

DATE: June 1, 2022

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

NAME AND TITLE: Deanna Wasnik, Director Planning & Development

SUBJECT: Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) 2022 Community Excellence Awards Submission

ATTACHMENT(S): None

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That Council supports the application for the Union of BC Municipalities 2022 Community Excellence Awards in the Sustainability category for the recently developed Integrated Stormwater Management Plan (ISMP).

PURPOSE:

Request for Council resolution to support the application for the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) 2022 Community Excellence Award under the Excellence in Sustainability category for the recently developed ISMP.

BACKGROUND:

The Community Excellence Awards recognizes and celebrates UBCM members that have implemented projects or programs that demonstrate excellence in meeting the purposes of local government in BC. The awards are designed to profile promising practices and to encourage local governments to learn from the success of other members in order to implement changes in their own communities.

There are four award categories; Excellence in Governance, Excellence in Service Delivery, Excellence in Asset Management, and Excellence in Sustainability. The City's recently developed ISMP is a good example of excellence in Sustainability. It is a strategic plan that outlines the City's short to long-term goals for its stormwater management program and acts as a guide on how to achieve these goals. The Plan looks at relationships between the City's land use, infrastructure, and the environment and finds ways City policy, regulations, and infrastructure can guide community growth while maintaining (or ideally, improving) the health of its watersheds.

As part of the project, a roadmap was developed with several actions designed to chart the way to a more effective stormwater management program. Each action is linked to the City's Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (myPG) pillars; Social Health & Well-being, Environmental Leadership & Climate Action, Economic Growth & Development, and City Government & Infrastructure. Public engagement occurred throughout the project via Council meetings, social media and traditional media.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

The ISMP and possible UBCM recognition for this work supports Council's 2022 Focus Areas of Infrastructure and Climate Change and helps with the key strategies of ensuring infrastructure meets the needs of a growing city and addresses the impacts of climate change.

AWARD PROGRAM:

The category of Excellence in Sustainability is described as – Projects/programs that incorporate a long-term sustainability lens by considering cultural, social, economic, and environmental issues in planning, policy and practice.

All applications will be scored against the following overall program criteria:

- Leadership
- Financial management and planning
- Partnership and collaboration
- Innovation and promising practices
- Engagement and communications
- Transferability (share with other UBCM members)
- Performance measurement

The application submission requires a resolution of Council by no later than August 19, 2022. Awards will be presented during UBCM's 2022 Convention.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:

Administration is seeking Council's support for the application to UBCM 2022 Community Excellence Awards under the Excellence in Sustainability category for the recently developed ISMP.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Deanna Wasnik, Director Planning & Development

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APPROVED:

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Meeting Date: 2022/06/13