

THE CORPORATION OF THE
CITY OF WHITE ROCK
CORPORATE REPORT



DATE: September 20, 2022

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Jim Gordon P.Eng., Director, Engineering & Municipal Operations

SUBJECT: Regional Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council approve entering into a Regional Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement with other Metro Local Governments and authorize the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to sign the updated Regional Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement document attached as Appendix A.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Metro Vancouver local governments, including White Rock, signed a Regional Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement in 2000, which has now been updated and a revised version was presented for discussion at various Metro committees over the past two years. The updated and revised Regional Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement (Agreement) attached as Appendix A was endorsed by Metro's Regional Administrators Advisory Committee (RAAC) in February 2022.

The Metro Vancouver Board of Directors, which includes Mayor Walker as a Director, authorized the Metro Board Chair and Metro Chief Administrative Officer to sign the Agreement on April 22, 2022. Individual local governments are now requested to sign the Agreement.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION

White Rock signed the previous Regional Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement in 2000.

INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

The Regional Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement of 2000 provided a mechanism for sharing and reimbursement of Public Works resources during major emergencies. Metro Vancouver is now requesting that local governments sign an updated (2022) version.

It is recommended that the Mayor and CAO sign the Agreement.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Agreement provides financial compensation for shared resources.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The Agreement provides the legal basis for the sharing of resources during major emergencies.

INTERDEPARTMENTAL INVOLVEMENT/IMPLICATIONS

White Rock Fire Rescue is a companion in the Metro-Vancouver wide mutual aid agreement between Fire Departments that utilizes best practices whether requesting assistance or responding to another jurisdiction. White Rock Fire Rescue has also negotiated a local mutual aid agreement with Surrey Fire Service as they are our primary mutual aid partner.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Signing the Agreement is in alignment with the Council Strategic Priority to provide safe, reliable infrastructure for the community while minimizing impacts on the environment.

OPTIONS / RISKS / ALTERNATIVES

Council could decide not to sign the Agreement; however, this could mean that shared resources from other local governments may not be available in times of need. Similarly, White Rock may not be able to easily assist others in need.

CONCLUSION

The Regional Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement of 2000 provided a mechanism for sharing and reimbursement of Public Works resources during major emergencies. Metro Vancouver is now requesting that Local Governments sign an updated (2022) version.

It is recommended that Council approve entering into this Agreement with other Metro local governments and authorize the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to sign the Agreement attached as Appendix A.

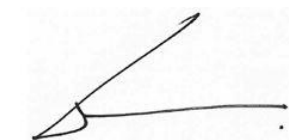
Respectfully submitted,



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Comments from the Chief Administrative Officer

I concur with the recommendation of this corporate report.



Guillermo Ferrero
Chief Administrative Officer