



Minutes of the Engagement & Priorities Committee of Pitt Meadows

April 16, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

Meadows Room

12007 Harris Road, Pitt Meadows, BC V3Y 2B5

Elected Officials: Mayor N. MacDonald
Councillor T. Elke
Councillor A. Evans
Councillor M. Hayes
Councillor M. Manion
Councillor B. Meachen
Councillor G. O'Connell

Staff: M. Roberts, Chief Administrative Officer
K. Barchard, Corporate Officer
T. Barr, Deputy Corporate Officer
C. Carter, Manager of Strategic Initiatives
A. Dominelli, Planner I
D. Parr, Planner II
P. Ward, Director of Planning & Development

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor MacDonald acknowledged that the meeting was held on the traditional territory of the ǵíçǵǵ (Katzie) First Nation.

B. LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** THAT the agenda for the April 16, 2024 Engagement & Priorities Committee Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

D. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** THAT the Minutes of the Engagement and Priorities Committee Meeting held on January 16, 2024 be adopted.

CARRIED

E. COMMITTEE MINUTES AND REPORTS

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** THAT the Committee receive for information:

E.1 Minutes from the February 15, 2024 Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting

E.2 Draft Minutes from the March 07, 2024 Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting

E.3 Draft Minutes from the March 05, 2024 Community Service Awards Task Force Committee Meeting

E.4 Draft Minutes from the February 28, 2024 Community Support & Accessibility Committee Meeting

E.5 Draft Minutes from the February 29, 2024 Parks, Recreation & Culture Meeting

Item E.2 was PULLED for discussion. Following the discussion the question was called on the main motion and it was:

CARRIED

F. CURRENT PRIORITIES

F.1 Update on Provincial Small-Scale, Multi-Unit Housing Legislation and Policy Manual Considerations

Christine Carter, Manager of Strategic Initiatives, presented an overview of the Staff Report.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Overview of Small-Scale, Multi-Unit Housing Zoning Requirements;
- Unit Mix based on lot size and/or location in relation to Transit Oriented Area;
- Introduction of new residential zones; and
- Overview of high level issues.

Council members participated in a roundtable discussion with the following comments being captured:

- Concern with tandem parking;
- Importance of maintaining greenspace [avoid front yard parking];
- Concern of the validity of the Metro stat regarding use of parking;
- Consideration of tiny houses on 6 unit lots;
- Concerns of parking impacts on bike lanes & sidewalks;
- Gratitude for staff efforts in communicating impacts of legislation;
- Concern that the legislation addresses housing and not necessarily affordability;
- Clarification of the City's ability to amend bylaws following passed legislation;
- Appreciation for the variety of housing 'type' on prescribed lots;
- Would like to encourage garden suites; and
- Safety concerns as a result of limited parking.

Christine then continued the presentation providing an overview of the technical considerations regarding:

- Setbacks;
- Maximum height/storeys;
- Lot coverage;
- Floor space ratio; and
- Off street parking.

Council members participated in a roundtable discussion with the following comments being captured:

- Parking considerations in relation to home-based businesses;
- Clarification of parking requirement per unit;
- Concern of parking sprawl into commercial areas as a result of no residential parking;
- Consideration of a parking strategy;
- Concern of lack of residential awareness of incoming legislation;
- Consideration of permit parking;
- Support of implementing FSR protocol;
- Concern of impact on tree protection and greenspace;
- Flood plain considerations;
- Concern of limited setbacks; and
- Potential for increasing amenity cost charges.

Christine then closed the presentation by providing an overview of next steps in addressing the Provincial Housing Legislation in Pitt Meadows with the next public presentation scheduled for May 14, 2024.

Mayor MacDonald invited speakers to make comment with the following members of the community engaging:

- Dan Kosicki, Pitt Meadows - regarding frustration of the City's efforts to create an OCP that was supported by its residents and lack of mechanisms in place for residents impacted by provincial decisions. Dan also spoke to the lack of community awareness of provincial legislation.
- Peter Jongbloed, Pitt Meadows - regarding the importance of creating affordable housing as the infill housing plan has not been successful.
- Maureen Robertson, Pitt Meadows - regarding concern of the communications strategy to engage the community to mitigate lack of awareness of legislation.

Mayor MacDonald invited speakers for a second time with the following member of the community engaging:

- Maureen Robertson, Pitt Meadows - regarding opportunities to expand notification radius to notify residents of potential applications.

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** THAT the Committee:

- A. Receive for information the report titled “Update on Provincial Small-Scale, Multi-Unit Housing Legislation and Policy Manual Considerations”, as presented at the April 16, 2024 Engagement and Priorities Committee Meeting.

CARRIED

G. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Signed and certified as correct:

Nicole MacDonald, Mayor

Kate Barchard, Corporate Officer