



COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

Date: May 23, 2023

From: Paul Gipps, CAO

Subject: **Fire Rescue Establishment and Operations Amendment Bylaw**

Report Prepared by: Jason Brolund, Fire Chief

RECOMMENDATION to Consider and Resolve:

THAT Council give first, second and third reading to the “City of West Kelowna Fire Rescue Establishment and Operations Amendment Bylaw No. 0114.04, 2023”; and

THAT Council give first, second and third reading to the “City of West Kelowna Ticket Information Utilization Amendment Bylaw No. 0095.48, 2022”.

STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

Foster Safety and Well-Being – We will pursue through direct action, advocacy, and collaboration with local and regional service providers, investments in community health, needs-based housing, emergency preparedness, policing, and other services that foster safety and well-being in West Kelowna.

BACKGROUND

As our fire service evolves to meet community growth as well as increase the level of pre-fire planning and community/firefighter safety, the following improvements have been identified:

1. Provision of standardized and more secure access to buildings with advanced fire protection systems such as fire alarms, fire sprinklers, fire elevators. (requiring Knox lock boxes)
2. Provision of a Fire Safety Plan in a standard format acceptable to the Fire Chief such that it can be used to support and enhance the fire departments pre-planning process. (electronic plan submission)
3. Prohibit the storage of flammable or combustible liquids within shipping containers unless modifications have been made to permit safe storage and reduce the risk to firefighters and the public. (Fire Chiefs Association of BC standard).
4. Prohibit the storage of gas or propane in a shipping container in all cases.

The amended bylaws proposed for Council consideration serve to improve safety and set fines for contravention. Enforcement of the bylaws will continue to fall to the fire department under the existing fire prevention program.

REVIEWED BY

Corinne Boback, Legislative Services Manager / Corporate Officer

Terry Savin, Fire Prevention Officer

APPROVED FOR THE AGENDA BY

Paul Gipps, CAO

PowerPoint: Yes ☐ No ☒

Attachments:

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