

REPORT TO COUNCIL

FROM: Councillor Christine Thompson

DATE: September 3, 2019

SUBJECT: Report to Council

Monday, August 26th, there were several workshops held for Council. The first workshop dealt with electric vehicle charging stations; the second provided an update on the flood plain mapping and the last was an update by the Acting Fire Chief.

Wednesday, August 28th, I attended the Boundary Better at Home Community Consultation & Stakeholder Meeting sponsored by the Provincial Government and managed by United Way of the Lower Mainland. This program is aimed at assisting older adults to remain in their homes by providing non-medical support services.

As the City's liaison to the Downtown Business Association, I have become aware that comments made by some members of Council have resulted in issues arising between the DBA and some residents of North Ruckle. I don't believe that the comments were anything more than expressions of opinion and were not intended to pit one area against another. Further, I am also aware that there are current members of Council who find it difficult to support the decisions made by the previous Council in the summer of 2018. These decisions were made based on the final, peer reviewed Dobson Report and were the basis of several ministerial meetings that I attended at the UBCM last September. As I have stated previously, I do not want to risk losing the DMAF grant by making any alterations to the application that may result in unintended consequences. Accordingly, I am asking Council's consideration in debating the following resolutions:

THAT Council supports the Disaster Mitigation Adaptation Fund (DMAF) grant as outlined in the application submitted to the Federal and Provincial Governments in January 2019.

THAT Council speak in unison in support of implementing permanent risk reduction measures in DMAF and subsequent flood mitigation programs.

THAT Council instruct staff to provide, at a minimum, quarterly information updates regarding the progress of the DMAF projects.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Christine Thompson