



COUNCIL PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

Monday, March 19, 2018 at 1:30 PM
Fraser River Presentation Theatre
4th Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue, Langley, BC

MINUTES

PRESENT: Councillor D. Davis, Chair

Councillors P. Arnason, C. Fox, B. Long, A. Quaale, K. Richter,
M. Sparrow and B. Whitmarsh

M. Bakken, R. Seifi, K. Sinclair, and P. Tulumello

W. Bauer, K. Larsen, M. Norton Daniel, and K. Stepto

A. APPROVAL AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS

A.1 Council Priorities Committee Meeting - March 19, 2018

Moved by Councillor Fox,
Seconded by Councillor Quaale,
That the Council Priorities Committee approve the agenda and receive the
agenda items of the March 19, 2018 meeting.
CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

B.1 Water Management and Conservation

K. Larsen and M. Norton Daniel provided a presentation regarding Water Management and Conservation in the Township of Langley. K. Larsen noted that the province legislates and regulates the protection, withdrawal, and use of surface and ground water in British Columbia through various means of legislations including the Water Sustainability Act. The Township is a member municipality of Metro Vancouver and is subject to water use restrictions set out by the regional district. 80% of the Township of Langley population is on municipally supplied water. 20% are on private/community wells. 50% of water usage is residential. In 1998, the Township embarked on a Water Resources Management Strategy (WRMS). In 2002, a 20-year Action Plan was finalized. In an effort to build on the WRMS, in 2009 the Township developed the first and only official Water Management Plan in the province. This will be converted to a Water Sustainability Plan.

As the population grows, the Township is committed to building and maintaining its infrastructure and reducing water use per capita.

M. Norton Daniel commented that water conservation is encouraged through education and outreach with Water Wise (LEPS), the Water Weeks Program and the Grow Healthy/Grow Smart Program. A Municipal Facilities Water Efficiency Review took place where energy, water, and waste were reviewed. In the drought of 2015, water restrictions were implemented early and extended longer. Lessons learned from 2015 include a knowledge gap regarding water, rain water versus drinking water, water consumed versus water delivered, "could" versus "should". The future of water conservation in the Township includes operating efficiently, understanding the true value of water, and making water conservation the social norm.

C. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

D. OTHER BUSINESS

E. TERMINATE

Moved by Councillor Long,
Seconded by Councillor Whitmarsh,
That the meeting terminate at 2:37pm.
CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Chair, Councillor D. Davis