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Date: August 15, 2011
To: Mayor & Councillors
From: City Manager
Subject: August 22, 2011 - Public in Attendance - Central Okanagan Foundation - City of Kelowna Emergency Grant

Attached is a copy of correspondence to Council dated August 8, 2011 from the Central Okanagan Foundation regarding its recommendation for a City of Kelowna Emergency Grant:

It is staff's recommendation that the following resolution be adopted by Council:

THAT Council approves the emergency grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 to the Kelowna Gospel Mission as recommended by the Central Okanagan Foundation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron Mattiussi".

R.L. (Ron) Mattiussi, M.C.P.
City Manager

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August 8, 2011

Mayor Shepherd & Council
1435 Water Street
Kelowna, BC
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Dear Mayor Shepherd & Council:

A request for a City of Kelowna Emergency grant was received by the Central Okanagan Foundation on July 28, 2011 from the Kelowna Gospel Mission. They are seeking \$5,000 to support the costs associated with temporary shelter for vulnerable and at risk women. The Grants Advisory committee is putting forward a recommendation to City Council to approve the emergency grant.

The Kelowna Gospel Mission was created to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, and help the hurting in the community by providing material assistance and the sharing of hope. They do this through a whole suite of services provided through their downtown location on Leon Avenue. They serve the entire community including seniors, women and children through food services as well as a thrift store.

The Kelowna Gospel Mission is requesting funds to offer temporary shelter beds and other supports for "at risk" homeless women in our community for the remainder of the summer and early fall. Currently, their hostel serves exclusively men over the age of 19. In the month of May Kelowna's low barrier shelter (operated by NOW Canada) reported 33 turn-aways, and in the month of June the number increased to 50. Turn-aways become more frequent in the summer months when the cost of motel units increase, and Inn from the Cold and other temporary resources are not available.

The Kelowna Gospel Mission would like to temporarily convert their medical room into an emergency shelter for six women 19 years of age and older. This site is situated in the downtown core and is easily accessible to both first responders and clientele for self-referral. This space has a separate entrance and bathroom and six beds that are ready for use. The requested funds would assist with the separate female staff that would be assigned to the operation and other duties associated with this temporary resource.

This proposal does fit within the social policy framework in the Official Community Plan and meets the requirements as stated in the Terms of Reference for an emergency grant.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Miller
Grants Manager, Central Okanagan Foundation