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CITY TO LAUNCH A CITY-WIDE CORPORATE SERVICES REVIEW

On Monday December 14, 2015, City Council voted to launch a Corporate Services Review. This review is in conjunction with 2016 budget deliberations, where Council directed administration to reduce operating budget expenditures by finding efficiencies and looking at doing business differently.

“While we have been able to keep our operating increases low over the last few years, we believe we can do better,” said Mayor Bob Maloney. “This is why we are looking at all City departments to find efficiencies and cost reductions. We believe this is what the taxpayers of Yorkton would expect us to do.”

The Corporate Services Review is underway and will be completed in 2016, and will run in conjunction with the Fire Protective Services Review (FPSR), which began in November 2015.

On Monday, Council also received an update on the strategic priorities of the Fire Protective Services Review. These priorities include:

- A Community Risk Assessment to determine the fire safety risks within the City as the basis for developing clear goals and objectives for all fire services;
- The optimization of the first two lines of defence, including public education and fire prevention, and enforcement of fire safety standards and the fire code to provide a comprehensive fire protection program; and
- An emphasis on strategies that support the sustainability of fire protective services. These strategies need to provide the most cost effective and efficient level of fire protection services resulting in the best value for the community.

On Tuesday, Dillon Consulting, the fire service experts retained to conduct the review, met for the second time with the Yorkton Professional Fire Fighters to seek their important input.

“This FPSR is aimed at ensuring the City has the most efficient and effective fire protective services,” said Mayor Bob Maloney. “We will listen closely to the findings of the review to determine the best course moving forward for this important service and the individuals who serve us in the fire department.”

The FPSR review is expected to be finalized and brought to Council by mid-January, 2016

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