
MEETING TYPE: Regular Council Meeting
MEETING DATE: January 16, 2024
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DEPARTMENT: Protective Services
ITEM TITLE: Support a RDCO grant application to the UBCM-CEPF on behalf of the Regional Emergency Program for ESS Training & Equipment
DESCRIPTION: UBCM-CEPF for ESS Training & Equipment

PURPOSE

To seek support for the Regional District of Central Okanagan's application to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities - Community Emergency Preparedness Fund for Emergency Support Services Training and Equipment.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Regional District of Central Okanagan (RDCO) application to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) for Emergency Support Services (ESS) Training and Equipment be supported by the District of Lake Country.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The [Union of British Columbia Municipalities - Community Emergency Preparedness Fund](#) (UBCM-CEPF) is a suite of funding programs intended to enhance the resiliency of local governments, First Nations, and communities in responding to various emergencies.

This funding is provided by the Province of British Columbia and is administered by the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM). Regional District of the Central Okanagan (RDCO) staff will be making a funding application for Emergency Support Services (ESS) Training and Equipment in 2024. The funding will support the RDCO ESS Team and RDCO Regional Emergency Program staff to improve pre-planning with District staff with specific focus on the operation of evacuation reception centers and group lodging facilities in 2024.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

ESS is a vital component of the RDCO Regional Emergency Program which offers centralized support to local governments during emergencies such as wildfires and floods. In the aftermath of the 2023 Wildfires, there is an imperative to enhance knowledge, capacity, resources, and community resilience for the benefit of residents, businesses, and visitors within the RDCO. By combining eligible funding amounts of all the local governments within the RDCO, the ESS Team will be supported to deliver services throughout the RDCO Regional Emergency Program.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION, BYLAWS AND POLICY

This application is in compliance with the [British Columbia Disaster and Emergency Response Act](#) which was passed into force by the Province of British Columbia in November of 2023. This application is also in compliance with [RDCO Emergency Management Program Bylaw 1444, 2019](#) which was last updated in 2019.

IMPACT ON INFRASTRUCTURE, SERVICES AND STAFF CAPACITY (if applicable)

Not applicable.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None Budget Previously Approved Other (see below)

The estimated combined value of the RDCO application to the UBCM-CRI is \$148,000.00. This estimated total is derived from RDCO Regional Emergency Program staff analysis of eligible grant amounts for the Westbank First Nation, District of Peachland, City of West Kelowna, Regional District of the Central Okanagan, City of Kelowna and District of Lake Country. Combining and coordinating efforts will optimize the impact of staff time and consultant time.

CONSULTATION (Internal referrals, External Agencies, Committees, Stakeholders)

The application to the UBCM-CRI will require certified resolutions from the RDCO Board as well as supporting certified Council resolutions from each of the first nations and member municipalities and within the RDCO Regional Emergency Program.

COMMUNICATIONS (if applicable)

Not applicable.

ALIGNMENT WITH COUNCIL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- Create and Support Opportunities for a Healthy, Active and Inclusive Community
- Create Infrastructure That Meets Community Needs
- Encourage Growth of the Downtown Core
- Ensure Sustainable Water Service Delivery for the Community
- Explore Opportunities to Engage With Regional Local Governments for the Betterment of the Community
- Honour Reconciliation by Strengthening Relationships and Inclusiveness With Our Indigenous Partners
- Identify and support improvements to the Development Process
- Implement the Agricultural Plan
- Preserve, Protect and Enhance Our Natural Environment
- Secure long term wastewater service delivery for our community
- Support Opportunities to Diversify Lake Country's Tax Base

ALIGNMENT WITH MASTER PLANS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Official Community Plan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Climate Action Charter | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation Master Plan 2019 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing Needs Report | <input type="checkbox"/> Sanitary Sewer System Map |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Liquid Waste Management Plan Stage 1/2 Report | <input type="checkbox"/> Transit Future Plan-Central Okanagan Region-DRAFT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> McCoubrey Plateau Area Structure Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation for Tomorrow |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mobility Master Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Master Plan |

OPTIONS

The following options are presented for Council's consideration:

- A. **THAT** Council support the Regional District of Central Okanagan application to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities - Community Emergency Preparedness Fund for Emergency Support Services Training and Equipment.
- B. **THAT** Council refer the item back to staff for further information.

Respectfully Submitted,
Darren Lee, Fire Chief

Report Approval Details

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Attachments:	
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

Trevor James, CFO, Director of Finance & Administration - Jan 10, 2024 - 10:02 AM

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