

Report to Council



Date: June 19, 2017
File: 1120-01
To: City Manager
From: Doug Gilchrist, Division Director - Community Planning & Strategic Investment
Subject: Memorandum of Understanding - City of Kelowna / Okanagan College

Recommendation:

THAT Council receives, for information, the report from the Divisional Director, Community Planning & Strategic Investment regarding a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") between the City and Okanagan College, dated June 19, 2017;

AND THAT Council approve the City entering an MOU between the City and Okanagan College, in the form attached to the report of the Divisional Director, Community Planning & Strategic Investments, dated June 19, 2017;

AND THAT Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the MOU, attached to the report of the Divisional Director, Community Planning & Strategic Investments dated June 19, 2017.

Purpose:

To inform Council of the ongoing relationship between the City of Kelowna and Okanagan College and to obtain approval to execute an MOU that reinforces the value of ongoing collaboration between the parties.

Background:

The City of Kelowna and Okanagan College have a strong history of working together in the interests of citizens and students. Together, many great initiatives have been brought forward that positively influence the; livability, sustainability and economic vibrancy of Kelowna and the Region.

The objective of the proposed MOU is to enhance the relationship between the parties and to recognize the value of coordinating our efforts. The MOU will solidify this acknowledgement and help guide future staff, faculty, Boards and Councils as collaborative and innovative initiatives advance.

Specific areas of collaboration identified in the MOU include:

- Applied research, Learning and Innovation
- Land Use, Infrastructure and Campus Planning
- Community Involvement and Volunteerism
- Operations, programming and services
- Sustainability practices/programs

The MOU is a non-binding agreement between the parties that will live on indefinitely and be managed by designated liaisons from the City and Okanagan College. The MOU will be reviewed every five years and the liaisons will report out to the respective bodies as appropriate.

Communications Comments:

The MOU acknowledges that the parties agree to work together on public communications related to the MOU itself as well as any joint initiatives as appropriate.

Considerations not applicable to this report:

Legal/Statutory Authority:

Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements:

Existing Policy:

Financial/Budgetary Considerations:

Personnel Implications:

External Agency/Public Comments:

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Attachments: 1. Schedule A - MOU

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