

Report to Council



Date: September 18, 2017
File: 1120-01
To: City Manager
From: Doug Gilchrist, Divisional Director - Community Planning & Strategic Investment
Subject: Memorandum of Understanding - City of Kelowna / UBC Okanagan

Recommendation:

THAT Council approves the City entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with UBC Okanagan in the form attached to the Report of the Divisional Director, Community Planning and Strategic Investments dated September 18, 2017;

AND THAT the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to executed all documents necessary, in order to complete this transaction.

Purpose:

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

Background:

The City of Kelowna and UBC Okanagan have a strong history of working together in the interests of citizens, faculty 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 Memorandum of Understanding ("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, including research opportunities, advance.

Specific areas of collaboration identified in the MOU include:

- Research, Learning and Innovation
- Land Use, Infrastructure and Campus Planning

- Community Engagement
- Operations and Risk Management
- Programming

The MOU is a non-binding agreement between the parties that will live on indefinitely and be managed by a designated Steering Committee with representatives from the City and UBC. The Steering Committee will be co-chaired by City and UBC appointed representatives. The MOU will be reviewed periodically and the Co-chairs 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:

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Attachment: 1. Schedule A - MOU

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