

Report to Council



Date: 2016-11-21
File: 0100-01
To: City Manager
From: Greg Wise, Bylaw Services
Subject: Transitional Storage Program support service for Gospel Mission.

Recommendation:

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Kelowna has the power under section 8 (2) of the Community Charter to provide any service that Council considers necessary or desirable, and may provide the service directly or through another public authority, or another person or organization;

AND WHEREAS the Kelowna Gospel Mission (the “KGM”) has agreed to provide safe storage space at the KGM’s premises at 251 Leon Avenue, Kelowna for homeless persons to store carts and personal belongings on a temporary basis:

AND WHEREAS the KGM does not have sufficient storage space to keep carts and personal belongings that are abandoned or left on a longer-term basis and has asked for the City to assist in the cart storage program by (i) providing space to store carts on a longer-term basis that have been left or abandoned and (ii) to deal with the disposal of carts and belongings that are either abandoned or have not been reclaimed by the owner after a further period of storage;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Kelowna resolves to provide a service of storage of carts and personal belongings of persons who are homeless or transitioning to obtaining shelter where the carts and belongings have been left with the Kelowna Gospel Mission beyond the KGM’s established short-term storage period and to authorize the Bylaw Department or other City staff to:

- a) take carts and personal belongings from the KGM's premises to a City storage facility;
- b) maintain carts and personal belongings taken into the City's custody at a City storage facility for a period of not less than 14 days as per the Transitional Storage Intake Form Use Agreement (unless reclaimed by the owner in the interim); and
- c) dispose by auction or otherwise any carts or personal belongings that have been abandoned or reasonably appear to have been abandoned in the circumstances.

Purpose:

To provide a support service by City Staff for transport and additional temporary storage of personal Chattel in partnership with the Kelowna Gospel Mission's Transitional Storage pilot program as per an agreement with the Gospel Mission and their clients.

Background:

The City and BC Housing has recently formed a partnership with the Kelowna Gospel Mission to provide a "Transitional personal items Storage" and Outreach service. This is a pilot program at Kelowna Gospel Mission initiated in Fall of 2016. The City will provide support service to remove and further store items that are not being actively accessed within the Gospel Mission Storage compound within a seven day period, and further store the Chattel for a period of not less than fourteen days after which the items will be disposed of through auction or other means.

Internal Circulation: Lance Kayfish, Risk and Safety Manager
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Legal/Statutory Authority: Section 8 (2) Community Charter.

Financial/Budgetary Considerations: Absorbed within existing Bylaw Services Operational Budget.

Submitted by:

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Approved for inclusion:



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