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Council Report

For the Meeting of November 15, 2018

To: Council **Date:** October 11, 2018
From: Paul Bruce, Fire Chief
Subject: Victoria Fire Department – Marine Services Agreement w/Amendments

CLOSED MEETING RATIONALE

This report contains information relating to potential negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of Council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public. The Council may close the meeting to the public under Section 90, 1 (k) of the Community Charter.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. As per direction provided through review of the initial report of September 27, 2018; that Council approve the legally non-binding "Memorandum of Understanding" with Transport Canada, with the addition of the words "*It is the position of Transport Canada*" as amended, for the provision of firefighting services through marine firefighting capacity, substantially in the form and contents of the **amended** "Memorandum of Understanding" attached as Appendix A.
2. That Council approve the legal Agreement with Greater Victoria Emergency Response Team (GVERT) to effectively provide response to potential threats or hazards that may require operational support through the use of the identified vessel, substantially in the form and contents of the Agreement attached as Appendix B; and
3. That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the said "Memorandum of Understanding" and legal Agreement on behalf of the City of Victoria.
4. That upon execution of Fire Fighting Services Agreements with Transport Canada and the Greater Victoria Emergency Response Team, Council approve a rise and report on including releasing to the public the staff reports related to these agreements

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As per Council review of the report presented on September 27, 2018, acknowledgement and agreement has been reached with the Victoria Harbour Master, representing Transport Canada, accepting the amendments requested and directed through Council resolution.

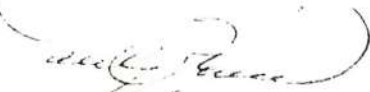
CONCLUSIONS

Upon formal execution of the agreements, the Victoria Fire Department will continue to work with Transport Canada in ensuring fire protection and rescue to the harbour, through effective marine operations, training and utilization of the Fireboat. The Victoria Fire Department will work with the Greater Victoria Emergency Response Team to develop operational guidelines on the deployment of a support vessel for additional security and protection of the harbour, when required. The inclusion of service agreements specific to these extraordinary services will strengthen the role of the City of Victoria, specifically related to Fire Department and emergency response operational planning. Additionally, realized benefits will include increased communications on accountabilities and responsibilities associated with Victoria harbour emergency response and potentially, cost recovery or efficient cost controls related to the provision of this servicing.

Maintaining control of marine vessels, training, maintenance and planning under the responsibility of the Fire Department will preserve effective control on efficient operations of this marine support programming. Replication of marine response servicing for emergencies are not required, as staff expect all "calls for service" can be effectively addressed through establishment of these agreements and establishing strong working relationships with additional harbour resources and agencies.


As a risk management control, these agreements provide an essential component to risk and emergency management planning and reduce the potential for liability and reputational exposure associated with response to distinctive but accepted, threats and hazards.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul Bruce
Fire Chief

Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager:


Date: Nov 9, 2018

List of Attachments