



CITY OF PRINCE GEORGE

Office of the Mayor

MAYOR'S REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: August 24, 2011
To: Mayor and Council
From: Mayor Dan Rogers
Subject: Possible Censure and Other Sanction Resolution in regard to Councillor Skakun

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the report be received.
2. That Council oppose the orders being sought in the Petition to the Court filed August 10, 2011 at the Prince George Registry.
3. That Council not proceed with consideration of a censure and sanction resolution until the Petition has been heard by the Court.

DISCUSSION:

At the July 25, 2011 open meeting, Council resolved that a special meeting to consider imposing a resolution of censure and sanction be held no later than September 14, 2011.

On August 10, 2011, a petition was filed at the Prince George Supreme Court Registry commencing legal action against the City of Prince George by Councillor Skakun. The petition seeks several orders, including an order restraining Council from proceeding with consideration of a resolution of censure and sanction until Councillor Skakun's appeal of his conviction for violating the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* has been heard and decided by the Court. The City is obliged to respond to the petition within 21 days and will do so.

It is recommended that Council oppose the orders being sought in the petition. Notwithstanding that opposition, in recognition that the Court may not be able to hear the Petition application before September 14, 2011, and in respect of the Court's process, it is recommended that Council delay consideration of a censure and sanction resolution until the Petition has been heard by the Court.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Rogers, Mayor