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**MEETING TYPE:** Regular Council Meeting  
**MEETING DATE:** June 18, 2024  
**AUTHOR:** Darren Lee, Fire Chief  
**DEPARTMENT:** **Protective Services**  
**ITEM TITLE:** 2024 UBCM CEPF Emergency Operations Centre Equipment and Training  
**DESCRIPTION:** Council Resolution required to support the RDCO Regional Emergency Program as the primary applicant for the grant

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#### **PURPOSE**

To seek a Council resolution to support the Regional District of Central Okanagan application to and management of grant funding from the 2024 Union of British Columbia Municipalities Community Emergency Preparedness Fund Emergency Operations Centre Training and Supports grant program, on behalf of all partner agencies in the Regional District of Central Okanagan Regional Emergency Program

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council approves the Regional District of Central Okanagan (RDCO) applying for, receiving and managing the 2024 UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) grant, under the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) Equipment and Training stream, on behalf of the District of Lake Country.

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The [UBCM - Community Emergency Preparedness Fund](#) 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 UBCM.

With Councils support, RDCO staff will be making application for Emergency Operations Centre Training and Supports for the 2024 UBCM CEPF intake. The funding will support the RDCO Emergency Operations Centre staff training and RDCO Emergency Operations Centre equipment.

#### **DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS**

Emergency Operations Centre staff training and supporting equipment are vital components of the RDCO Regional Emergency Program which offers cooperative 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 Emergency Operations Centre supported to deliver services throughout the RDCO via the 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 July of 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 for a maximum amount of \$172,000.00. 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/instructor time.

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

The application to the UBCM will require certified resolutions from the RDCO Board as well as supporting certified Council resolutions from each of the partners 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 checked="" 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**

- A. THAT Council support the Regional District of Central Okanagan (RDCO) application to and manage of grant funding from the 2024 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) Emergency Operations Centre Training and Supports grant program on behalf of the District of Lake Country.
- B. THAT Council refer the item back to staff for further information.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Darren Lee, Fire Chief

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**Report Approval Details**

Document Title:	UBCM CEPF Emergency Operations Centre Training and Supports.docx
Attachments:	- Attachment A-UBCM-CEPF-EOC-2024 Grant Worksheet.pdf
Final Approval Date:	Jun 10, 2024

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

**Reyna Seabrook, Director of Corporate Services - Jun 7, 2024 - 3:05 PM**

**Paul Gipps, Chief Administrative Officer - Jun 10, 2024 - 8:39 AM**