

Report to Council



Date: March 16, 2016
File: 1405-05
To: City Manager
From: Special Project Manager - Water Infrastructure
Subject: Kelowna Rapid Bus - Operations and Maintenance Agreement

Recommendation:

THAT Council receives, for information, the Report of the Special Project Manager - Water Infrastructure dated March 16, 2016 with respect to the Kelowna Rapid Bus - Operations and Maintenance Agreement.

AND THAT Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Interagency Agreement for Operation and Maintenance of the Highway 97 Rapid Bus Assets and Infrastructure.

Purpose:

To allow the City to enter into a multi-agency partnership for the shared operation and maintenance of Rapid Bus infrastructure within the City of Kelowna jurisdiction

Background:

The Kelowna Rapid Bus project was implemented between 2009 and 2015 with funding from various government agencies. The project included a number of Rapid Bus stations along and both sides of Hwy 97 between Westbank and the UBC campus. It also included rapid bus stations at the Queensway exchange, new Automatic Vehicle location technology (next bus arrival signage) and transit priority equipment at signalized intersections along the highway.

The operation and maintenance of the Rapid Bus service is provided by the Road Authority with jurisdiction. The annual cost of those services are shared by the Road Authority and BC Transit as a Crown Agency of the Province.

There were a number of additional infrastructure sub-projects completed as part of this larger project but they are not considered a part of the Rapid Bus service. These sub-projects included the Orchard Park exchange, the Rutland Centre exchange, the Okanagan College exchange and the Pandosy Village exchange. The operations and maintenance of these exchanges is the sole responsibility of the City of Kelowna.

All operations and maintenance work performed by the City of Kelowna staff or contractors in accordance with the subject agreement are included in the City's 2016 budget. The City will recover its cost for this work from BC Transit who in turn will account for the work within its Annual Operating Agreement with the City.

Internal Circulation:

Infrastructure Division Director
City Clerk

Considerations not applicable to this report:

Legal/Statutory Authority
Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements
Existing Policy
Financial/Budgetary Considerations
Personnel Implications
External Agency/Public Comments
Communications Comments
Alternate Recommendation

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