

Report to Council



Date: September 26, 2022
To: Council
From: City Manager
Subject: Regional Emergency Management Contract
Department: Fire Department

Recommendation:

THAT Council receives, for information, the report from the Fire Chief dated September 26, 2022, with respect to the Regional Rescue Program contract and the Regional Dispatch contract;

AND THAT the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the contracts on behalf of the City of Kelowna;

Purpose:

To gain approval from Council to enter into an agreement for services with the Regional District of Central Okanagan to continue administering both the Regional Rescue Program and to provide Regional Dispatch.

Background:

The City has provided service to the Regional District of Central Okanagan (RDCO) to administer the Regional Rescue program and to provide Fire Dispatch Services for over 30 years. The attached contracts formalize the relationship between the RDCO and the City for the provision of these services. These contracts were presented and approved by the Regional Board in July.

Discussion:

The City of Kelowna, through Kelowna Fire Department (KFD) administers these two regional programs. These agreements have been developed to formalize the current practice and establish parameters and processes for a five-year term.

The Regional Rescue program includes hazardous material response (Hazmat), along with the following technical rescue areas:

- Low/Steep Embankment Rescue
- High Angle Rescue
- Ice Rescue
- Swift Water Rescue

- Confined Space Rescue
- Auto Extrication

KFD administers the Regional Rescue Program, organizing training and the purchase of equipment for departments engaged, through this program, in each of the disciplines.

The Kelowna Fire Dispatch centre continues to provide fire dispatch services to the fire departments within the regional district. In addition, the centre continues to provide dispatch services to other regional district and fire departments. This agreement is specific to the RDCO only.

Currently, there is no formal agreement for services between the City and the Regional District to provide these services. The attached agreements reflect the current arrangements, both operationally and financially and solidifies the understanding between all parties. There is no budgetary impact in these agreements, nor any changes to resources, staffing or activities.

Conclusion:

In reviewing the current programs and to ensure the programs continue to provide the highest level of service to the participating communities, it was identified a formal agreement needed to be put into place. These agreements reflect the current programs and allows the programs to continue to provide support to local fire departments and residents.

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Considerations not applicable to this report:

Legal/Statutory Authority:

Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements:

Existing Policy:

Financial/Budgetary Considerations:

External Agency/Public Comments:

Communications Comments:

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