
CITY OF KELOWNA

MEMORANDUM

Date: August 12, 2009
File No.: 7201-30
To: City Manager
From: General Manager, Corporate Sustainability
Subject: Lakeshore Fire Protection Agreement – Notice of Termination

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council approve termination, with six (6) months notice, of the Lakeshore Fire Protection Agreement with the Regional District of Central Okanagan (RDCO).

BACKGROUND:

In 2004, the City and RDCO entered into an agreement for fire suppression and prevention, rescue, medical first response and disaster planning after the RDCO had received a valid petition from the 'end of Lakeshore Road' property owners. The agreement specifically states that the City will provide fire protection services in accordance with the same standards provided to properties within the City of Kelowna boundary, taking distance, signage and access into consideration. There is no definition of standards which would differentiate this area from any other part of the City, nor would it guarantee indemnification from liability given that we are unable to meet industry standards for response times.

Chief Blanleil is definitive that the Kelowna Fire Department can not meet any reasonable response time standard in servicing this area.

Potential subdivision in this area will increase the City's liability exposure relative to property improvements as well as increasing expectations that the City will improve service levels outside of our jurisdictional boundary. Should a future fire hall be located in an area that would meet response time standards to these properties, staff would re-evaluate, however there is presently no definitive plan to construct an additional fire hall in the southern end of the City within the 10 Year Capital Plan horizon.

The notice period for termination of this agreement will allow the RDCO an opportunity to contact the 'end of Lakeshore' property owners to explore alternatives. The City will remain available to RDCO administration to discuss this further given the sensitivity of the issue with those affected.

FINANCIAL/BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS: The 2009 budgeted revenue for this service is \$15,600 and will be foregone in future years.

INTERNAL CIRCULATION TO: Risk Manager



