

Report to Council



Date: August 24, 2020
To: Council
From: City Manager
Subject: Chemical Storage Facility – Budget Amendment
Department: Infrastructure Operations, HR Health and Safety

Recommendation:

THAT Council receive for information the report from the Infrastructure Operations Department and the Corporate Human Resources Department dated August 24, 2020 regarding a new chemical storage facility at the City Public Works Yard;

AND THAT Council approve the amendment of the 2020 Financial Plan to include up to \$300,000 for the purchase and installation of a new chemical storage facility with funding from the WorkSafe Certificate of Recognition reserve.

Purpose:

To request that Council amend the 2020 budget to include funding for a portable chemical storage facility at the City Public Works Yard.

Background:

The City of Kelowna utilizes a variety of products and chemicals in day-to-day operations such as fuels, road marking paints, graffiti remover, cleaning solvents, etc. With the help of an Occupational Health and Safety consultant, the City's chemical safety management program was reviewed.

One recommendation arising from this review was related to improving the storage of chemical products, to meet manufacturer and WorkSafe requirements such as temperature control, ventilation, and spill containment. Staff have researched a variety of options and the use of a modular/portable chemical storage facility is recommended. Given the current space constraints at the Public Works Yard, this would also allow a portable unit to be placed in the available space and easily relocated in the future if necessary.

Staff are requesting that Council approve an amendment to the 2020 Financial Plan to include up to \$300,000 from the Worksafe Certificate of Recognition (COR) Safety reserve to fund the purchase and installation of the new storage facility. This reserve is funded through annual awards from WorkSafe BC in recognition of the City's positive safety record and therefore, no taxation is required.

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Considerations applicable to this report:

Financial/Budgetary Considerations:

Staff are requesting that Council approve an amendment to the 2020 Financial Plan to include up to \$300,000 from the Worksafe Certificate of Recognitions (COR) Safety reserve.

Considerations not applicable to this report:

Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements:

Legal/Statutory Authority:

Existing Policy:

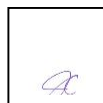
External Agency/Public Comments:

Communications Comments:

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Approved for inclusion:

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Joe Creron, Deputy City Manager