



## COUNCIL REPORT

To: Paul Gipps, CAO

Date: August 24, 2021

From: Mike Cain, Bylaw Services Manager

Subject: **Appointment of Bylaw Community Support Officer**

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### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT** Council appoint Danica Floto as a Bylaw Community Support Officer for the City of West Kelowna for a term expiring on August 31, 2022.

### STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

Foster Safety and Well-being – to pursue policing and other services that foster safety and well-being.

### BACKGROUND

On May 11, 2021, Council for their consideration for supported a UBCM Application for Strengthening Communities' Services Grant. The goal was to fund "Peer Ambassadors" under the existing program operated by Partners in Resources (PIERS) and an assigned City Bylaw Officer for specialized populations to join local efforts, seek those who are at risk, bridge positive dialogue, ensure appropriate resource allocation and create a safe environment for all in our community.

UBCM has confirmed they have approved the City's grant application in the amount of \$159,493. The program funding will expire on August 31, 2022. A copy of the signed Approval Agreement is attached to this report.

### DISCUSSION

In accordance with Section 264 of the *Community Charter*, Bylaw Enforcement Officer positions require appointment by council for the purpose of issuing a ticket for a bylaw infraction and in accordance with Section 28 of the *Offence Act* for the purpose of serving a summons.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Strengthening Communities' Services grant will cover the costs associated with the new Bylaw Community Support Officer position, including wages, administration costs and benefits, uniform and IS equipment. The City of West Kelowna is contributing in-kind for a vehicle (the vehicle is currently attached to the department fleet) and office space.

## COUNCIL REPORT / RESOLUTION HISTORY

Date	Report Topic / Resolution	Resolution No.
May 11, 2021	<b>That</b> Council support the UBCM Application for the Strengthening Communities' Services Grant CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Councillor Zilkie was not present for the vote)	<b>C178/21</b>

### Alternate Motion:

That Council postpone consideration of Ms. Floto's Bylaw Community Support Officer appointment.

Should Council postpone consideration, additional direction to staff would be requested.

## REVIEWED BY

Mark Koch, Director of Development Services

Shelley Schnitzler, Legislative Services Manager/Corporate Officer

## APPROVED FOR THE AGENDA BY

Paul Gipps, CAO

Powerpoint: Yes  No

Attachments: UBCM Approval Letter for 2021 Strengthening Communities' Service Program