

REPORT TO COUNCIL



Date: September 12th, 2016
RIM No. 1228-07
To: City Manager
From: Community Planning Department (TC)
Subject: Mission Creek Restoration Initiative - Funding Contributions

1.0 Recommendation

THAT Council receives, for information, the report from the Suburban & Rural Planning Manager dated September 12th, 2016, with respect to Mission Creek Restoration Initiative project Funding Contributions;

AND THAT the 2016 Financial Plan be amended to include the contribution from the Central Okanagan Land Trust (COLT) of \$185,202;

AND THAT the 2016 Financial Plan be amended to include the contribution from the Southern Interior Land Trust (SILT) of \$107,710;

AND THAT the 2016 Financial Plan be amended to include the contribution from the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (MoFLRNO) of \$16,127;

AND FURTHER THAT the 2016 Financial Plan be amended to include the contribution from the Bennett Bridge HADD Fund of \$13,608.

2.0 Purpose

To amend the 2016 Financial Plan to include the contributions from our partners for the Mission Creek Restoration Initiative project.

3.0 Proposal

3.1 Background

The construction phase of the Mission Creek Restoration Initiative (MCRI) is now completed for 2016 and the Mission Creek Working Group is very pleased to report that Phase I has been accomplished within the allocated funding from the project partners.

The MCRI is a multi-phase partnership that has the vision of "Restoring and protecting Mission Creek to enrich historical, ecological and recreational values for the Okanagan" (MCRI, 2014). These goals have been put into action in a large multi-stage project that has included property acquisition, the creation of a setback dike, and the restoration of the creek to a natural meandering state. The project has also established a new floodplain that is designed to reduce the flood risk, reduce flow rates, and support the existing ecosystems.

Financial/Budgetary Considerations:

The contributions recieved to date for the Mission Creek Restoration Inititative project are not part of the City's current financial Plan. The 2016 Financial Plan will require an addition of up to \$232,647 in funding received from the project partners.

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