

MINUTES of the Engagement & Priorities Committee Meeting held on **Tuesday, February 9, 2021** at 7:00 p.m. by Video Conference.

PRESENT via Video Conference:

Elected Officials: Mayor B. Dingwall
Councillor M. Hayes
Councillor N. MacDonald
Councillor B. Meachen
Councillor T. Miyashita
Councillor G. O'Connell
Councillor A. Simpson

Guests: Bassem Tawfik, KMBR
Kate Lemon, KMBR
Lisa Beare, MLA
Adam Gander, RCMP
Michelle Luca, RCMP
Wendy Mehat, RCMP
Wayne Sutherland, RCMP

Staff: M. Roberts, Chief Administrative Officer
K. Barchard, Corporate Officer
T. Barr, Deputy Corporate Officer
D. Chamberlain, Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture
C. Harding, Director of Financial Services
J. Hart, Project Manager, Major Projects
S. Maki, Director of Engineering & Operations

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

B. LATE ITEMS

None.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** THAT the agenda for the February 9, 2021 Engagement & Priorities Committee be approved.

CARRIED.

D. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** THAT the minutes of the Engagement & Priorities Committee meeting held on October 27, 2020, be adopted.

CARRIED.

E. DELEGATIONS and PRESENTATIONS

None.

F. COMMITTEE MINUTES AND REPORTS

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

- A. Minutes of the Advisory Design Panel meeting held:
 - A.1 December 16, 2020;
 - A.2 January 13, 2021; AND
- B. Minutes of the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting held:
 - B.1 December 10, 2020;
 - B.2 January 14, 2021; AND
- C. Minutes of the January 27, 2021, Community Support Select Committee meeting.

CARRIED.

G. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES – PRINCIPLED GOVERNANCE

None.

H. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES – BALANCED ECONOMIC PROSPERITY

None.

I. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES – COMMUNITY SPIRIT & WELLBEING

Mayor Dingwall welcomed all guests and introduced the topic and advised the public of the opportunity to participate in the discussion.

1. Pitt Meadows RCMP Feasibility Study

Samantha Maki, Director of Engineering & Operations, introduced the consultants, Kate Lemon and Bassem Tawfik, Principals with KMBR, who provided an overview of the RCMP feasibility study including a PowerPoint presentation which is included as Attachment 1 and forms part of the original minutes.

Justin Hart, Project Manager, provided a verbal overview of a cost estimate comparison amongst the sites considered.

Ms. Lemon continued her presentation and spoke to the benefits of the recommended Site E.2 [Art Gallery/Athletic Building] such as location outside of the ALR, City owned property, lowest cost option, no archaeological impacts, and high visibility in the community.

Cheryl Harding, Director of Financial Services, provided an overview of funding options and available sources for Council's consideration including funds from reserves, and potential borrowing opportunities from the Municipal Finance Authority "(MFA)".

Council members participated in a round table discussion with the following comments being made:

- Accommodation for volunteers, consider building for future needs;
- Allowance in design for underground parking; would be an increased cost;
- Clarification on funding rate [2.3% over 20 years locked in for first 10 years];
- Concern of neighbouring design conflict in comparison to the Heritage Hall;
- Supportive of non-displacement of child care and opportunity to move Art Gallery;
- Clarification on current Return on Investment, secondary costs and capital expenditures; clarification on how we currently pay for RCMP services;
- Confirmation that the funding options would not result in an annual tax increase;

*Cllr MacDonald left the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

- Assurance to the art community of a dedicated space;
- Funding plan to include supplemental funding for an underground parkade;
- Benefits for residents on north and south side of the tracks;
- Supportive of removing the CPO from sharing location with daycare;
- Supportive of moving Art Gallery to current CPO;
- Within City's debt ratio;
- MFA debt financing is available to all municipalities with a high level of participation; MFA is regulated by Community Charter; favourable borrowing time with low interest rates;
- Grant opportunities will be considered.

Sgt. Wendy Mehat spoke to support of the progress, commitment to the City and desire to see police services uninterrupted during the transition.

*Cllr MacDonald returned to the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Wayne Sutherland spoke to support of the new facility, concerns with security in relation to an underground parkade, and need for space to accommodate volunteers.

MLA, Lisa Beare, reaffirmed her commitment to ongoing support of the City's intention to transition to an autonomous RCMP detachment.

Mayor Dingwall invited the public to call in to make comment or questions. There were no members of the public who engaged with the question or comment opportunity.

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** THAT Council:

- A. Receive for information the Staff Report titled "Pitt Meadows RCMP Feasibility Study" dated February 1, 2021; AND
- B. Direct staff to return to Council at an upcoming public Council Meeting with the site recommendation and incorporation of comments and feedback received to date.

CARRIED.

J. COUNCILLOR INITIATIVES

None.

K. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Signed:

Certified Correct:

Bill Dingwall, Mayor

Kate Barchard, Corporate Officer