

MINUTES of the **Engagement & Priorities Committee Meeting** held on **Tuesday, February 18, 2020** at 7:00 p.m. at the Pitt Meadows Heritage Hall, 12460 Harris Road, Pitt Meadows, British Columbia.

**PRESENT**

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

Guest: T. Enger, Blueline Vantage Consulting  
A. Paradis, Inspector, Ridge Meadows RCMP

Staff: M. Roberts, Chief Administrative Officer  
C. Baldridge, Manager of Communications & Community Engagement  
K. Barchard, Corporate Officer  
T. Barr, Deputy Corporate Officer  
K. Dykeman, Executive Assistant to Mayor & CAO  
T. Hupka, Clerk II  
G. Kalinich, Clerk I  
T. McCaw, Clerk II  
B. Perrie, Assistant Fire Chief  
J. Sundram, Communications Assistant

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**B. LATE ITEMS**

None.

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** THAT the agenda for the February 18, 2020 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 January 21, 2020, be adopted.

**CARRIED.**

**E. DELEGATIONS and PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**F. COMMITTEE MINUTES AND REPORTS**

None.

**G. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES – COMMUNITY SPIRIT & WELLBEING**

Mayor Dingwall provided a welcome message to all community members and introduced guests to the Engagement & Priorities Committee meeting. He then outlined the rules of engagement for the public, provided the history and overview of the Police Services Review.

**1. Police Services Review**

Mark Roberts, CAO, provided an overview of the Police Services Review including a PowerPoint presentation which is included as Attachment 1 and forms part of the original minutes.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Police Services Overview & Key Principles;
- Municipal Demographics;
- Impact to Katzie First Nation;
- Outline of Stakeholders;
- Integrated Teams Usage & Calls for Service Stats;
- Financials (Operating costs and Housing & Support);
- Current & Proposed Structure;
- Location considerations;
- Past Successful service transition; and
- List of endorsements.

Mr. Roberts then introduced Consultant, Tonia Enger, who provided a verbal overview of the summarized information and recommendations contained in the Blueline Vantage Consulting report, titled "City of Pitt Meadows: Review of Policing Service Delivery", dated January 2020.

To view the full report, visit <https://www.pittmeadows.ca/policereview>

Council then opened the floor to questions and comments from the public.

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

Eric Lusk, Pitt Meadows – Requested clarification of housing support costs, and appeal for future members to work in Pitt Meadows.

Dan Kosicki, Pitt Meadows – Spoke to support of Council using the Heritage Hall for tonight's meeting and the policing recommendations presented tonight.

Norm Dawson, Pitt Meadows – Regarding recommended space allocation of CPO and future population growth considerations.

William Wild, Pitt Meadows – Regarding costs of implementation and the funding of an autonomous RCMP detachment. Also inquired to the installation of jail cells.

Brian Anderson, Pitt Meadows – Regarding timeline of events leading up to tonight's meeting. He then spoke to safety in the community, current model and opposition to an autonomous RCMP detachment.

Greg Smith, Pitt Meadows – Regarding the start and stop model and the factors that led to the Police Services Review. He then inquired to costs and other potential use of the reserve fund.

Valerie Archer, Pitt Meadows – Regarding CUPE increases included in budget forecasts, costs associated with infrastructure requirements, mutual aid agreements, and member file assignment.

Peter Borghardt, Pitt Meadows – Spoke in opposition of an autonomous RCMP detachment. Requests that Council listen to the community.

Russ McNabb, Pitt Meadows – Spoke in support of the autonomous RCMP detachment.

Steve Mark, Pitt Meadows – Regarding support for the current model, financials, short term member assignments and RCMP endorsement of the recommendation.

Kirk Duncan, Pitt Meadows – Regarding the CPO facility and potential for it to be inclusive of all first responders.

Rick James, Pitt Meadows – Regarding residency law for members and potential for increased foot patrol.

Diane Siemens, Pitt Meadows – Spoke in support of the autonomous RCMP detachment and the process taken to date.

Resident, Pitt Meadows – Regarding community interaction with RCMP members and the illusion of more members on the road.

Mayor Dingwall called for any additional first time speakers. Seeing none, he invited speakers for a second time. The following members of the community engaged in the second round of the public engagement opportunity.

Dan Kosicki, Pitt Meadows – Regarding the planned budget and overall support for the autonomous RCMP detachment.

William Wild, Pitt Meadows – Regarding future communications, next steps and the timeline of events moving forward. He then spoke in appreciation for the opportunity to speak at the public engagement.

## H. COUNCILLOR INITIATIVES

None.

## I. ADJOURNMENT

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

**CARRIED.**

Signed:

Certified Correct:

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Bill Dingwall, Mayor

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Kate Barchard, Corporate Officer