



The Corporation of the City of Courtenay

Staff Report

To: Council

File No.: 7200-02

From: Fire Chief

Date: October 9, 2024

Subject: K'ómoks First Nation Fire Protection Agreement

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to renew the K'ómoks First Nation Fire Protection Agreement for Pentledge Indian Reserve Number 2 between the City of Courtenay (the "City") and the K'ómoks First Nation (KFN), FN Band Number 624.

BACKGROUND:

The current agreement between KFN and the City of Courtenay expired on March 25, 2023. Recognizing the importance of maintaining a positive and collaborative relationship, both KFN and the City mutually agreed to extend the existing agreement until the planned expansion of the Pentledge RV Campground was completed and the maps identifying campground lands receiving fire protection services were updated.

DISCUSSION:

City staff, in collaboration with representatives from KFN, recently undertook a comprehensive review of the current fire protection agreement. City staff and KFN representatives have agreed to increase the cost recovery rates to align with those outlined in the most recent revision of the Memorandum of Agreement for Inter-Agency Operational Procedures and Reimbursement Rates (Section 12 of the agreement). This adjustment ensures that the costs associated with fire protection services will adequately cover the expenses incurred by the City in providing fire protection services to Pentledge Indian Reserve Number 2.

Additionally, an update to the map of the area protected under the agreement has been agreed upon. This updated map will provide clarity regarding the boundaries of fire protection services, ensuring that all parties have a clear understanding of the areas covered.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no additional financial impacts relating to renewal of the agreement, as a service fee of \$1000 and cost recovery provisions are included in the agreement.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS:

There are no administrative implications.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES REFERENCE:

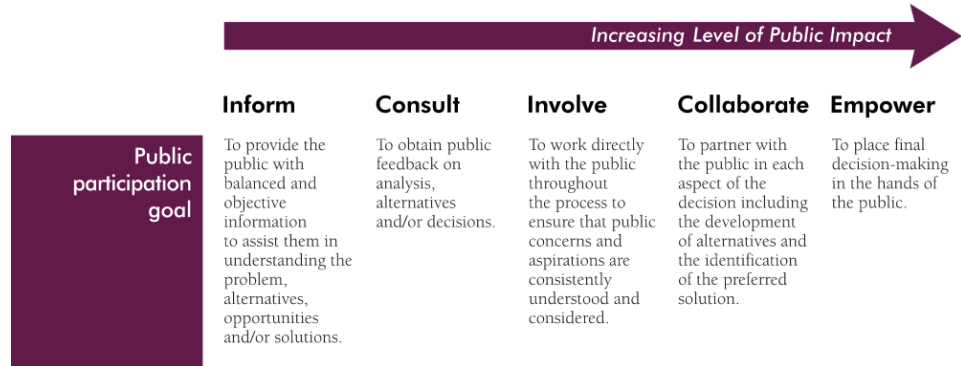
This initiative addresses the following strategic priorities:

- Public Safety - Build capacity for emergency planning and local response
- Good Governance - Develop a Reconciliation Framework

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PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT:

Staff would inform the public based on the IAP2 Spectrum of Public Participation:



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OPTIONS:

1. THAT Council direct staff to enter into an agreement with the K'ómoks First Nation to provide fire protection at Pentledge Indian Reserve Number 2 for a term of up to 5 years.
2. THAT Council provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Agreement between The Corporation of the City of Courtenay and K'ómoks First Nation

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