



## **COUNCIL PRIORITIES COMMITTEE**

Monday, January 30, 2017 at 2:00pm  
Fraser River Presentation Theatre  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue, Langley, BC

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### **MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Councillor M. Sparrow

Mayor J. Froese, Councillors P. Arnason, D. Davis, C. Fox, B. Long, A. Quaale,  
K. Richter, and B. Whitmarsh

M. Bakken, R. Seifi, and J. Winslade

W. Bauer, T. Buckner, S. Scheepmaker, and K. Stepto

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

##### **1. Council Priorities Committee Meeting – January 30, 2017**

Moved by Councillor Arnason,  
Seconded by Councillor Quaale,  
That the Council Priorities Committee approve the agenda and receive the  
agenda items of the January 30, 2017 meeting.

**CARRIED**

#### **B. PRESENTATIONS**

##### **1. Township of Langley Cemeteries**

Tab Buckner provided a presentation regarding the future of Township of Langley cemeteries. He noted that there are three cemeteries in the Township: Fort Langley, Murrayville, and Langley Lawn. The following changes have been made to the recently revised Cemetery Bylaw, adopted by Council on December 12, 2016:

- Re-introduction of upright headstones;
- Use of scattering gardens;
- Single cremations lots to be used as double lots;
- Permit up to eight urns versus four on a casket burial lot;
- Creation of Surplus Fund.

The following definitions are contained in the Bylaw:

- Resident – any person residing in the Township of Langley and for a continual period not less than one year.
- Non-resident – does not live in the Township of Langley

## **B. PRESENTATIONS**

- Former resident – any person who resided in the Township of Langley for a continuous period of three years within the ten years before the date of application for a right on interment.
- Family member – parent or step parent, grandparent or step-grandparent, sibling (natural, adopted, or step) spouse, a child (natural, adopted, or step), or a grandchild (natural, adopted, or step).

The differences between a resident and non-resident are as follows:

### **Resident:**

- Interment fees are half the fees of a non-resident
- At-need Right on Internment (ROI) for in-ground burial of human remains (also includes former resident and family members)
- Pre-need right of interment may only be issued to a person who is 65 years or older, has been a resident for a least 20 consecutive years at the time of application, is a former resident who has a family member interred in the cemetery where they are applying to be interred.

### **Non-resident:**

- Interment fees are twice the cost of resident fees
- No pre-need right of interment
- At-need ROI only for cremated human remains only in a cremation plot, cremation boulder, a niche wall, or a scattering garden.
- No ROI for in-ground burials of human remains
- If a spouse has already been interred at one of the TOL cemeteries, the remaining non-resident spouse would be considered a family member and would be allowed to be interred.

Councillor Davis entered the meeting at 2:24pm.

## **COUNCIL**

Moved by Councillor Richter,

Seconded by Councillor Davis,

That that Council Priorities Committee recommends that Council ask staff to give consideration to:

1. Finding land for a new cemetery.
2. Increasing the number of municipalities used to survey for burial costs.
3. Restricting Murrayville and Fort Langley cemeteries to “pioneer residents” (lived in the Township of over 25 years).
4. Allowing staff to have access to Township of Langley cemeteries at resident rates.
5. A pet cemetery in the Township of Langley.

**B. PRESENTATIONS**

**MOTION TO DIVIDE**

Moved by Councillor Long,  
Seconded by Councillor Arnason,  
That the motion be divided.

**CARRIED**

1. The question was called on staff looking for land for a new cemetery,  
and it was

**DEFEATED**

Mayor Froese and Councillors Fox, Long, Quaale, Sparrow, and  
Whitmarsh opposed

2. The question was called on increasing the number of municipalities  
surveyed regarding burial costs, and it was

**DEFEATED**

Mayor Froese and Councillors Arnason, Davis, Fox, Long, Quaale,  
Sparrow, and Whitmarsh opposed

3. The question was called on restricting Murrayville and Fort Langley  
cemeteries to "pioneer residents" who have lived in the Township  
longer than 25 years, and it was

**DEFEATED**

Mayor Froese and Councillors Arnason, Davis, Fox, Long, Quaale,  
Sparrow, and Whitmarsh opposed

4. The question was called on staff having access to Township of Langley  
cemeteries at the resident rate, and it was

**DEFEATED**

Mayor Froese and Councillors Arnason, Davis, Fox, Long, Quaale,  
Sparrow, and Whitmarsh opposed

5. The question was called on directing staff to consider a pet cemetery,  
and it was

**CARRIED**

Mayor Froese and Councillors Quaale, Sparrow, and Whitmarsh opposed

**C. OTHER BUSINESS**

D. **TERMINATE**

Moved by Mayor Froese,  
Seconded by Councillor Davis,  
That the meeting terminate at 3:01pm.

**CARRIED**

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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Chair, Councillor Michelle Sparrow