

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the City of Prince George, held in the City Hall Council Chambers, 1100 Patricia Boulevard, Prince George, BC, on Monday, January 28, 2013, at 3:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Councillor Krause – Chair

Mayor Green
Councillor Everitt
Councillor Frizzell
Councillor Koehler
Councillor Skakun
Councillor Stolz < via telephone >

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms. **Soltis**, Acting City Manager; Mr. **Gaal**, Superintendent of Operations; and **Whitwham**, Director of Public Safety and Civic Facilities; and Ms. **Van Mook**, Director of Community Services; **Nordin**, Manager of Policy Initiatives; and **Dery**, Legislative Support Clerk.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Krause called the January 28, 2013, Committee of the Whole Meeting to order.

2. MINUTES

- a) Adoption of Minutes - Committee of the Whole Meeting held November 14, 2012

Moved by Councillor Frizzell, seconded by Councillor Everitt, that the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held November 14, 2012, BE ADOPTED.

Carried Unanimously

3. REPORTS

- a) Report dated January 18, 2013, from the Select Committee on a Core Services Review, regarding Core Services Review Project Opportunities

Opportunity #5.2 – Consider continuing the following land sale opportunities in progress: University Heights single family lots; RCMP parking lot; Tennis Courts off Highway 16; Wood Innovation Design Centre;

AND

Opportunity #5.3 – Consider the following additional four land sale opportunities:

North Nechako City land; City owned downtown commercial sites; Alternate location for Studio 2880, sell site; Dominion and 6th for student residences

Moved by Mayor Green, seconded by Councillor Everitt, that Administration return a report to Council regarding the opportunities at an appropriate Council meeting, in accordance with the provisions of Section 90(1)(e) of the Community Charter.

Carried Unanimously

Opportunity #9.2 – Consider increasing the cost of ice time to achieve increased recovery of the cost of operations

Moved by Mayor Green, seconded by Councillor Stolz, that Administration be directed to return a bylaw with increased adult ice time rates aligned with Kamloops' adult ice time rates.

Carried Unanimously

Opportunity #14.1 – Identify illegal (secondary) suites being rented out, ensure safety, zoning and building compliance, assessment and utility bills appropriate

Moved by Mayor Green, seconded by Councillor Skakun, that Administration be directed to return a report to Council regarding the opportunity.

Carried Unanimously

Opportunity #14.2 – Remove funding towards the operation of the old steam train

Moved by Mayor Green, seconded by Councillor Frizzell, that Council NOT give future consideration to the opportunity.

Carried Unanimously

Opportunity #14.3 – Establish fees for: providing comparative and analytical information; development works agreements; legal agreements; proforma agreements; amendments; increase fees for building inspection

Moved by Mayor Green, seconded by Councillor Koehler, that Administration be directed to return a report to Council regarding the opportunity.

Carried Unanimously

Opportunity #14.10 – Stop maintaining excess tennis courts, or convert into other community facilities, such as sports fields

Moved by Mayor Green, seconded by Councillor Koehler, that Administration be directed to return a report to Council regarding the opportunity.

Carried Unanimously

Opportunity #14.15 – Shut off chemical fluoride injection system, and provide drops to people who require it

Moved by Mayor Green, seconded by Councillor Koehler, that a referendum question regarding the continuation of fluoridation of water be included on the 2014 local general election ballot.

Carried Unanimously

Moved by Mayor Green, seconded by Councillor Stolz, that Administration be directed to request that the Northern Health Authority consider funding fluoridation of water.

Carried Unanimously

Moved by Councillor Frizzell, seconded by Councillor Skakun, that Administration consider other options for funding that identify themselves.

Defeated

Chair Krause, Mayor Green, and Councillors Everitt, Koehler, and Stolz were recorded opposed.

Opportunity #14.21 – Consider expansion of RS4 zoning (smaller lots) and strata lots

Moved by Mayor Green, seconded by Councillor Stolz, that Administration be directed to return a report to Council regarding the opportunity.

Carried Unanimously

Opportunity #14.27 – Collect unpaid property taxes, e.g. mobile homes and seize if required

Moved by Mayor Green, seconded by Councillor Koehler, that Administration be directed to return a report to Council regarding the opportunity.

Carried Unanimously

Opportunity #14.29 – Review usage rate of all vehicle and equipment. Ensure city vehicle best solution for low volume vehicles and equipment

Moved by Mayor Green, seconded by Councillor Koehler, that Council NOT give future consideration to the opportunity.

