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CITY OF WHITE ROCK CORPORATE REPORT



DATE: June 27, 2022

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Anne Berry, Director, Planning & Development Services

SUBJECT: City of White Rock Warming Shelter UBCM Grant Application Resolution

THAT Council endorse the City's Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Strengthening Communities' Services 2022 Grant application and indicate willingness to provide overall grant management.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

RECOMMENDATION

To seek a Council resolution indicating support for the City's Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Strengthening Communities' Services 2022 Grant application, as required by UBCM.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION

Motion # &	Motion Details
Meeting Date	
Motion #2022 – 200 May 9, 2022	 THAT Council: Receive for information the May 9, 2022, corporate report from the Director of Recreation and Culture, titled "Daytime Warming Shelter Debrief" for Council's consideration in providing extreme weather shelter services for the period November 1, 2022, to March 31, 2023;
	2. Direct staff: a) keep the balance on hand for operating the shelter through next year and b) contact the City of Surrey in regard to cost sharing.

INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

On May 9, 2022, Council received a report providing a debrief on the Daytime Warming Shelter operation that took place over the period of January 28, 2022 to March 15, 2022. At the same meeting, Council was advised that staff had applied for grant funding in the amount of \$320K through the UBCM Strengthening Communities' Services grant opportunity, for the winter 2022-2023 operation of the City's Daytime Warming Shelter.

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The City's grant application has been received by UBCM and is currently under review. Staff are working to respond to a few operational questions from UBCM, but the item of significance is the requirement for a Council resolution indicating support for the current proposed activities and a willingness to provide overall grant management should the City succeed in being awarded a grant. The purpose of this report is to seek the formal Council resolution required by UBCM in order to enable the application to continue to proceed through the review process.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The intent of the grant application is to supplement the existing \$160K currently provided for in the 2023 operating budget. This would enable the shelter to operate from November 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023. The total cost to operate the shelter over this period amounts to \$480K. If successful in the grant application the City would be responsible to manage the funds and report expenditures to UBCM as and when required.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

None identified.

INTERDEPARTMENTAL INVOLVEMENT/IMPLICATIONS

The City's Financial Services staff will be involved in the day to day management of the grant if the application is successful.

OPTIONS / RISKS / ALTERNATIVES

The following options are available for Council's consideration:

1. Not endorse the City's Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Strengthening Communities' Services 2022 Grant application signifying an unwillingness to provide overall grant management.

Staff do not recommend this alternative, as it would halt the grant application process.

CONCLUSION

This report seeks a Council resolution for the endorsement of the City's Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Strengthening Communities' Services 2022 Grant application and confirmation that Council is willing to provide overall grant management, as required by the UBCM grant application program.

Respectfully submitted,



Director, Planning & Development Services

Comments from the Chief Administrative Officer

I concur with the recommendation(s) of this corporate report.

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Guillermo Ferrero Chief Administrative Officer