

## REPORT TO COUNCIL

FROM: Councillor Christine Thompson

DATE: June 11, 2018

SUBJECT: Report to Council

Since our last regular meeting, our City was faced with the most devastating event in its history. Some residents on the north side of the Kettle and on Riverside were impacted by this catastrophic event. The flooding experienced in the Ruckle Addition and Johnson Flats areas and the damage to our downtown core was something that I had never seen in my lifetime. While unable to physically help volunteers (including Council members) in filling, delivering and unloading sandbags, my husband and I were able to contribute by making dozens of sandwiches daily to feed those who were doing the work. To see the number of volunteers who were sandbagging, helping the Red Cross and the Salvation Army shows how a community can come together in a time of disaster. To see young people working along side seniors without giving thought to age or ability was impressive. We are a resilient community, and given time, we will come back better and stronger.

I want to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to each member of our management team and staff for all their efforts in dealing with this horrific event. Their commitment to our community cannot be questioned with the very long hours they worked with very little rest.

At the invitation of Paul Taylor, Director of Communications, Union of BC Municipalities, I have agreed to participate in a conference call on Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> relative to a model Code of Conduct that is being developed by the Working Group on Responsible Conduct – a joint initiative of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, UBCM and Local Government Management Association. Inasmuch as this call will happen after the deadline for the submission of this report, I will include a recap of this conversation in a future report.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Christine Thompson