

Report to Council



Date: November 25, 2019
To: Council
From: City Manager
Subject: Community Court Update
Department: Community Safety Department

Recommendation:

THAT Council receives, for information, the report from the Community Safety Department dated November 25, 2019 with respect to the Community Court Initiative.

Purpose:

To provide Council with an update on the Community Court Initiative.

Background:

Further to Council direction, the Honourable Geoffrey Barrow, Jessie Emmond and Dawn Himer are in attendance to present to Council information pertaining to the Kelowna Community Court initiative.

Led by the John Howard Society of Central & South Okanagan, with support from the City, RCMP, Interior Health, Chamber of Commerce, Westbank First Nation and BC Corrections, a proposal was submitted to BC Ministry of Attorney General in June 2018, with follow-up information submitted earlier this year. The decision as to whether to establish a community court, is made by the *Provincial Advisory Committee for Specialized and Indigenous Courts*. Ministry of Attorney General staff continue to assess the application and work with the Kelowna Steering Committee.

Internal Circulation:

City Clerk

Considerations not applicable to this report:

Legal/Statutory Authority:

Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements:

Existing Policy:

Financial/Budgetary Considerations:

External Agency/Public Comments:

Communications Comments:

Submitted by:

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cc: City Clerk