agenda items.

E. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Councillor Jillian Merrick, Chair

Leslie Jackson, Legislative Coordinator

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