

Memo



To: Committee of the Whole
From: **Deputy Corporate Officer**
Date: 2019-02-04
Subject: Petition Regarding 2nd Street Housing Development

Background

On February 1, 2019, a petition was delivered to the office of the Corporate Officer and received in accordance with Section 82 of the *Community Charter*.

Section 82 of the *Community Charter* states:

- (1) A petition to a council is deemed to be presented to council when it is filed with the corporate officer.
- (2) A petition to a council must include the full name and residential address of each petitioner.

Under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA), the City is not able to display the full addresses and signatures publicly. If Council wishes, staff can provide a hard copy of the petition.

Due to time constraints, Corporate Services was not able to verify full names, residential addresses, and signatures for each petitioner in the petition nor whether these items were correctly represented by each individual, although 11 non-residential addresses, 3 duplicate names, and 2 “signatures” in the name of businesses were identified (the non-residential addresses were counted in the totals below).

Despite not having verified each individual address, the following is an estimated breakdown:

Valid Signatures per Section 82 : 1025
Grand Forks (City) : 647
Grand Forks (Area D) : 330
Christina Lake: 38
Greenwood: 6
Nelson : 1
Curlew, WA: 1
Unknown City: 2

All information pertaining to the petition is attached and was delivered by Pamela Kennedy along with the request to put the petition on the agenda for the next meeting. The petitioners have been informed via email that the petition would be on the agenda for the February 11, 2019 Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting.

Benefits or Impacts

General

As with petitions of this nature, Council may choose to receive for information and/or for discussion purposes. Council is not obligated to act on the request contained within the petition.

Policy/Legislation

Community Charter Section 82

Attachments

Petition regarding 2nd Street Housing Project