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Community Garden Idea To Be Considered

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Prince George, B.C.- The Mayor's Task Force on Downtown is working towards making some things happen.

Mayor Dan Rogers says the Task Force is looking at finding the right model to look after the "vision" that has been developed by the results of the Task Force's work and the Smart Growth on the Ground project which expects to have its final report on the vision for downtown ready in September. "In the past we had the CCV (City Centre Ventures) but clearly that didn't work, so we need to see which kind of model will work and will ensure that the vision for downtown is achieved" says Mayor Rogers.

But looking at which kind of agency or group should be in charge of downtown's redevelopment is not something that would produce tangible results right now. However, the Mayor says there is something that can be done now which would have immediate results and benefits, "One of the ideas which came from the Smart Growth on the Ground project was dealing with vacant lots, and we will be bringing a resolution to Council Monday night to ask that the vacant lot at 7th and Victoria be made into a community garden." That lot is currently owned by Integris Credit Union.

If approved this would be the second action item that has the potential to have visible changes to downtown, the other being the demand for 255 Quebec Street to be either repaired or demolished. The owner of that property has until the 26th of May to request a reconsideration by Council, so far the owner has not made such a request.

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 Posted by: gus on May 22 2009 7:23 AM
Will Integris be donating the money it will take to pay for this?

 Posted by: Loki on May 22 2009 12:15 PM
high rise roof top gardens
Secure
access restricted to registered participants only
Full sun
Keeps building cooler
Does not use any land area that could be used for parking or new structures

 Posted by: gus on May 22 2009 3:00 PM
High rise rooftop garden.
May not be best value for money if the top floor can be developed into a penthouse apartment that can be sold or rented at high rate.
Has to be designed to carry not only the normal snow load, but also the water-logged 12 to 24 inches of soil plus the load from humans walking around on the roof. Not likely that an existing building can be retrofitted.
Roofs accessible to people other than maintenance people will have to have guardrail height parapets designed so that they are not climbable.
Roofs will have to be re-roofed with a material that allows soil to be located over them.
Leaks in roofs with soil on them will be much more difficult to detect, but also less likely to occur if they are protected from people aggressively using gardening tools to till the soil.
So, new buildings yes, existing buildings, not likely.

 Posted by: chrislivingdowntown on May 22 2009 5:34 PM
Community garden right on! Sounds cool to me

 Posted by: gus on May 22 2009 6:18 PM
I hear they are planting peach trees. You'll be able to jump over the fence and pick some in August.



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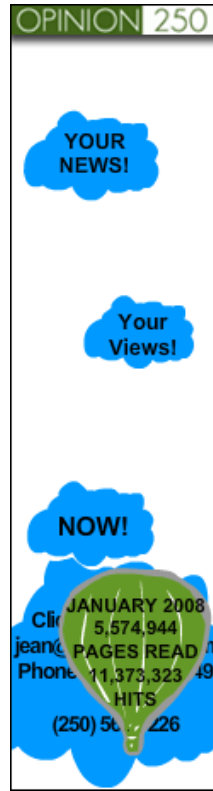
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