

Report to Council



Date: March 25, 2024
To: Council
From: City Manager
Subject: GEID Transition – Water Services outside of City of Kelowna
Department: Utility Services

Recommendation:

THAT Council receives, for information, the report from the Utility Services Department, dated March 25, 2024, with respect to providing water service outside of the Kelowna boundary within the current Glenmore Ellison Improvement District service area;

AND THAT Council directs staff to request consent from the Board of the Regional District of Central Okanagan (RDCO) for the City of Kelowna to provide water service to those properties within RDCO East Electoral Area that are serviced by the Glenmore Ellison Improvement District (GEID) as their Letters Patent existed at the time of GEID dissolution.

Purpose:

To consider requesting consent from the Regional District of Central Okanagan (RDCO) for providing water service within the RDCO as part of the transition of the Glenmore Ellison Improvement District (GEID) to the City of Kelowna.

Background:

On March 12, 2024, the City signed an agreement with the GEID to transition the GEID to the City of Kelowna. Under its Letters Patent, the GEID provides water service to 410 properties which are located outside of the City of Kelowna and within the RDCO.

Discussion:

Section 13 (1) of the Community Charter identifies that a municipality may provide a service outside the municipality and within a regional district with consent of the Regional District board for the area.

As part of drafting an Order in Council that would dissolve the GEID the Province wants assurance that the RDCO has provided consent for the City of Kelowna to continue to provide water services to those properties in the RDCO that are currently serviced by the GEID.

The consent of the RDCO will allow the City's municipal powers, duties, and functions as they relate to the service to be exercised in the serviced area of the RDCO as outlined in Section 13 (3) of the Community Charter. This will allow Kelowna's water regulation bylaw to apply to former GEID customers in the RDCO.

Conclusion:

To ensure provincial support for the Order in Council and a smooth transition of water services, regulations, and management from the GEID to the City of Kelowna, consent of the RDCO for the City to provide water service to former GEID customers in the RDCO boundary area is required.

Internal Circulation:

Considerations applicable to this report:

Legal/Statutory Authority:

To comply with Section 13 of the Community Charter, consent of the RDCO for the City to provide water services is required.

Considerations not applicable to this report:

Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements:

Existing Policy:

Financial/Budgetary Considerations:

Consultation and Engagement:

Communications Comments:

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