

Report to Council



Date: January 16, 2017
File: 0710-70
To: City Manager
From: Andrew Hunsberger, Urban Forest Health Technician
Subject: Community Wildfire Protection Plan UBCM Grant Amendment

Recommendation:

THAT Council support an amendment to a grant awarded to the City of Kelowna from the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) to update Kelowna's Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP).

Purpose:

To obtain Council approval for an application to the UBCM Wildfire Prevention Initiative for \$4,700 to cover additional costs for updating Kelowna's Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP).

Background:

As part of the UBCM's Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiatives, local governments have the opportunity to apply for grant funding to assist in community wildfire protection planning. With the help of a consultant, the City of Kelowna has finalized an updated Community Wildfire Protection Plan that will be presented to Council in the near future. The UBCM - SWPI compensates local governments up to 50% of the cost to complete an update to their CWPP.

A CWPP is an extensive document that requires extensive field data collection, consultation with multiple city departments and stakeholders and a complete review of our development permitting process. The plan provides detailed recommendations to assist staff in taking measures to minimizing the wildfire risk to our community.

Staff are required to obtain a resolution whenever there is an amendment to a UBCM grant application indicating Council support. In 2016, Council supported an initial grant application of \$17,287.84 for updating the CWPP. However, an additional \$9,400 was required to complete the update (\$26,687.84), due to changes in some of the data standards required by the Ministry. Matching funds have been approved by UBCM pending a Council resolution. Operational funds from the Parks wildfire fuel mitigation budget are sufficient to cover the matching funds on behalf of the City.

Internal Circulation:

Communications Consultant, Communications

Financial/Budgetary Considerations:

No further funds are required. The increased costs were covered through our wildfire fuel mitigation operating budget in 2016.

Considerations not applicable to this report:

Legal/Statutory Authority:

Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements:

Existing Policy:

Personnel Implications :

External Agency/Public Comments:

Communications Comments:

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Approved for inclusion:



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