
CITY OF KELOWNA

MEMORANDUM

Date: August 18, 2004
File No.: 6300-09

To: City Manager

From: Urban Forestry Supervisor
Manager, Policy, Research and Strategic Planning

Subject: Wildfire Protection Plan Funding

RECOMMENDATION

THAT staff be instructed to apply for the maximum funding available (\$15,000) under a program administered by the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM), to help cover the costs of preparing a wildfire protection plan for the City of Kelowna.

BACKGROUND

The City's Planning and Parks Departments, together with Regional District of Central Okanagan Parks issued a joint call for proposals earlier this year, for the purpose of preparing wildland fire hazard mapping and for developing wildfire and fuel management plans for city-owned properties. A consulting team was hired and is currently working on this project.

Staff recently learned that a new funding program is now available for developing these types of plans, as a result of recommendations in the recent Filmon Fire Report. Funding is being provided by the B.C. Ministry of Forests and administered by the UBCM. One of the funding requirements is a formal resolution by Council.

The maximum funding available for this year is 50% of costs, up to a maximum of \$15,000. The application deadline is August 31, 2004. The application will be sent in by the deadline, with any related Council resolution to follow.

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Parks Manager