



COUNCIL PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

Monday, May 29, 2017 at 1:30pm
Fraser River Presentation Theatre
4th Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue, Langley, BC

MINUTES

PRESENT: Councillor A. Quaale, Chair

Mayor J. Froese, Councillors P. Arnason, C. Fox, B. Long, M. Sparrow, and B. Whitmarsh

M. Bakken, S. Scheepmaker, R. Seifi, K. Sinclair, and J. Winslade

W. Bauer, T. Buckner, E. Dykeman, B. Edey, and K. Stepto

A. ADOPTION AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Council Priorities Committee Meeting – May 29, 2017

Moved by Councillor Arnason,

Seconded by Councillor Fox,

That the Council Priorities Committee approve the agenda and receive the agenda items of the May 29, 2017 meeting.

CARRIED

B. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Snow Removal Policy

B. Edey, Manager, Roads Operations, provided an overview of the Snow and Ice Control Policy. He commented on sanding, salting, and snow plow operations and the 2016-2017 winter snow. He provided the following information:

- Snowplow routes are divided in priorities. There are over 350 km of roadway maintained on first priority routes, 190 km of roadway maintained on second priority routes, and 400 km of roadways maintained on third priority routes.
- The Township owns 22 vehicles which can be used for snow removal. These include tandem spreader trucks, tandem brine trucks, two ton spreader trucks, two ton brine trucks with front mount plows, and two ton brine trucks with no plows.
- Rock salt is the main material applied to roads during the winter season. It is applied prior to a snow event as an anti-icing measure, and during events for de-icing.

- The Township has five storage shed that house 5800 tons of salt and sand. More storage sheds will be built in the future to store more salt.
- 57,000 litres of brine are stored.
- 3.8 million litres of brine were used during the 2016-2017 snow event.
- Standby plow operators are scheduled to be on-call prior to a snow event. 16 were on call during the Township's Christmas closure.
- Over 60 staff members are needed during a snow event.
- During snow and ice events, the Township's communication team ensures that the public receives constant updates of where the plow trucks are operating and the current weather conditions.
- 90% of service requests during 2016-2017 originated from 3rd priority residential and rural roads, which have over 400km to clear, have more intersections to maneuver, parked cars impeding snow removal, and no room for snow storage.
- TOL crews attempt to uncover all catch basins to avoid flooding and clear 300+ bus stops.
- To increase service on all plow routes, nine additional trucks and drivers are needed. The average cost of a new dump truck is \$300,000.

T. Buckner, Manager, Parks Operations, commented on clearing pedestrian corridors and parking lots:

- There are 67 km's of pathways, trails, and sidewalks maintained. Priority 1 is 14 km, priority 2 is 15 km, and priority 3 is 38 km.
- Priority 1 includes: school use parking lots attached to parks, daycare use parking lots attached to parks, and shared park/business parking lot areas.
- Priority 2 includes parking lots attached to community park locations
- Priority 3 includes all remaining paved park parking lot locations.
- The Township owns 12 snow removal vehicles/machines for snow removal on sidewalks and parking lots.
- 36 staff are utilized during heavy snow/ice events.
- To increase the level of service would cost a total of \$370,000 for additional staff and equipment.

Council members thanked staff for their efforts during this past snow and ice event.

It was suggested to refer the topic of snow removal in school parking lots to the SD#35/TOL Liaison Committee to review their snow removal policy.

C. OTHER BUSINESS

D. **TERMINATE**

Moved by Councillor Fox,
Seconded by Mayor Froese,
That the meeting terminate at 2:28pm.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Chair, Councillor A. Quaale