

COMMUNITY SAFETY & SECURITY COMMITTEE

Recommendations for Mayor and Council

July 20, 2020

At their Regular Council meeting held on Tuesday, July 7, 2020, Council passed the following resolution:

8.1 RNL Investments Ltd. Village Square

Re: Compass House – 1706 Main Street

194/2020 It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct staff to present options to the Safety and Security Advisory Committee (“the Committee”) addressing the nuisance concerns raised in the correspondence from RNL Investments Ltd. Village Square.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Safety & Security Advisory Committee held a special meeting on Wednesday, July 15, 2020, to discuss the matter and explore the ideas put forward by staff.

At the regular Safety & Security Advisory Committee meeting held on Monday, July 20, 2020, the Committee drafted the following recommendations for Council to consider at the next Regular Council Meeting being held on Tuesday, July 21, 2020.



THAT the Safety and Security Advisory Committee recommend that Council implement the following items in response to the ongoing issues surrounding the Emergency Shelter at Compass House:

1. Direct staff to research options for amending the ‘Good Neighbour’ Bylaw (and/or other bylaws that are applicable) to address excessive loitering and nuisance activities occurring outside of Compass Court.

2. Direct staff to research establishing a community 'Family Reunification Fund' to support the City's vulnerable population in reuniting with family in their home in other communities.
3. Support a 'Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design' (CPTED) analysis completed by municipal RCMP on the Compass Court property and at the neighbouring property (RNL Investments Ltd. Village Square) (at no charge to either property).
4. Continue to support City staff's efforts to encourage BC Housing Management Commission ("BC Housing") to continue with its 24hr security neighbourhood pilot project, including regular patrols of the neighbouring properties.
5. Endorse City staff's plan to send a letter to Penticton and District Society for Community Living (PDSCL) calling for PDSCL to fulfill the commitments, if still applicable, made in a meeting that took place on September 12, 2019, with the City and RCMP.
6. Direct City staff to write a letter to Interior Health Authority (IHA) stating that the Main Street Compass Court site was approved with the understanding of IHA's investment / participation in supports – both by IHA having a physical presence on the site and a financial investment – and encouraging IHA to follow through on its commitments to the site.
7. Send a letter from Mayor and Council to Penticton and District Society for Community Living (PDSCL) calling for PDSCL to fulfill the commitments outlined in the August 1, 2017 Council Report, Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2017-50 (File No: RTZ PL2017-8009). See the Council Report attached.
8. Send a letter from the Mayor to the Board Chair of PDSCL, Lesley Dyck, outlining the City of Penticton's expectations of PDSCL to address the many concerns being brought to Council regarding the Compass Court property.
9. Send a letter from the Mayor to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Selina Robinson, outlining the City of Penticton's expectations of PDSCL and BC Housing to address the many concerns being brought to Council regarding the Compass Court property.
10. Direct City staff to work with IHA and other community partners to advocate, in a coordinated effort, to the Ministry of Health for increased funding for new, integrated health supports focused on individuals' permanent housing stability.
11. Direct City staff to request that the Ministry of Health fund, as it does in some communities, the municipality's costs associated with community sharp clean-ups efforts.