

Report

City of Merritt
REGULAR Council Meeting
March 24, 2020

File Number: 1850

To: Scott Hildebrand, Chief Administrative Officer
From: Sky McKeown, Recreation & Facilities Manager
Date: March 13, 2020
Subject: CEPF – Evacuation Route Planning Grant

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council direct staff to apply for the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund-Evacuation Route Planning grant, in accordance with the application attached to this report as Schedule “A”;

AND THAT Council express support for the proposed activities and indicate willingness to provide overall grant management.

Background:

Council for the City of Merritt has indicated that emergency planning is a high priority for the City, and in 2019, Council held a Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss evacuation planning. At that meeting, staff discussed with Council the plans that are in place, which are general in nature, as the existing Hazardous, Risk, & Vulnerable Analysis (HRVA), outlines the possible risks the City faces and general evacuation processes.

The City has identified the CEPF Evacuation Route Planning grant as a way to further develop our evacuation planning and operations framework for the City of Merritt. This grant can contribute up to 100% of the cost of evacuation plan development, up to a maximum of \$25,000.

If successful, this funding would further identify who and what is needed to ensure the safe movement of people from a variety of possible threats. The scope of the evacuation plan will also encompass support to and from surrounding First Nation and TNRD Communities.

Attachments:

Schedule "A" – Evacuation Route Planning 2020 Application Form and proposed budget.

Respectfully submitted,

**Sky McKeown
Manager of Recreation and Facilities**