



Committee of the Whole Report

For the Meeting of June 27, 2019

To: Committee of the Whole **Date:** June 14, 2019
From: Paul Bruce, Fire Chief
Subject: License for Use of Federal Property Agreement – Department of National Defence

RECOMMENDATION

That Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an agreement with the Department of National Defence to:

- 1) Access through licence, the property located at Workpoint, Canadian Forces Base Esquimalt, Township of Esquimalt and, permission to use the land for staff training in practical application of structural collapse and technical rescue training. This agreement supersedes the original "property use" agreement approved by Governance and Priorities Committee of August 13, 2013. and;
- 2) Request authorization from Council for the delegated right to renew or extend this licence after the end of its term on substantially the same terms and conditions, subject to review and approval of the Fire Chief and the City Solicitor.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In August of 2013, the City of Victoria established an agreement for the Temporary Use of Federal Real Property at Workpoint, CFB Esquimalt. This agreement was renewed in August of 2015 through mutual consent and is now provided to Council for review, renewal and acceptance based on substantially similar terms and conditions as past agreements. The proposed "licence" is valid for five years and staff are seeking Council approval to provide for renewal and or extension through review and approval of the Fire Chief and City Solicitor.

Primarily, this property is used for practical training of structural collapse, confined space and technical rescue training and is valuable for location, the use of stationary equipment and props, concrete supply and building materials supply and, the continued progress in enhancing relationships with relation to regional and jurisdictional response.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval for a five-year renewal of the original agreement approved by Council at the Governance and Priorities meeting of August 13, 2013. The

primary resolve included in this land use “licence” is to afford indemnification to the Department of National Defence related to the potential for employee injury and/or property damage. This agreement stipulates that the City of Victoria, utilizing their insurance coverage through MIABC and WorkSafeBC will provide coverage for an injury and/or damage to the property.

BACKGROUND

The City of Victoria has a high probability of a damaging earthquake occurring within the next 50 years. Many buildings within the City remain vulnerable to moderate to large earthquake. To better prepare for any response, search and rescue potential, the Victoria Fire Department are training in structural collapse techniques to expand staff response capacity in the event of an earthquake.

This property is suitable and valuable in providing an area where scenarios can be made realistic and differing response capacity can be practiced. Additionally, the relationship between the parties is further enhanced through discussion on response, capacity and mutual considerations.

ISSUES & ANALYSIS

The primary objective of this “licence” agreement is to provide indemnification to the Department of National Defence if an employee is injured. The City of Victoria has sufficient and effective insurance to provide this indemnification request.

OPTIONS & IMPACTS

2015 – 2018 Strategic Plan

N/A

Impacts to Financial Plan

N/A

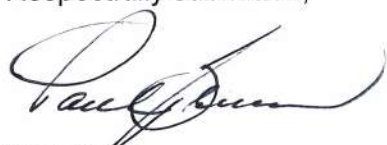
Official Community Plan Consistency Statement

N/A

CONCLUSIONS

This agreement provides access to valuable training areas, within the Capital Regional District and, aligns with operational requirements to continue training for structural collapse, confined space and technical rescue. Additionally, alliance with CFB Esquimalt regarding support and response in a major event, is further enhanced through relationship building and mutual training of members assigned to this function. These relationships extend to addressment of additional efficiencies and discussion between the parties on emergency response goals and effective response planning.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul Bruce
Fire Chief

Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager:


Date: June 19, 2019

List of Attachments

- Appendix A - Licence for Use of Federal Real Property