

REPORT TO COUNCIL

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Councillor Christine Thompson
DATE: November 27, 2017
SUBJECT: Report to Council

I was privileged, along with other members of Council, to participate in the Remembrance Day Ceremonies on November 11th. I want to compliment the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 59, on the changes they made to the parade and the laying of wreaths as I believe that this helped the program proceed very smoothly.

The Phoenix Foundation of the Boundary Communities held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 15th. It was with regret that the Board accepted the resignation of Chantal Evers as the Youth Coordinator. This position will be advertised in the near future. Also discussed was the Phoenix Foundation's hosting the town hall meeting regarding addictions and mental health issues. The decision was to support the Board's Chair, Gary Smith, hosting the event as a concerned citizen and advising the attendees that he would be using the skills that he had acquired from training through the Phoenix Foundation.

At the Committee of the Whole on November 14th, we heard a presentation from Urban Systems with options for water meter rates. I found the presentation very informative as it was based on data gathered from our own utility. During the discussion, I supported a 2-year mock billing period, while other members of Council supported a 1-year mock billing period. On Saturday the 18th, I received an e-mail from Fred Scott, President, River Park Estates Strata Council, expressing concerns over my suggestion of a 2-year mock billing period. The issue of water meters and associated rates has been before the previous Council and our Council for more than 4 years with no resolve as to rates. I have heard from several residents that they would like to City to "get on with it" and to institute water meter rates sooner than later. Accordingly, I am suggesting that our Council do just that, and implement these charges effective January 1, 2018. I would ask that this issue be placed on the December 11, 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting for discussion with our management team.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Christine Thompson