



COUNCIL REPORT
Corporate Initiatives
For the January 28, 2020 Council Meeting

DATE: January 21, 2020
TO: Paul Gipps, CAO
FROM: Jason Luciw, Communications Supervisor
RE: Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – Flood Mitigation Planning

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

THAT Council support the application to the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund seeking 100% funding, up to a maximum of \$150,000, to complete a Flood Mitigation Plan;

THAT Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the funding agreement; and,

THAT Council agree to amend the 2020 to 2024 Financial Plan for a successful application.

RATIONALE:

British Columbia's Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) offers a suite of programs to assist local governments in adapting to Climate Change, including the increasing frequency and severity of flooding. The City of West Kelowna continues in its efforts to prevent flood damage and improve community resiliency, particularly since impacts of 2017 and 2018 flooding.

BACKGROUND:

Damaging freshet and flooding, which local governments could once expect to occur every 100 years are now recurring within the space of one to five years. Emergency flood response and subsequent recovery projects push municipal resources beyond limits and affect Council's Strategic Priorities and delivery of city programs, services and capital project implementation.

A Flood Mitigation Plan will identify short, medium and long-term actions that the city should take to protect lives, property and infrastructure. The plan will also better position the city to apply for federal and provincial assistance to conduct infrastructural flood mitigation works.

In order to qualify for capital funding assistance, local and indigenous governments are required to have plans that contain professional assessments and recommendations for shovel ready projects. Given the high degree of competition for federal and provincial funding programs, versus the limited amount of funding that is available, a plan will also ensure that the city's applications clearly establish the need for funding support and meet as many eligibility criteria as possible.

The City was unsuccessful in receiving funding under the CEPF Flood Mitigation Planning Program in 2019 given the degree of competition in comparison to available funding. City staff subsequently consulted with CEPF program staff to seek ways to make the 2020 application even stronger and more competitive.

COUNCIL REPORT/RESOLUTION HISTORY:

Date	Report Topic/Resolution	Resolution No.
01/22/19	THAT Council direct staff to apply to the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund seeking 100% funding, up to a maximum of \$150,000, to complete a Flood Mitigation Plan; authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the funding agreement; and, agree to amend the 2019 to 2028 budget for a successful application. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY	C090/19

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The project is reliant upon receiving 100% grant funding. In the event of a successful application, Council would need to amend the 2020 to 2024 Financial Plan to include a \$150,000 line item for a Flood Mitigation Plan, indicating 100% funding from grant sources.

Recommendations from the Flood Mitigation Plan would assist Council in setting future Strategic Priorities and identify projects that should be included in 5, 10 and 20-year capital plans.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:

Warren Everton, Director of Finance/CFO
Allen Fillion, Director of Engineering & PW
Sandy Webster, Director of Corporate Initiatives
Tracey Batten, Deputy CAO/Corporate Officer
Paul Gipps, CAO

Powerpoint: No
Attachments: No