



# COUNCIL PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

Monday, March 11, 2019 at 12:00 PM  
Fraser River Presentation Theatre  
4th Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue, Langley, BC

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## AGENDA

**CHAIR: Councillor Whitmarsh**

### **A. APPROVAL AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **A.1 Council Priorities Committee Agenda - March 11, 2019**

**Recommendation:** That Council adopt the agenda and receive the agenda items of the Council Priorities Committee meeting held March 11, 2019.

### **B. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

The following item was referred to the Council Priorities Committee at the December 3, 2018 Regular Evening Council meeting:

#### **B.1 Affordable Housing Report 19-30 File CD 5040-06**

**Recommendation:** That Council receive the "Affordable Housing" report for information.

**Attachments:** [B.1 cd Affordable Housing.pdf](#)

The following items were referred to the Council Priorities Committee at the February 11, 2019 Regular Afternoon Council meeting:

#### **B.2 Permissive Tax Exemption for Churches**

**Recommendation:** That Council discuss Permissive Tax Exemptions for churches.

#### **B.3 Traffic Management Plans - Parades**

**Recommendation:** Moved by Councillor Long,  
Seconded by Councillor Ferguson,  
Whereas "Everyone Loves a Parade!";

Whereas parades held in our Township communities and hosted by community non-profit groups - have proven to provide an exemplary contribution towards building community spirit, promoting the values of our Township and supporting volunteerism;

Whereas Township of Langley Council supports some of these parades with community grants, HOWEVER the costs of LIABILITY INSURANCE and preparation of TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLANS which are mandatory requirements by the Township of Langley in order for a parade to be held, can far exceed the grants issued. In fact, in some cases the demands and costs of the traffic management plans alone can be triple that of the maximum grant provided by Township of Langley for a parade;

Therefore be it resolved that beginning in 2019 and from now on, Township of Langley Council direct staff to facilitate the preparation and completion of any required TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLANS and cover the cost of such plans for parades that are to be held in the Township which are sanctioned by Council and in which Council participates; and further

Be it resolved that funding for this community initiative be directed from the Council Contingency account.

#### REFERRAL

Moved by Councillor Richter,

Seconded by Councillor Woodward,

That the motion be referred to staff for a cost estimate; and further

That these parades come back as part of the community grant process.

CARRIED

#### B.4

#### **2019 Capital Improvement and Community Grants**

##### **Report 19-38**

##### **File ACCI 1850-20**

**Recommendation:** That Council approve payment of \$57,600 under the 2019 Capital Improvements Grants category and that those funds be distributed to those organizations identified in Table A;

That Council approve payment of \$72,450 under the 2019 Community Grants - General category to be distributed to those organizations identified in Table B;

That Council approve payment of \$40,000 under the 2019 Major Festivals Grants category and that those funds be distributed to those organizations as identified in Table C;

That Council consider the existing category of the Minor Festivals to fund existing and long running Parades for traffic planning and traffic management related expenses;

That Council approve payment of \$5,000 under the 2019 Minor Festivals Grants category and that those funds be distributed to the organization as identified in Table C2;

That Council approve payment of \$17,500 under the 2019 Community Grants - Banners category and that those funds be distributed to those organizations as identified in Table D;

That Council approve payment of \$35,000 towards the Township's "Nothing Without Effort" Community Matching Grant program category and delegate staff the evaluation and approval of up to seven (7) 2019 proposals (one per community as per Table E);

That Council approve payment of \$17,000 from 2019's funding allocations for graduating high school students to be distributed under the 2020 Community Grants - Scholarships - Public Schools category as identified in Table F1;

That Council approve payment of \$4,000 from 2019's funding allocations for graduating independent high school students to be distributed under the 2020 Community Grants - Scholarships - Independent Schools category as identified in Table F2;

That Council approve payment of \$2,000 representing \$250 to each of eight (8) Langley secondary school applications from 2019's funding allocations in support of the 2020 Dry Grads category as identified in Table F3;

That Council amend Policy 06-021 to include Parades under the Minor Festivals Grants category and to restate criteria #2 in that category as follows:

2. That the group or society has organized a past community festival, celebration, parade or event that has drawn audiences greater than 5,000 people to the Township of Langley.

That Council amend Policy 06-021 to include an additional level of accountability for grant requests that are in excess of \$2,000, requiring applicants to include with their application, a project or event specific budget showing proposed revenues and expenditures for their planned initiative and that all grant recipients be required to provide a project or event specific financial statements showing their revenues and expenses from the prior year for their Township funded initiatives when applying again;

That Council review the items identified as "TBD" under the various tables and determine funding awards, and provide staff with authority to adjust the approved amounts in the affected budget categories accordingly;

That Council provide a \$1000 Grant to each applicant Community Association outside of the Community Grants Criteria for 2019 and provide staff with authority to adjust the approved amounts in the affected budget category accordingly; and further

That Council consider establishing a new mechanism for funding Community Associations, outside of the current Community Grants Program, with new policy and specific criteria that ensures accountability and fair non-political community representation that reflects existing community engagement processes.

**Attachments:** [B.4 acci 2019 Capital Improvement and Community Grants.pdf](#)

#### **C. OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **D. TERMINATE**