



STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

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TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

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SUBJECT: Official Community Plan Review: Status Report #3

ATTACHMENT(S): Fall 2010 Engagement Report myPG OCP Review – *OCP Options and Implications*

RECOMMENDATION(S):

1. **THAT the Staff Report be received.**

PURPOSE:

This Official Community Plan (OCP) Review Status Report is intended to advise Council of the progress made to replace the existing OCP Bylaw No.7281, 2001, as well as the next steps in the review process.

POLICY / REGULATORY

ANALYSIS:

On February 15, 2010, Council approved an expanded OCP review scope that recognized the significant impact the myPG process and results could have over land use and planning in Prince George. Furthermore, the OCP review community engagement process continues and advances the innovative practices employed and learned from during the development of the myPG plan:

1. The initiation of community engagement for the OCP review coincided with Council's adoption of the myPG plan on June 21, 2010. The first phase of OCP engagement included an interactive discussion of the preferred directions and priority topics to address in the new OCP, and a discussion of how the current OCP Bylaw has met, or not met the community's needs since its adoption in 2001. An initial list of preferred topics was developed from the myPG vision and goals that relate to land use and planning.
2. The community engagement process during the summer of 2010 refined this list. The document titled *Summary Report of Public Input into the myPG OCP Review: Summer 2010 – OCP Priorities* summarizes the engagement methods employed and the public's input received through these methods. This summary is available online at mypg.ca or upon request.
3. The recent Fall 2010 community engagement was based on priority directions previously confirmed in the summer, with two primary goals: to introduce initial draft policy to stakeholders and the general public for their feedback, and to understand community reaction to four options for directing growth over the next 15-20 years. Staff have received input from some major land holders and developers. This input, along with the broader community input, is valuable and will assist staff to finalize a draft OCP for Council's consideration. The

attached document titled *Fall 2010 Engagement Report myPG OCP Review – OCP Options and Implications* summarizes the engagement methods employed and the public's input received through these methods. Detailed notes from the meetings and workshops are available on the mypg.ca website and upon request. Finally, it is important to note that staff have throughout this consultation process made themselves available to speak to any individuals or groups, in any forum, to discuss any topic related to the OCP. This open and transparent approach will continue as we advance to the next steps of OCP development.

Staff and the consultant team are now preparing a draft OCP to be completed early 2011 for City Council, followed by consultation with external agencies (e.g. Regional District of Fraser-Fort George, the Province, First Nations, Land Reserve Commission, etc). Stakeholders and the general public will also be invited to comment on the draft OCP in early 2011. A final draft will then be made available to Council in the form of a bylaw, which will require a public hearing prior to adoption.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

The myPG/OCP Review is one of Council's Priority Projects with progress targets for the completion of the citizen engagement in 2010, and plan completion and implementation in 2011.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The estimated budget for the completion of the OCP citizen engagement and plan development is \$100,000. This cost is relatively modest as there has been overlap between the myPG and OCP projects and a significant amount of visioning and objective formation for land use and planning has already been completed.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

In addition to community engagement, there are three primary inputs into the OCP review including:

1. The myPG Integrated Community Sustainability Plan,
2. The City's experience with the current OCP Bylaw No. 7281, 2001, and amendments thereto, and
3. Related plans, policies and studies prepared by the City and its consultants over the last 9 years (e.g. Smart Growth on the Ground Downtown Prince George Concept Plan).

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:

In conclusion, the second round of public consultation is now complete, with the exception of the myFAVE PG Photo Contest as winners are to be announced in December 2010. The public input summarized in the attached document will be used to guide the preparation of a draft OCP. The myPG Integrated Community Sustainability Plan has helped to guide the land use and planning topics addressed in the draft OCP as well as the community engagement methods used.

Respectfully submitted:



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