

Report to Council



Date: November 25, 2024
To: Council
From: City Manager
Subject: Bicycle Program – Pathways Abilities Society
Department: Police Services

Recommendation:

THAT Council receives, for information, the report from Police Services dated November 25, 2024, with respect to Bicycle Program – Pathway Abilities Society;

AND THAT Council approves the City entering into an agreement with the Pathways Abilities Society, for the period 2025-2029 to provide the collection, safekeeping and ultimate disposal of found and recovered bicycles within the City of Kelowna, in the form attached to the report of Police Services dated November 25, 2024;

AND THAT the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the Agreement.

Purpose:

To authorize an agreement between the City of Kelowna and Pathways Abilities Society for the collection, safekeeping and ultimate disposal of found and recovered bicycles.

Background:

Since 1995, the City of Kelowna has contracted with Pathways Abilities Society (PAS), a non-profit society for the collection, safekeeping and ultimate disposal of found and recovered bicycles. This agreement has provided meaningful activities for adults with developmental disabilities in areas of customer sales, bicycle repairs and maintenance, computer skills, public interaction and money handling.

Discussion:

As with previous contracts, PAS picks up bicycles as directed by police. In addition, Bylaw Services are able to drop bicycles off at PAS. Bicycles that are picked up or dropped off are logged into a computer database and put in secure storage for 90 days while efforts to contact owners are made. If a bicycle is not collected by the owner at the end of 90 days, the bicycles will be sold, used for parts or disposed of at the landfill. If owners are reached, they can collect their bicycle from PAS for a \$25 service fee.

The City's funding agreement for the coming term (2025-2029) has been adjusted to account for estimated increases in operating costs over the term of the contract. These amounts are net of the proceeds of the bicycle sales which are retained by PAS:

- 2025 \$14,500
- 2026 \$14,500, adjusted for 2025 inflation
- 2027 \$14,500, adjusted for 2026 inflation
- 2028 \$14,500, adjusted for 2027 inflation
- 2029 \$14,500, adjusted for 2028 inflation

There will be an annual CPI inflation adjustment applied to the payment on January 1st, which will be a minimum of 1.95% or the percentage change in the Canadian Consumer Price Index (Annual Average, last period reporting, not seasonally adjusted, all items excluding energy, Table 18 10-005-01) for British Columbia, whichever is higher.

Conclusion:

The service provided by PAS has relieved the police or other City staff of costs and efforts associated with retrieving bicycles, finding the owners and storing bicycles. The proposed funding change will cover the costs that increase on a yearly basis such as wage, vehicle and storage costs.

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Considerations applicable to this report:

Legal/Statutory Authority:

Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements:

Existing Policy:

Financial/Budgetary Considerations:

Consultation and Engagement:

Communications Comments:

Considerations not applicable to this report:

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