Carried Unanimously

Opportunity #14.44 – Move more transactions to web – particularly tax and utility payments – providing education for users by staff at peak payment times

Moved by Mayor Green, seconded by Councillor Everitt, that Administration be directed to develop an approach to encourage, facilitate and train residents to use electronic payments where practical.

Carried Unanimously

Opportunity #14.45 – CSC re-designed to be a ‘one stop shop’ for City administrative services and be the one point of contact for customer/client/citizen enquiries related to all City services, e.g. bylaw and development permit questions, managing reservations for City shared car and room bookings. Provide a system that manages public points of contact

Moved by Mayor Green, seconded by Councillor Skakun, that Administration be directed to implement the opportunity.

Carried Unanimously

Opportunity #14.46 – Reform IPG governance to increase accountability and communication with the City. Add more members from the Council to the Board

Moved by Mayor Green, seconded by Councillor Everitt, that Council NOT give future consideration to the opportunity.

Carried Unanimously

Opportunity #14.47 – Provide fleet maintenance for RCMP vehicles used outside of PG’s detachment/jurisdiction. Also provide maintenance to non-police vehicles,

such as ambulance, North District fleet, snowmobiles

Moved by Councillor Everitt, seconded by Councillor Stolz, that Administration be directed to return a report to Council regarding the opportunity.

Carried

Mayor Green was recorded opposed.

Opportunity #14.49 – Re-engineer Police report writing and administrative duties, so that police officers can focus on crime reduction

Moved by Mayor Green, seconded by Councillor Stolz, that Administration be directed to discuss the opportunity with Superintendent Stubbs and return an implementation strategy report to Council if the opportunity is feasible.

Carried Unanimously

Opportunity #14.51 – Change road cut fees to take into account the deterioration of the road – based on the age of the road surface (highest fee for new road, declining over time)

Moved by Mayor Green, seconded by Councillor Koehler, that Administration be directed to return a bylaw with increased road cut fees.

Carried Unanimously

Opportunity #14.56 – Contract out grass cutting for parks and boulevards

Moved by Mayor Green, seconded by Councillor Stolz, that Administration be directed to return a report to Council regarding the opportunity.

Defeated

Chair Krause and Councillors Frizzell, Everitt, and Skakun were recorded opposed.

Opportunity #14.67 – Consider synergies between PG and Regional District – can we work together to save money (for example HR, IT, roads)

Moved by Councillor Everitt, seconded by Councillor Stolz, that Administration be directed to return a report to Council regarding the

opportunity.

Carried Unanimously

< 4:49 pm Mayor Green exited Council Chambers. >

Opportunity #9.3 – Consider reviewing and revising user fees/rates for sports fields and parks

Moved by Councillor Stolz, seconded by Councillor Frizzell, that Administration be directed to return a bylaw with increased adult fees/rates for sports fields and parks aligned with Kamloops' adult fees/rates for sports fields and parks.

Carried

Councillor Skakun was recorded opposed.

< 4:52 pm Mayor Green returned to Council Chambers. >

Opportunity #9.4 – Consider dedicating a portion of increased revenues from the fee increases for consideration outlined in opportunity 9.3 to enhancing inclusion programs to improve the accessibility of sport and recreation activities

Moved by Mayor Green, seconded by Councillor Stolz, that Council NOT give future consideration to the opportunity.

Carried Unanimously

Opportunity #14.20 – Reduce season/hours of arena operation to eliminate low usage periods (don't open for morning and lunch if no usage in between)

Moved by Mayor Green, seconded by Councillor Frizzell, that Council NOT give future consideration to the opportunity.

Carried Unanimously

Opportunity #14.28 – Stop investing in Green Vehicles until it is the most economic solution based on life cycle costing

Moved by Mayor Green, seconded by Councillor Stolz, that Council NOT give future consideration to the opportunity.

Carried Unanimously

Opportunity #14.50 – Reduce frequency of street sweeping downtown in summer (bi-weekly rather than weekly)

Moved by Mayor Green, seconded by Councillor Everitt, that Council NOT give future consideration to the opportunity.

Carried Unanimously

Opportunity #14.52 – Reduce BC Transit costs by checking riders/hours of all routes, and adjusting service:

- Use smaller buses or taxis on low use routes
- Reduce target service level of service within 400m of 95% of homes
- Adjust routes to better reflect actual demand, reduce low use routes, and at low use times of day

Moved by Mayor Green, seconded by Councillor Koehler, that Council NOT give future consideration to the opportunity.

Carried Unanimously

4. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business at this time.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

The Chair adjourned the Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 28, 2013 at 4:59 p.m.

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CHAIRPERSON