

# Report to Council



**Date:** March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
**To:** Council  
**From:** City Manager  
**Subject:** Renewal of the Regional Emergency Mutual Aid Agreement  
**Department:** Fire Department

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## **Recommendation:**

THAT Council receive the report of the Fire Chief, dated March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 regarding the renewal of the Emergency Mutual Aid Agreement;

AND THAT Council authorize Mayor and City Clerk execute the Emergency Mutual Aid Agreement as attached to the report of the Fire Chief, Dated March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

## **Purpose:**

To renew the Emergency Mutual Aid Agreement that is in place between local fire departments within the Central Okanagan Regional District.

## **Background:**

The current five-year Mutual Aid agreement has expired as of February. This agreement includes all fire departments within the Central Okanagan. It allows for fire departments to share resources during major incidents. This support has been key in many of the local interface fires and provides for timely response. Generally, there is no cost associated with the Mutual Aid agreement, however, there is provision to recover costs if required.

The agreement will be circulated to the Regional District of Central Okanagan, Peachland, West Kelowna and Lake Country for their signatures in addition to the City of Kelowna.

## **Conclusion:**

The Mutual Aid agreement is a key document in wildfire interface preparation, as well as providing assurances of support for other major fire events. The renewal of this document will allow continued support among the departments.

## **Internal Circulation:**

City Clerk's Officer

## **Considerations applicable to this report:**

***Legal/Statutory Authority:***  
***Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements:***  
***Existing Policy:***  
***Financial/Budgetary Considerations:***  
***External Agency/Public Comments:***  
***Communications Comments:***

Submitted by:

T Whiting, Fire Chief

Approved for inclusion:



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S Fleming, City Clerk