

Report to Council



Date: April 19, 2021

To: Council

From: City Manager

Subject: Resolution to support Emergency Operations Centre Grant Request from the RDCO

Department: Kelowna Fire Department

Recommendation:

THAT Council receives, for information, the report from the Kelowna Fire Department dated April 12, 2021 with respect to a UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund grant application;

AND THAT the City of Kelowna supports the submission of a regional application by the Regional District of Central Okanagan (RDCO) for the 2021 UBCM-Community Emergency Preparedness Fund of \$125,000 for a regional project – the Emergency Operations Centre Regional Emergency Response Program. If approved for funding, the City of Kelowna support the RDCO to manage the project and be the recipient of all grant funds.

Purpose:

To support a Grant Request submission by the Regional District of Central Okanagan for a regionally funded project.

Background:

UBCM has announced the availability of grant funding for \$25,000 to municipalities for Emergency Operations Centers & Training, through the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF). The intent of this grant is to build capacity through training exercises and to purchase equipment and supplies required to maintain an Emergency Operations Centre (EOC). As a regional program, the grant request will include all regional partners; City of Kelowna, City of West Kelowna, District of Peachland, District of Lake Country, the RDCO and Westbank First Nations, supporting the funding stream to the maximum amount of \$125,000.

The focus of the funding stream is to provide support for staff through training exercises, communications and build capacity to support the changes to virtualization and updated procedures before, during and after an emergency. This grant will help support the City of Kelowna staff along with all the regional partners, prepare and respond collaboratively during an emergent event. This grant will

also assist the residents to be prepared before, during and after an emergency by utilizing the updated Emergency Program Plan and the recent changes to the Emergency Act.

Conclusion:

Pursuant to the Regional District of Central Okanagan Emergency Preparedness Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 1443, 2019, the resolution be supported as written.

Considerations not applicable to this report:

Internal Circulation:

Legal/Statutory Authority:

Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements:

Existing Policy:

Financial/Budgetary Considerations:

External Agency/Public Comments:

Communications Comments:

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