

INFORMATION ONLY COUNCIL REPORT Engineering and Public Works For the June 25, 2019 Council Meeting

DATE:

June 17, 2019

TO:

Jim Zaffino, Chief Administrative Officer

FROM:

Bob Kusch, Parks, Recreation and Culture Manager

RE:

Re-location of Bylaw Services to Westbank Lions Community Centre

STRATEGIC PRIORITY OBJECTIVE:

Community Safety

BACKGROUND:

Over the past few years the City has encountered various issues related to the homeless in downtown Westbank Centre. As a result, it was decided that the City's Bylaw Enforcement office be relocated to the downtown core. The Red Cross has indicated that they are willing to move from their present location which will allow Bylaw to move into the Westbank Lions Community Centre.

The relocation of Bylaw Enforcement office to the Westbank Lions Community Centre will assist the City in monitoring the Westbank downtown core and to be able to respond quickly to any issues that arise on a daily basis. The presence of Bylaw Enforcement at this location may be a deterrent to those who may be causing issues in the area. Many cities have Bylaw Enforcement offices in their downtown communities with positive results in dealing with homeless and vagrant issues and with addressing concerns from businesses and concerns for public safety.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

To supplement the current non-cash grant in aid of \$12,900 to the Red Cross an additional \$4,100 will be drawn from the CAO's budget to raise the total contribution to \$17,000. To accommodate this in future budgets the CAO's budget will be reduced by \$4,100 and the Grant in Aid budget increased by \$4,100.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Kusch

Parks, Recreation and Culture Manager

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GM Engineering and Public Works

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Approved for Agenda

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