



Legislation Text

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Fire Safety Plan and Framework

Whereas overarching Township policies arising from smart growth, climate mitigation, proximity to services and other necessary public policy goals have created more compact communities that are designed around reduced property line setbacks and significantly increased densities within core areas;

Whereas wood frame construction buildings and their surroundings are particularly vulnerable during the construction phase due to the lack of installation of firewalls, fire doors, sprinklers, or other fire safety related infrastructures, which installations can delay fire transference both within the building and to other nearby structures;

Whereas the Township of Langley's existing Fire Safety Plan (FSP) is a strategic foundational document designed to address fire prevention, safety, fire control and related issues for new construction based on best management practices;

Whereas the current FSP is a list of compliance measures aligned with broader mandatory construction and fire regulations; and

Whereas it is necessary and desirable that public safety be enhanced and property destruction be minimized, through the implementation of critical mandatory features embedded within the FSP strategy;

Therefore be it resolved that the Township's Fire Chief undertake a review of the existing FSP and framework for the purpose of providing information for Council's review and consideration with respect to potential recommendations regarding the development of legally enforceable protocols consistent with best practices, and within the context of current regulatory frameworks, provincial statutes, and municipal bylaws, to effect policy changes that would reduce the likelihood of significant structural and property damage to adjacent buildings and the local environment arising from construction-related fire incidents within vulnerable timber-framed apartments,

multi- family townhouses, and mixed-use complexes in the Township.

