



## COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

Date: September 26, 2023

From: Paul Gipps, CAO

Subject: **State of Local Emergency**

Report Prepared by: Corinne Boback, Legislative Services Manager / Corporate Officer

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**RECOMMENDATION** to Consider and Resolve:

**THAT** Council endorse the extension of the State of Local Emergency for the McDougall Creek wildfire authorized by Mayor Gord Milsom extended on September 14, 2023, for a further week set to expire on September 21, 2023; and

**THAT** Council authorize a further week extension for the State of Local Emergency for the McDougall wildfire until September 28, 2023.

### **BACKGROUND**

On August 17, 2023, the McDougall wildfire that was burning north of West Kelowna had grown exponentially by early morning and was anticipated to create an immediate threat to our community by early afternoon of that day. In order to initiate alerts and begin considering evacuation orders the City is required to declare a state of emergency. Once this is undertaken the Regional District of Central Okanagan (RDCO) then has the authority under bylaw to initiate actions through the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to support any operations necessary to protect the community and respond to the wildfire.

Under the Emergency Program Act, s. 12, the head of a local authority may declare a State of Local Emergency relating to all or part of the jurisdictional area. As the threat was imminent, per the Act, the declaration must be made by bylaw, resolution, or order. Therefore, this authority was utilized to allow Mayor Milsom to make the declaration.

To maintain the orders and continue working towards recovery it is expected that the State of Local Emergency will be needed to extend a further week at this time.

## COUNCIL REPORT / RESOLUTION HISTORY

Date	Report Topic / Resolution	Resolution No.
September 12, 2023	<b>THAT</b> Council endorse the State of Local Emergency declared on August 17, 2023, for one week by Mayor Gord Milsom in response to the wildfire imminent threat to West Kelowna; and <b>THAT</b> Council endorse the extension of the State of Local Emergency authorized by Mayor Gord Milsom extended on August 23, 2023, for a further week set to expire on August 31, 2023; and <b>THAT</b> Council consider and authorize that a further week extension for a State of Local Emergency until September 7, 2023, be approved.	C312/23
August 29, 2023	<b>THAT</b> Council endorse the State of Local Emergency declared on August 17, 2023, for one week by Mayor Gord Milsom in response to the wildfire imminent threat to West Kelowna; and <b>THAT</b> Council endorse the extension of the State of Local Emergency authorized by Mayor Gord Milsom extended on August 23, 2023, for a further week set to expire on August 31, 2023; and <b>THAT</b> Council consider and authorize that a further week extension for a State of Local Emergency until September 7, 2023, be approved.	C299/23

### REVIEWED BY

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### APPROVED FOR THE AGENDA BY

Trevor Seibel, Deputy CAO

Powerpoint: Yes  No