



COUNCIL REPORT
Corporate Initiatives
For the November 12, 2019 Council Meeting

DATE: November 1, 2019
TO: Paul Gipps, CAO
FROM: Jason Luciw, Communications and Grants Coordinator
RE: 2020 Community Resiliency Investment Program

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

THAT Council support the application to the Community Resiliency Investment Program seeking funding for 2020 prescriptions and operational fuel treatments; and,

THAT Council authorise staff to use grant funds based on the priorities in the Community Wildfire Protection Plan Update and criteria of the Community Resiliency Investment Program; and,

THAT Council authorise staff to include \$64,500 in the 2020 operating budget for prescriptions and treatments, subject to Community Resiliency Investment Program funding support; and,

THAT Council authorise the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the funding agreement.

RATIONALE:

The Community Resiliency Investment Program aims to reduce the risks and impacts of wildfires, which are more frequent and intense and more greatly affect communities, due to climate change.

BACKGROUND:

The City of West Kelowna applied under the 2019 Community Resiliency Investment (CRI) Program and received funding to prescribe and treat the four highest priority areas, as identified in the 2018 Community Wildfire Protection Plan Update (CWPP), which best met the application criteria:

- Eain Lamont Park (southeast side of Mt. Boucherie);
- Smith Creek Road adjacent to Powers Creek Water Treatment Plant;
- Davidson Creek Park (base of Carrot Mountain); and,
- Rose Ridge Park.

The City of West Kelowna has issued a tender this fall to complete the 2019 treatments.

Thanks to Council's additional \$50,000 operational budget for 2019 staff was able to augment the prescriptions and treatments, conduct FireSmart activities, and provide grants to qualifying private property owner applicants. Staff will report to Council on these initiatives at a future meeting.

The City is seeking funding under the 2020 CRI Program for next highest priority areas in the CWPP that best meet the application criteria, which are:

- Mount Boucherie Park adjacent to East Boundary Lift Station;
- Mount Boucherie Park in the vicinity of City Hall, Jim Lind Arena, Royal LePage Place and Mount Boucherie Secondary School; and,
- Land surrounding the Chlorine Plant at the base of Rose Valley Dam.

The projects are highly recommended in the CWPP and best meet the CRI criteria because they are significant values at risk, with a combined total replacement value in excess of \$100 million, and their preservation is paramount to community resiliency.

COUNCIL REPORT/RESOLUTION HISTORY:

Date	Report Topic/Resolution	Resolution No.
December 12, 2018	<p>THAT Council adopt the updated City of West Kelowna Community Wildfire Protection Plan – October 2018; and</p> <p>THAT Council support the application to the Community Resiliency Investment Program requesting the maximum grant contribution of \$100,000 to complete prescriptions and treatments in 2019; and</p> <p>THAT Council authorize the mayor and the City Clerk to execute the agreement for a successful application; and</p> <p>THAT Council direct staff to use the funding on a priority basis as established by the recommendations in the Community Wildfire Protection Plan – October 2018; and</p> <p>THAT Council authorize staff to include \$100,000 in the 2019 Operating Budget for prescriptions and treatments, subject to funding being provided through the Community Resiliency Investment Program.</p> <p>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p>	C447/18

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The City of West Kelowna has an estimate of \$64,500 for prescriptions and treatments for the planned 2020 program. Staff is seeking 100% funding assistance under the Community Resiliency and Investment Program. Staff requests that Council include \$64,500 in the 2020 operational budget for prescriptions and operational treatments subject to CRI funding approval.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:

Stacey Harding, Parks and Fleet Manager
Jason Brolund, Fire Chief
Allen Fillion, Director of Engineering and Public Works
Sandy Webster, Director of Corporate Initiatives
Warren Everton, Director of Finance/CFO
Tracey Batten, Deputy CAO/Corporate Officer
Paul Gipps, CAO

PowerPoint: Yes ☐ No ☒

Attachments: None