

Richter Notice of Motion – For the Regular Meeting, January 22, 2007

Whereas the Canadian Taxpayers Federation (CTF) on January 5, 2007 released an extensive report that shows total municipal revenues in British Columbia increased 44% between 2001 and 2004;

Whereas the CTF is now recommending that the provincial government should implement a property tax cap and limit property tax increases to the consumer price index (CPI);

Whereas the Township of Langley continues to increase its property taxes at rates well in excess of the CPI; and

Whereas the CTF is also recommending that the province's Community Charter be amended to require value for money audits as part of the annual municipal budgeting process;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Langley support the initiatives proposed by the Canadian Taxpayers Federation by voluntarily resolving to limit all future tax increases to the CPI and by implementing annual value for dollar audits as a key part of the annual budget process;

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the Township of Langley write to the Provincial Government and the UBCM supporting amendment of the Community Charter to include provisions for the limitation of annual municipal tax increases to the cost of living and the implementation of annual value for dollar audits by all municipalities in the province.