



## COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

Date: July 28, 2020

From: Paul Gipps, CAO

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Subject: **UBCM Community Excellence Awards Application**

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### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT** the City of West Kelowna supports an application to the Union of British Columbia municipalities Community Excellence Awards in the category of Service Delivery for the City of West Kelowna's response to COVID-19

### BACKGROUND

In March of 2020, the Province of British Columbia issued Public Health Orders to address the spread of COVID-19 that required the City to close many facilities, limit service delivery and alter the way we do business significantly. Through the next several months, Council and staff made numerous changes to our operations and closed many facilities to slow the growth of COVID-19 and bend the curve. During this time the City successfully maintained many operations and services while adhering to the provincial health officer requirements.

As an example, we quickly adapted many of our operations including development services to support the development industry and maintained the issuance of permits and approvals resulting in some of the most productive months in our history. This of course supports the economy and kept those in that industry working where many other individuals were unable to continue.

We were among the first local governments to host a public hearing within the guidelines of the Provincial Health Office ensuring the voice of the public was being heard.

The application must include a Council resolution indicating support for our submission to UBCM therefore we are seeking Council's consideration in this regard

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