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MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 52
COUNCIL MEETING 1980 08 18

DATE: 1980 August 12

RE: LETTER FROM THE CITY OF PRINCE GEORGE 100 PATRICIA BOULEVARD, PRINCE GEORGE, B.C. V2L 3V9 PROPOSED COMMITTEE TO STUDY MUNICIPAL BY-LAWS AND PROVINCIAL REGULATIONS (ITEM 1, REPORT NO. 50, 1980 AUGUST 05)

The following report from the Director of Planning is in response to a letter from the City of Prince George which appears on the agenda for the 1980 August 18 meeting of Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the recommendations of the Director of Planning be adopted.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

FROM: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING

SUBJECT: Submission of the City of Prince George

Proposed Private Sector Committee

Provincial Analysis of Municipal By-laws and

Provincial Regulation

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- THAT Council support recommendations 2 and 3 of the City of Prince George submission dated 1980 July 25;
- 2. THAT a copy of this report be sent to the Honourable William N. VanderZalm, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C., V8V 1X4 and to the Council of the City of Prince George, 1100 Patricia Boulevard, Prince George, B. C., V2L 3V9.

REPORT

Council is in receipt of a submission from the City of Prince George which requests that Council consider the Prince George report dated 1980 July 25 with a view to making similar recommendations to the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

On 1980 August 05, an information report with respect to a letter of 1980 July 16 from the Honourable William N. VanderZalm, Minister of Municipal Affairs, was received by Council and a copy of the report was sent to the Minister. This Burnaby report assumed that the private sector committee would primarily put forward the view of the private

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development community but would also maintain a balanced and responsible overview of the situation. It is also assumed that the public sector, and in particular B.C. municipalities, would be given an opportunity to express their views regarding municipal by-laws and Provincial regulations affecting industrial, commercial and residential development perhaps under a similar arrangement granted the private sector committee in which project expenses are paid for by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

With reference to the recommendations outlined in the Prince George report, an open exchange of information within the public sector is a laudable goal and, therefore, the Planning Department would support recommendations 2 and 3 which read as follows:

- "2. That the Minister of Municipal Affairs be requested to publish the report of the private sector operating committee and to make public a full transcript of the evidence provided to it and forming the basis of their recommendations.
- That the Minister of Municipal Affairs be requested to publish the reports of the Provincial Governments consultants respecting deregulation as it could affect municipalities."

However, the Planning Department is of the opinion that the private sector operating committee which is considered to represent the development community would not necessarily be improved by the inclusion of additional members and therefore would not wholly support recommendation 1 although, conversely, there would be no objection to its implementation.

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