



Regional Board Report

Request for Decision

Approved for Board Consideration

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Brian Reardon, CAO

To: Regional Board

From: David Komaike, Director of Engineering Services

Date: January 24, 2022

Subject: City of Kelowna Fire Service Agreement - Country Rhodes Estates Subdivision

Voting Entitlement: *All Directors – Weighted Corporate Vote – LGA 210*

Purpose: To seek Regional Board approval to renew the Fire Service Agreement with the City of Kelowna for the Country Rhodes - Fire Protection Area for a five (5) year term.

Executive Summary:

In 2006 the City of Kelowna extended its boundaries to include Country Rhodes Estates which was formerly part of the Ellison Fire Department service area. At that time, it was agreed that the Ellison Fire Department would continue to provide first response and fire protective services in this area under a contract for services with the City of Kelowna. The current contract expired on December 31, 2021, and the City of Kelowna has requested the Regional District continue providing these services for a further five years.

The renewal agreement attached to the report has been reviewed by staff at both the City of Kelowna and the RDCO and has been approved and executed by the City of Kelowna as attached to the report. The terms of the agreement remain the same, with the fee for service to the RDCO providing flexibility over the term through a formula based on the fire service cost to residents of the City of Kelowna and an associated administrative fee.

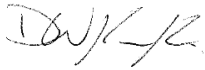
Should the board support renewing the fire service agreement with the City of Kelowna for a five (5) year term, the following recommendation is provided for consideration.

Recommendation(s):

THAT the Regional Board approves entering into the Fire Service Agreement with the City of Kelowna for the Country Rhodes fire protection area, in the form attached to the report from the Director of Engineering dated January 24, 2022;

AND THAT the Board Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to execute the Agreement.

Respectfully Submitted:



David Komaika
Director of Engineering Services

Attachment(s): Country Rhodes Fire Protection - Fire Service Agreement
PowerPoint Presentation

Strategic Plan Alignment:

Priorities: Sustainable Communities

Values: Collaboration, Resiliency

Background:

In 2006 the City of Kelowna extended its boundaries to include Country Rhodes Estates Subdivision (Country Rhodes). Prior to 2006, the Regional District of Central Okanagan's (RDCO) Ellison Fire Department provided first response and fire protection services to Country Rhodes as an area included within the Ellison Fire Service Protection Area.

Following the City of Kelowna's boundary extension in 2006, the RDCO and the City of Kelowna entered into a fire service agreement where the RDCO's Ellison Fire Department provided first response fire protection services to Country Rhodes Estates Subdivision.

The current agreement expired December 31 2021. The City of Kelowna Council passed a motion on October 25, 2021

“THAT Council authorizes the City to renew the Fire Service Agreement for Country Rhodes (Ellison) with the Regional District of the Central Okanagan (RDCO) for a five (5) year term in the attached contract from the Fire Chief. 5

AND THAT the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the Fire Service Agreement for Country Rhodes (Ellison).”

RDCO staff were notified in January 2022 the city's intent to renew the RDCO and City of Kelowna Country Rhodes Estates Subdivision Fire Service contract.

The agreement provides fire protection to areas which cannot be practically serviced by any other means. The cost to develop, staff and maintain a fully operational fire department would present significant financial and logistical challenges. The Regional District is able to provide this service at rates comparable to those offered to residents of the Ellison Fire Service Area

For providing these services, the City of Kelowna shall pay the RDCO a fee, by July 1st of each year. There is also an administrative fee of 15% calculated into the agreement. The estimated revenue in 2022 is approximately \$44,000.

This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon giving six (6) months written notice to the other party. The term of the agreement is January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2026.

Considerations:

Financial:

For providing these services, the City of Kelowna shall pay the RDCO a fee, by July 1st of each year. The fee shall be calculated using an amount equal to the annual levy amount for Fire Services charged by the city to property owners within Kelowna's geographical boundaries. For each \$1,000.00 of assessed value of land and improvements located on such properties (the "levy"), the levy shall not exceed \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value. There is also an administrative fee of 15% calculated into the agreement.

The estimated revenue in 2022 is approximately \$44,000.

Legal/Statutory Authority:

Section 263 of the *Local Government Act* authorizes the Regional District to enter into agreements for the provision of services.

Alternate Recommendation:

THAT the Regional Board receives the Report from the Director of Engineering dated January 24, 2022 with respect to Country Rhodes Fire Protection Area - Fire Service for information.
