



Corporate *NO: R237*

Report *COUNCIL DATE: November 26, 2001*

REGULAR			
TO:	Mayor & Council	DATE:	November 20th, 2001
FROM:	General Manager, Finance, Technology & HR	FILE:	0304-2001
SUBJECT:	2002 Five-Year Financial Plan		

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the following By-Laws:

- By-Law #14559 Surrey General Operating Five-Year Financial Plan, 2001;
- By-Law #14560 Surrey Sewer/Drainage Five-Year Financial Plan, 2001;
- By-Law #14561 Surrey Water Five-Year Financial Plan, 2001;
- By-Law #14562 Surrey Capital Five-Year Financial Plan, 2001, and
- By-Law #14563 Surrey Consolidated Five-Year Financial Plan, 2001.

INTENT

The intent of this report is to obtain Council's approval for the 2002 Five-Year Financial Plan and to amend the 2001 Plan to reflect negotiated contractual salary increases for the Fire Department and the Surrey Public Library, minor redistribution's within departmental budgets, and to incorporate the prior year capital carry forward balances in to the Capital Financial Plan.

DISCUSSION

The Finance Committee Meeting of November 6th, 2001, recommended that Council adopt the 2002 Five-Year Financial Plan as presented by staff. The required By-Laws have been prepared in the format required by Section 327 of the Local Government Act and are attached (Appendix A). Although the schedules are not in the identical format as presented to the Finance Committee the information is the same.

The 2001 General Operating Financial Plan contained a contingency to deal with outstanding salary negotiations for the Fire Department and the Surrey Public Library. Since the Plan was adopted, salary negotiations have been completed. The 2001 Capital Financial Plan included the 2001 funding commitments without identifying the carry forward commitments from prior years. The 2002 Financial Plan has been amended to redistribute the contingencies to the applicable departments and to identify the prior year capital funding commitments, in order to ensure that we are in compliance with the requirements of the Local Government Act. This means that the 2002 Five-Year Financial Plan actually covers six years.

The amendments to the 2001 plan are only minor in nature and are necessary to properly align the municipal expenditures distribution within the reported departments. Collectively, the variances are not material enough to warrant a By-Law amendment for statutory reasons. However, for clarity and consistency, we recommend incorporating the 2001 redistributions in the 2002 Five-Year Financial Plan By-Laws.

CONCLUSION

We recommend that the 2002 General Operating Five-Year Financial Plan By-Law #14559, the 2002 Sewer/Drainage Five-Year Financial Plan By-Law #14560, the 2002 Water Five-Year Financial Plan By-Law #14561, the 2002 Capital Five-Year Financial Plan By-Law #14562 and the 2002 Consolidated Five-Year Financial Plan By-Law #14563 include the years 2001 to 2006 and that they be adopted by Council.

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APPENDIX A

- Surrey General Operating Five-Year Financial Plan, 2001, No. 14559
- Surrey Sewer/Drainage Operating Five-Year Financial Plan, 2001, No. 14560
- Surrey Water Operating Five-Year Financial Plan, 2001, No. 14561
- Surrey Capital Five-Year Financial Plan, 2001, No. 14562
- Surrey Consolidated Five-Year Financial Plan, 2001, No. 14563