

March 26, 2018

To: His Worship the Mayor
And Members of City Council

Re: Reconciliation Regina Grant Funding Agreement

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the City Manager be delegated authority to approve of and enter into an amending agreement to revise the current funding (grant) agreement between the City of Regina (City) and the Department of Indigenous Services Canada (Government of Canada) for Reconciliation Regina.
2. That the City Clerk be authorized to execute the amending agreement after review by the City Solicitor.

CONCLUSION

The Administration is requesting that Council delegate authority to the City Manager to approve of and enter into an amending agreement to the funding (grant) agreement through the Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples (UPIP), Department of Indigenous Services Canada, for \$66,450 to further the activities of Reconciliation Regina.

Pursuant to section 35 of *The Regina Administration Bylaw*, the City entered into a funding agreement with the Department of Indigenous Services Canada in November 2017 in which the City received \$100,000 for Reconciliation Regina. Now, there are additional funds of \$66,450 available which requires an amendment to the November 2017 agreement. As this amendment now results in funding over \$100,000, Council approval is required for the City to enter into the amending agreement.

Approval is required in light of the fact that the Government of Canada's fiscal year end is March 31st. As such, the Agreement and associated funds need to be executed by March 31, 2018.

BACKGROUND

In November 2017, the City applied for and was successful in its application to the Government of Canada for UPIP grant funding to further the work of Reconciliation Regina. Funding of \$100,000 was secured and allocated to the City to administer. As this funding was in the form of a grant, no matching contribution from the City was required.

Other Saskatchewan communities were also provided funding for reconciliation activities; however, some could not use the total amount within the prescribed timeframe. As

Reconciliation Regina was quite advanced in many reconciliation activities, an additional \$66,450 was offered and accepted.

The total potential grant funding amount is \$500,000 over five years; however, the Contribution Agreement with the City was for \$100,000 over six months. Further funding of \$400,000 and funding term of four years may be provided directly to Reconciliation Regina as a community-led non-profit organization. To continue the work of Reconciliation Regina and to evolve and transition it to a truly community-led body, the Governance Subcommittee is working towards incorporation of the group.

The UPIP funding was allocated towards the hiring of a coordinator, whose primary responsibilities were to connect, inform and educate local organizations on Reconciliation Regina, to oversee and monitor and activities of the Community Champion meetings, the Steering Committee and two subcommittees. In addition, the Coordinator is discussing the Calls of Action with local organizations for the purpose of creating a Communication Action Plan or blueprint that responds collectively to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action. The Coordinator will ensure the Community Action Plan's outcomes and results are monitored and measured on an ongoing basis.

Funding was also allocated to Elders/Knowledge Keepers and survivors to provide continuing guidance and advice, as well as for meeting costs, hospitality, translation and communications and the creation of the Community Action Plan.

The \$100,000 grant agreement signed in 2017 was not taken forward to Council, as Section 35 of *The Regina Administration Bylaw* provides authority for the Administration to approve revenue agreements that do not exceed \$100,000. Now that this original agreement is being amended to add the additional funding, this amount exceeds \$100,000 and therefore requires Council approval.

DISCUSSION

Recently, in addition to the \$100,000 grant funding received in 2017, the City was also offered \$66,450 to further the activities of Reconciliation Regina. The primary objective of the grant funding is to foster collaboration at the local level, identify priorities and needs, continue implementation of Reconciliation Regina and mobilize community resources to achieve the Community Action Plan initiatives for the community.

The funding (grant) agreement is an amending agreement, which would bring the total grant funding to \$166,450. As *The Regina Administration Bylaw* provides authority for the Administration to approve revenue agreements up to \$100,000, this agreement must go to Council for authorization.

RECOMMENDATION IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with this report, however, as the reconciliation process evolves and the City continues to respond to the municipally-directed Calls to Action,

there may be policies, programs and initiatives that require funding. Any such initiatives will be submitted as part of the annual budget development process.

Thus far, there have been minimal costs associated with meetings and meals; for the most part, the City's contributions have been in-kind.

Environmental Implications

None with respect to this report.

Policy and/or Strategic Implications

All Canadians, levels of government and community stakeholders have a responsibility and role to play in the reconciliation process. As such, it is integral to the health and wellbeing of the community, province, nation and society, in general, that the City, as an organization, participate in redressing the legacy of residential schools and advancing the process of Canadian reconciliation.

Other Implications

None with respect to this report.

Accessibility Implications

None with respect to this report.

COMMUNICATIONS

Through Reconciliation Regina's Communications Subcommittee, any and all communication activities will be discussed between all parties involved, and a community communications strategy will be developed when appropriate.

DELEGATED AUTHORITY

The recommendations contained in this report require City Council approval.

Respectfully submitted,



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Respectfully submitted,



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