



COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

Date: May 21, 2024

From: Ron Mattiussi, Interim CAO

Subject: **District of Peachland Fire Ladder Agreement Renewal**

Report Prepared by: Jason Brolund, Fire Chief

RECOMMENDATION to Consider and Resolve:

THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Deputy CAO to execute the Fire Ladder Agreement with the City of West Kelowna and the District of Peachland for fire services for a 5 year term, to commence after execution.

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

In a spirit of cooperation, West Kelowna receives financial compensation to support the District of Peachland with response by our ladder truck that would not otherwise be available to them. This increases the effectiveness of firefighting and lifesaving activities in large buildings in Peachland. This is a renewal of the longstanding Fire Service Agreement.

DISCUSSION

The District of Peachland requires access to a Ladder truck in the event it is required for structural firefighting.

The District of Peachland first entered into an agreement with the City of West Kelowna in 2009 when a Ladder Truck was acquired. There was a renewal in 2014 and again in 2016 and 2019. Aside from training events as outlined in the contract, the Ladder has never been requested for an emergency in Peachland.

The most recent version of the agreement extends the term another five years and increases the cost recovery. Peachland Council will consider the execution of this agreement at their May 21, 2024 meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

A standby charge of \$6,000 per year is included. This amount is increased by \$1,200 over the previous agreement. In addition to the Standby Charge, Peachland shall pay to the City, the labor costs of crews dispatched to perform emergency fire suppression or investigation services plus the cost of Kelowna providing a ladder to ensure coverage of West Kelowna during the emergency.

REVIEWED BY

Brad Savoury, Director of Legal Services

Warren Everton, Chief Financial Officer

Corinne Boback, Legislative Services Manager / Corporate Officer

Trevor Seibel, Deputy CAO

APPROVED FOR THE AGENDA BY

Warren Everton, Acting CAO

PowerPoint: Yes No

Attachments:

2024 Peachland Ladder Agreement