



Council Memorandum

Date: June 11th, 2019

To: Council

From: Mayor Letham

Re: 2020 Budget Direction

Recommendation;

That the Memorandum from Mayor Letham, regarding **2020 Budget Direction**, be received.

That all external City Agencies and Boards, funded in whole or in part by the tax levy, be advised and notified that the City's funding level for 2020 will not exceed the 2019 contribution level; and

That staff be directed to bring forward 2 proposed budgets for 2020.

- 1) As per the long term financial plan approved by council.
- 2) 0% tax support operating budget increase over 2019 from each department.

Rationale ;

There are a lot of changes coming from the Province regarding the delivery of services and the funding models. Many of these are unknown at this time. It would be irresponsible to assume that next year's budget will be "business as usual". By giving this direction to our agencies and boards and our staff now, we are getting ahead of this and will have information and options available when budgets are discussed in the fall and more information is forthcoming. Change in how we do business, and how our services are delivered, is coming. Having as many options available as possible will enable council to make more informed decisions for 2020. This early notice will also give ample opportunity for everyone to plan and find efficiencies moving forward.