



## COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

Date: June 25, 2024

From: Ron Mattiussi, Interim CAO

Subject: **Mar Jok Elementary School Joint Use Agreement**

Report Prepared by: Erin Goodwin, Facilities and Recreation Manager

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**RECOMMENDATION** to Consider and Resolve:

**THAT** Council approves the City entering into a Joint Use Agreement with School District No. 23 associated with the Mar Jok Elementary School attached to the Report from the Facilities and Recreation Manager, dated June 25, 2024;

**AND THAT** Council authorize the Mayor and Corporate Officer to execute the Mar Jok Joint Use Agreement.

### **STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS**

**Strengthen Our Community** – We will provide opportunities for the residents of West Kelowna to build connections, celebrate successes, embrace the community's strengths and diversity, address shared needs, and contribute to shaping the community's future.

### **BACKGROUND**

In 2014, construction for the new Mar Jok Elementary (MJE) School located in the neighbourhood of Rose Valley was completed. The project was part of the Provincial Government's Neighbourhood Learning Centres (NLC) program that granted additional funding and space for the project.

The general concept of the NLC program is to create a partnership where a school facility can be used for both school use and community or public space. Due to the participation in the NLC program, the MJE construction project saw an increase of approximately 15% of facility space that resulted in such things as a larger gymnasium and an additional 1350 square feet community space.

In exchange for the additional space, the NLC program stipulates that a cost sharing agreement between SD23 and the City will need to be created to cover off operational responsibilities. Such an agreement has been in place since the opening of MJE.

Attached to this report is a copy of the newly proposed joint use agreement that has been approved by the School District 23 Board, for Council's consideration. The agreement is similar to past agreements with some minor exceptions that includes operational costs now being invoiced as a lump sum, instead of an operational percentage based system that was done previously. The City carries a budget of approximately \$40,000 per year to cover such costs. The proposed annual lump sum for this three (3) year agreement will include the following:

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| a. \$26,500 per year | 2024 - 2025 |
| b. \$28,000 per year | 2025 - 2026 |
| c. \$29,000 per year | 2026 – 2027 |

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Currently, the City carries an annual operating budget of \$40,000 per year for this agreement. As a result, the City will see a reduction in the annual operating budget for this facility in the future.

### **REVIEWED BY**

Corinne Boback, Legislative Services Manager/Corporate Officer

Trevor Seibel, Deputy CAO

### **APPROVED FOR THE AGENDA BY**

Ron Mattiussi, Interim CAO

Powerpoint: Yes  No

### **Attachments:**

*Mar Jok Elementary School Joint Use Agreement*