

REPORT TO COUNCIL

To: Mayor and Councillors

Subject: 2019 Annual Report File #: 0110.00

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From: Samantha Paulson

Communications Officer

Date: July 27, 2020

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the 2019 Annual Report be approved.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the report is to provide a progress report to residents and stakeholders, and to complete the requirement in accordance with Section 98 and 99 of the Community Charter. The 2019 Annual Report must be published prior to July 10, 2020 and must be available to the public for inspection 14 days prior to an annual meeting wherein Council must consider the report and related submissions and comments from the public.

POLICY:

Division 5 [Reporting] of Part 4 [Public Participation and Council Accountability] Section 98 of the Community Charter sets out the requirements for the City in terms of annual reporting to the public on the state of the municipality.

COMMENTS/ANALYSIS:

The 2019 Annual Report provides a progress report of the performance of the City with respect to established objectives and measures from 2019. Council's consideration of the Annual Report is a requirement in accordance with Section 98 and 99 of the Community Charter.



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The annual report must include the following:

- (a) the audited financial statements referred to in section 167(4) for the previous year;
- (b) for each tax exemption provided by a council under Division 7 [Permissive Tax Exemptions] of Part 7 [Municipal Revenue], the amount of property taxes that would have been imposed on the property in the previous year if it were not exempt for that year;
- (c) a report respecting municipal services and operations for the previous year;
- (d) a progress report respecting the previous year in relation to the objectives and measures established for that year under paragraph (f);
- (e) any declarations of disqualification made under section 111 [application to court for declaration of disqualification] in the previous year, including identification of the council member or former council member involved and the nature of the disqualification;
- (f) a statement of municipal objectives and the measures that will be used to determine progress respecting those objectives for the current and next year; and
- (g) any other information the council considers advisable.

In order to comply with the notification and report availability requirements legislated in the Community Charter, the report was available for inspection at City Hall on July 10, 2020 and advertisements for the Committee of the Whole meeting where the public are invited to comment on the report, were placed in the July 16 and June 23, 2020 editions of the Langley Advance Times.

Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General released Ministerial Order No. M159 of the Emergency Program Act to extend the Annual reporting requirements for section 98 (1) [annual municipal report] of the Community Charter to August 31, 2020.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

Not applicable

Respectfully Submitted,

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Attachment:

1. 2019 Annual Report

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S COMMENTS:

I support the recommendation.

Francis Cheung, P. Eng. Chief Administrative Officer

