

Report to Council



Date: September 17, 2018
File: 1910-60
To: City Manager
From: Divisional Director, Infrastructure
Subject: 2018 Flood Damage Response and Recovery

Recommendation:

THAT Council receives for information, the report from the Infrastructure Divisional Director dated September 17, 2018 regarding the 2018 Flood Damage Response and Recovery;

AND THAT the 2018 Financial Plan be adjusted to include the transfer of up to \$60,000 from the 2018 Freshet Preparation project to support the ongoing work for the 2018 Flood Damage Response and Recovery project.

Purpose:

To transfer funds to facilitate works related to 2018 Flood Damage Response and Recovery.

Background:

The heavy snowpack and subsequent spring freshet of 2018 brought significantly high flows in the local creeks and streams. For some of the creeks, flows exceeded those experienced in 2017. These extreme flows led, for the second consecutive year, to a higher than normal elevation of Okanagan Lake. In the 2018 Freshet Preparation report dated April 9, 2018, Council approved funding from the Flood Control Averaging reserve of up to \$100,000 for immediate pre-freshet planning and preparation. The efforts by city staff and contractors, based upon this pre-freshet work, considerably mitigated damages to both private and public property.

However, response and recovery costs related to the 2018 freshet and flooding events will still be significant although they are anticipated to be much lower than 2017.

Evaluation of drainage infrastructure and damage assessments resulting from the 2018 event have been on-going since flows and lake elevation receded. It is requested that the balance of the funds previously approved for pre-freshet planning be utilized to cover costs associated with 2018 response and recovery.

It is anticipated that some works will need to be complete prior to the 2019 freshet, therefore requiring work to begin this fall. This will require a further report to council requesting a budget amendment to the 2018 Financial Plan in the coming weeks, once evaluations, scope of work and cost estimates have been completed. Additional budget requests will be forthcoming in the 2019 budget cycle.

Internal Circulation:

Manager, Financial Planning

Financial/Budgetary Considerations:

In order to facilitate works related to the 2018 Flood Response and Recovery the City's 2018 Financial Plan will need to be adjusted to reflect the transfer of up to \$60,000 from the 2018 Freshet Preparation project. The funding source will continue to be from the Flood Control Averaging reserve.

Considerations not applicable to this report:

Legal/Statutory Authority:

Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements:

Existing Policy:

Personnel Implications:

External Agency/Public Comments:

Communications Comments:

Alternate Recommendation:

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