



## **COUNCIL PRIORITIES COMMITTEE**

Monday, September 18, 2017 at 1:08pm  
Fraser River Presentation Theatre  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue, Langley, BC

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### **MINUTES**

**CHAIR:** Councillor Long

**PRESENT:**

Councillors P. Arnason, D. Davis, C. Fox, A. Quaale, K. Richter, and M. Sparrow

M. Bakken, S. Gamble, S. Scheepmaker, and K. Sinclair

W. Bauer and K. Stepto

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

**1. Council Priorities Committee Meeting – September 18, 2017**

Moved by Councillor Arnason,

Seconded by Councillor Fox,

That the Council Priorities Committee approve the agenda and receive the agenda items of the September 18, 2017 meeting, as amended.

**CARRIED**

Councillors Quaale and Sparrow opposed

**B. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**2. Fire Department Update**

Fire Chief Gamble provided a community safety update as per Policy No. 01-034. He presented the following information:

- The Township of Langley had a total of 6,568 calls for service in 2016. That is an increase of 9%.
- Fire calls are decreasing which is a good sign.
- Monty Armstrong was hired as the Assistant Chief of Administration.
- His key skills include fire prevention and suppression, project management, and occupational health and safety.
- The Fire Department Recognition Event was a successful event with over 275 attendees at George Preston Recreation Centre.
- The 2016/2017 Boot Drive raised over \$50,000 for Muscular Dystrophy.

**B. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

- Sent crew members to Colorado for Crude by Rail Training and Tank Care Specialist Training. No cost to the community and very beneficial for the department.
- The Fire Department has administered Narcan Nasal Spray in 20 opioid overdose incidents.
- The Township will become a Class A shareholder with E-Comm and join the radio system.
- The Langley Emergency Program deployed 12 volunteers to help with Emergency Social Services with the BC wildfires.
- Firefighters were also deployed to help fight the fires throughout the summer.
- An Emergency Preparedness Fair will take place on October 14, 2017 at Kwantlen University Parking Lot.

**1. Property Tax Rates**

K. Sinclair provided a presentation on Property Tax Rates. She provided the following information on how property tax rates are determined:

**Property Tax Rates – Year 1**

- Property tax revenue required
  - Annual Operating Expenditures, minus annual non-tax revenue equals property tax revenue required.
- Assessed values are needed (provided by BC Assessment)
- Property tax rates
  - Property tax revenue required, divided by total assessed value, equals property tax mill rate.

**Property Tax Rates – Year 2 (When assessed values have changed)**

- Step 1
  - Calculate the tax rate needed to generate the same property tax revenue as the previous year but on a new higher property value.
- Step 2
  - Apply the Council approved increase.

Residential properties are divided into sub-categories:

- Residential Vacant
- Single Family Dwelling
- Residential ALR
- Farm
- Strata
- All other

Property tax rates are adjusted using a 35% Class 1 average.

C. OTHER BUSINESS

D. TERMINATE

Moved by Councillor Davis,  
Seconded by Councillor Fox,  
That the meeting terminate at 2:12pm.  
**CARRIED**

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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Chair, Councillor Bob Long