

**BENCHMARK COMMUNITIES POLICY**  
**Council Policy No. 51/10**

**PURPOSE:**

To identify benchmark communities comparable to Fort St. John in British Columbia and Alberta that can be contacted to obtain policy, procedure and statistical information. Factors for consideration in choosing these comparable cities included:

- Population
- Population growth
- Median age of population
- Municipal financial assets
- Building permit values
- Income
- Operating budgets

**POLICY:**

The British Columbia communities included in this policy are:

- Campbell River
- Colwood
- Courtenay
- Esquimalt
- Langford
- Langley
- North Cowichan
- North Vancouver
- Pitt Meadows
- Port Coquitlam
- Port Moody
- Squamish
- Vernon

The Alberta communities included in this policy are:

- Grande Prairie
- Cochrane
- Okotoks
- Airdrie
- Fort Saskatchewan
- Leduc
- Spruce Grove
- Lloydminster
- Camrose