

City Staff Report

Original signed by: City Manager Johnson

Report Date: March 10, 2021

Meeting Date: March 23, 2021

To: City Manager

From: Sylvain Gauthier, Director Emergency Services

Subject: Renewal of Lhtako Dene Nation Fire Protection Agreement

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to request Council approval for the renewal of the fire protection agreement with the Lhtako Dene Nation.

Summary

The City of Quesnel Fire Department has been providing fire suppression services to the Lhtako Dene Nation since the early 1980's. Over the past 40 years, some changes were made to the agreement and the last changes that took place were in 2010. The only changes to this new agreement is the cost for fire protection services.

Recommendation

THAT Council approves the renewal for the Lhtako Dene Nation fire protection agreement;

AND THAT the Mayor and the Corporate Administrator be authorized to execute such documentation as required to complete the Agreement.

Council Policy

N/A

Financial Implications

None from the City. The Lhtako Nation agrees to pay the City of Quesnel \$5,000 a year for the Fire Protection Agreement.

Background

The City of Quesnel Fire Department ("QFD") has had a fire protection agreement with Lhtako Dene Nation since the early 1980's. When the last agreement was written in 2010, one major change occurred in which the Quesnel Fire Department would only provide its services for structural fire protection. Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development ("FLNRORD") would continue to provide fire suppression for wildfires as per their agreement with Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada. In the event that FLNRORD is unable to respond for a wildfire, they will request assistance of the QFD to provide fire suppression for the wildfire with the understanding that QFD will be able to invoice FLNRORD for our services.

Over the past few years we have seen a lot of new construction on the Lhtako Land, mainly new residences which does significantly increase the value of the structures at risk. Also the last increase for fire protection services was made in 2010 and the cost was set at \$3000 a year which it has remained since then. The proposed new agreement will see a rise in cost to \$5000 a year, which does reflect the values of all the new construction that occurred over the past few year and new construction taking place right now.



Attachments

N/A

Concurrence

N/A

Options

1. Approved the renewal of the Lhtako Dene Nation Fire Protection Agreement.
2. Direct the Director of Emergency Services to make changes as per Council wishes.
3. Leave the Agreement as was written in 2010