



WHISTLER

REPORT | ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT TO COUNCIL

PRESENTED: June 23, 2020
FROM: Infrastructure Services
SUBJECT: SEA-TO-SKY MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

REPORT: 20-061
FILE: 110

COMMENT/RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

That the recommendation of the General Manager of Infrastructure Services be endorsed.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to sign the Mutual Aid Agreement to allow sharing of sanitary wastewater and drinking water resources between the municipalities of Lions Bay, Squamish, Pemberton, and Whistler.

REFERENCES

APPENDIX "A" – Mutual Aid Agreement

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this Report is to inform Council of the proposed Mutual Aid Agreement and have Council authorize the signing of the document.

DISCUSSION

On March 26, 2020, as authorized under the British Columbia Emergency Program Act, the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General issued Ministerial Order No. M084, the Local Authorities and Essential Goods and Supplies (COVID-19) Order. This Order requires that local authorities use best efforts to enter into mutual aid agreements with neighbouring jurisdictions to ensure that first responder, waste water and drinking water services are maintained during the state of emergency regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. In accordance with the COVID-19 M084 Order, and to provide on-going mutual aid during any period of public emergency, the Village of Lions Bay, the District of Squamish, the Village of Pemberton, and the Resort Municipality of Whistler (the Parties) have drafted an Agreement whereby each Party may provide resources to the other Party as required in connection with the provision of sanitary waste water and drinking water services.

Whistler already has first responder Mutual Aid Agreements with the communities of Squamish, and Pemberton, and the SLRD communities of Black Tusk Village and Pinecrest Estates.

If a Party is unable, or expects to be unable, to provide adequate sanitary waste water management or drinking water services to its residents, it may request the required resources from another Party.

The Party receiving the request will determine if it can provide those resources, and for how long. It is entirely up to the Party receiving the request whether it can provide those resources, and it is explicitly stated in the agreement that there is no obligation to provide the requested resources.

This Agreement details how WorkSafeBC requirements will be met, recommends communications between the Parties, details how payments will be made for the resources, how Parties may withdraw from the Agreement, and provides indemnification between the Parties.

The Term of the Agreement will be for five years.

WHISTLER 2020 ANALYSIS

W2020 Strategy	TOWARD Descriptions of success that resolution moves us toward	Comments
Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Partners work together to achieve mutual benefit.Partners support each other and live up to the agreements established within partnerships.	This agreement is a good example of Sea-to-Sky communities working together to achieve a mutual benefit and supporting each other in times of need.
Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Water supply is distributed reliably, equitably and affordably – and is managed proactively within the context of <u>effective and efficient emergency preparedness</u>.	This agreement is an additional measure to ensure Whistler is prepared in case of an emergency.

This Mutual Aid Agreement does not move Whistler away from any of the Whistler2020 descriptions of success.

OTHER POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

None.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

The Agreement allows for recovery of any actual costs if Whistler loans people or equipment to another community for a period of time, but does not allow for any overhead or profit to be charged. Similarly, if Whistler gets assistance from another Municipality, we will pay for the actual cost of the resources provided.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

N/A.

SUMMARY

Staff recommend Council authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute this Mutual Aid Agreement between Lions Bay, Squamish, Pemberton, and Whistler to allow for the sharing of sanitary wastewater and drinking water resources in the event that any of the communities are unable, or expect to be unable, to provide those services to their residents.

Respectfully submitted,

James Hallisey, P. Eng.
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