



## Minutes of the Engagement & Priorities Committee of Pitt Meadows

October 22, 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* [by video conference] Councillor B. Meachen Councillor G. O'Connell
Guests:	C. Garratt, Pinna Sustainability R. Reimann, Pinna Sustainability
Staff:	M. Roberts, Chief Administrative Officer K. Barchard, Corporate Officer T. Barr, Deputy Corporate Officer M. Baski, Manager of Agriculture & Environment P. Ward, Director of Planning & Development

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### A. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

Mayor MacDonald acknowledged with respect and gratitude that the City of Pitt Meadows is located on the traditional, unceded territory of i   (Katzie) First Nation who were stewards of this land since time immemorial.

### B. **LATE ITEMS**

There were no late items.

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** THAT the agenda for the October 22, 2024, Engagement and Priorities Committee Meeting be approved.

**CARRIED**

**D. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

\*Councillor Manion joined the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** THAT the Minutes of the following EPC meetings be approved as circulated:

D.1 July 16, 2024 Engagement and Priorities Committee Meeting

**CARRIED**

**E. COMMITTEE MINUTES AND REPORTS**

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

E.1 Economic Development Advisory Committee [EDAC] Minutes, July 11, 2024

E.2 DRAFT Active Transportation Advisory Committee [ATAC] Minutes, July 22, 2024

E.3 DRAFT Agricultural Advisory Committee [AAC] Minutes, September 12, 2024

E.4 DRAFT Economic Development Advisory Committee [EDAC] Minutes, October 3, 2024

The Chair invited members of the public to engage in two way dialogue.

The following members of the community participated in the public engagement opportunity.

Joe Bachmann, Pitt Meadows - regarding the AAC Minutes of September 12, 2024 specific to the backflow device topic and a request to the City to fund the implementation of the backflow device program. Joe then spoke to the advocacy work being done by the farming community in opposition of the backflow device program.

Will Jack, Pitt Meadows - regarding the AAC Minutes of September 12, 2024 and that the farming community felt disregarded by the City and requested that the City consider

implementing a 'check valve' in place of backflow at a reduced cost to those affected by the backflow device program.

The question was then called on the main motion and it was:

**CARRIED**

**F. CURRENT PRIORITIES**

**F.1 Climate Action Strategy Update and Working Session**

Michelle Baski, Manager of Agriculture & Environment, introduced the topic and guests Cariad Garratt, Principal, and Rodrigo Reimann, Associate, with Pinna Sustainability who presented an overview of the Climate Action Strategy.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Overview of project timeline;
- Local climate projections; and
- Review of findings to date.

Committee members participated in a roundtable discussion sharing the following feedback:

- Clarification of green house gas ["GHG"] stats and what impacts the road and rail project contribute to the emissions results;
- The need for Federal regulations required to reduce rail emissions;
- The agriculture community and air quality [specific to burn permits];
- Concern how development of the CP Logistics Park would impact the GHG forecast; and
- Request for consideration of increased rail activity to be included in forecasted projections.

Cariad continued the presentation and spoke to six key focus areas for the Climate Action Strategy.

Committee members participated in a roundtable discussion sharing feedback related to:

1. Transportation and Mobility;
2. Buildings and Water Use;

3. Public Infrastructure and Corporate Responsibility;
4. Ecosystems and Greenspaces;
5. Health and Emergency Management; and
6. Local Economy and Agriculture.

Following the presentation, the Chair invited members of the public to engage in two way dialogue.

The following member of the community participated in the public engagement opportunity:

Peter Jongbloed, Pitt Meadows - regarding importance of mitigating GHG, continued promotion of active transportation, and the need to implement a tree protection bylaw.

Michelle Baski closed the presentation and shared anticipated next steps to develop a draft strategy for Council's consideration.

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

- A. Receive for information the report titled "Climate Action Strategy Update" as presented at the October 22, 2024 EPC Meeting.

**CARRIED**

**G. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned 8:55 p.m.

**Signed and certified as correct:**

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Nicole MacDonald, Mayor

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Kate Barchard, Corporate Officer