



COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

Date: July 11, 2023

From: Paul Gipps, CAO

Subject: **District of Peachland – Fire Automatic Aid Agreement**

Report Prepared by: Jason Brolund, Fire Chief

RECOMMENDATION to Consider and Resolve:

THAT Council authorize the Mayor and CAO to execute a renewal of the Automatic Aid Agreement with the District of Peachland for Fire Services at 4713 McKinnon Rd, for a five (5) year term, commencement upon signing.

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

This agreement is a renewal of the existing agreement, following an initial 5-year term. 4713 MacKinnon Rd. is a property located within the West Kelowna Fire Rescue (WKFR) fire protection area and is accessed through the District of Peachland (Peachland).

From a fire and life safety perspective, Peachland Fire and Rescue Service is the closest responding department.

Fire Department and Route	Approximate Distance
WKFR via Hwy 97C	13.7 km
WKFR via Hwy 97 through Peachland	11.3 km
Peachland Fire Rescue Service	7.0 km

DISCUSSION

Renewing the existing Automatic Aid Agreement for Fire Services at this property will ensure the City continues to provide the best available fire response. The owner of the property may also benefit from a reduction in insurance costs because of this agreement.

The automatic aid agreement ensures Peachland would be notified as part of the initial response to a fire instead of being requested by the first arriving units from West Kelowna. The agreement has functioned well for one (1) single response during the previous 5-year term. Peachland fully supports entering into this agreement.

Please note the address of the parcel has been updated to 4713 McKinnon Rd.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Reimbursement for costs incurred by Peachland will be handled in accordance with Section 11 of the Regional Emergency Mutual Aid Agreement. The number of responses to this property is expected to be very few over the term of the agreement and Peachland is expected to be relieved of their duties once WKFR arrives. Therefore, costs incurred are expected to be minimal.

COUNCIL REPORT / RESOLUTION HISTORY

Date	Report Topic / Resolution	Resolution No.
August 9, 2018	THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Deputy CAO to execute an Automatic Aid Agreement with the District of Peachland for Fire Services at 4173 McKinnon Rd, for a five (5) year term, commencement upon signing. AND THAT Council direct Staff to advise Regional Fire Dispatch of the change in response protocols for the above noted address.	C324/18

REVIEWED BY

Corinne Boback, Legislative Services Manager

Warren Everton, Chief Financial Officer

Brad Savoury, Director of Legal Services

APPROVED FOR THE AGENDA BY

Paul Gipps, CAO

PowerPoint: Yes No

Attachments:

Map of 4713 McKinnon Rd
Proposed CWK and DPE Fire Protection Automatic Aid Agreement