



## COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

Date: February 10, 2026

From: Ron Bowles, Chief Administrative Officer

Subject: **Emergency Weather Response (Warming Bus) Policy No. 0016 - Update**

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### RECOMMENDATION:

**THAT** “Emergency Weather Response (Warming Bus) Policy No. 0016” be approved.

### 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.

**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

At the January 27, 2026 regular Council meeting, Council considered a report regarding Emergency Weather Response (Warming Bus) Policy No. 0016 (attached as **Attachment 1**). During Council's debate, a majority of Council expressed interest in the following changes to Emergency Weather Response (Warming Bus) Policy No. 0016:

- In section 4.5, removing the following bullet:  
*Proximity to the unhoused population that the Warming Bus is intended to service, including the resources required to relocate the unhoused population to the site, if applicable.*
- Adding a requirement that, once a site for the Warming Bus has been selected, the owners and occupants of parcels adjacent to the selected site be notified.

## DISCUSSION

Staff have updated Emergency Weather Response (Warming Bus) Policy No. 0016 (the “Policy”) based on Council’s feedback at the January 27, 2026 regular Council meeting. The updated Policy has been brought forward for Council’s consideration, and is attached to this report as **Attachment 2**. A notification requirement will additionally be added to the permitting process associated with this policy.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

As noted in the January 27, 2026 Council report, the role of staff relative to the Warming Bus, as contemplated by the Policy and as otherwise required by legislation, is already accounted for in the current operating budget. Transferring responsibility for Extreme Weather Response alerts and social services coordination to homelessness-serving community organizations that are better equipped to support the unhoused will allow staff to re-focus their efforts on municipal areas of responsibility.

## COUNCIL REPORT / RESOLUTION HISTORY

Date	Report Topic / Resolution	Resolution No.
January 27, 2026	THAT consideration of “Emergency Weather Response (Warming Bus) Policy No. 0016” be deferred.	C043/26

## CONCLUSION

At the January 27, 2026 regular Council meeting, Council received, and provided feedback to staff regarding, Emergency Weather Response (Warming Bus) Policy No. 0016 (the “Policy”). Staff have updated the Policy in response to Council’s feedback, and the updated Policy has been brought forward for Council’s consideration.

### Alternate Recommendation:

Council could instead defer consideration of Emergency Weather Response (Warming Bus) Policy No. 0016 and request additional information [to be specified] from staff.

PowerPoint: Yes  No

### Attachments:

Attachment 1 – Council Report dated January 27, 2026 regarding Emergency Weather Response (Warming Bus) Policy No. 0016

Attachment 2 – Emergency Weather Response (Warming Bus) Policy No. 0016