

# STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL

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**DATE:** July 29, 2022

**TO:** MAYOR AND COUNCIL

**NAME AND TITLE:** Adam Davey, Director of Public Safety

**SUBJECT:** Bylaw Services and Outreach Coordinators: Naloxone Pilot Project

**ATTACHMENT(S):** Nil

## RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report titled, "Bylaw Services and Outreach Coordinators: Naloxone Pilot Project," dated July 29, 2022 from the Director of Public Safety.

## PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with information on a new Naloxone carrying and administration pilot project to be trialed in the city beginning this fall. Council raised this topic during the Annual Report presentation in June. The intent is to have the City's dedicated downtown Bylaw Officers and Outreach Coordinators trained in administering naloxone to individuals who may have overdosed on opioids. These staff are not primary health care or emergency service workers. The purpose is to provide a potential "lifesaving bridge" between the initial 911 call and when the ambulance or Fire Rescue arrive. To be very clear, this pilot is not intended to absorb duties of BC Ambulance or Prince George Fire Rescue Service (PGFRS), but rather used in rare instances where 911 response may not be as fast as needed.

## DISCUSSION:

The City has examined Naloxone carrying and administration for select staff. It appears numerous peer municipalities across the province have Bylaw or Social Outreach staff carrying and administering Naloxone already, or are considering to do so. A "best practice" does not currently exist, but the trend line appears to be that a majority of peer municipalities are moving toward this. There are a number of municipalities that currently do not administer Naloxone, or have not yet established a formal procedure.

The pilot project is intended for a one-year trial period, where the City's eight dedicated downtown Bylaw Officers and two Outreach Coordinators will be trained in administering naloxone and then may use it under extenuating circumstances. The trial period is anticipated to begin later this fall, and run through next summer. Administration will then assess performance, costs, benefits and resources and consider extending the program or disbandment. It is important to note that this initiative appears to have widespread support from the involved staff. All downtown Bylaws and Outreach staff will undergo a training program; however, participation in the trial period will be at the discretion of the individual staff member. There are incremental costs associated with the purchase of Naloxone that may be incorporated into future base budgets should the pilot project be continued.

**SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:**

Following the establishment of a training program, approximately ten City staff dedicated to the downtown from Bylaw Services and Strategic Initiatives & Partnerships (Outreach Coordinators) will carry and may administer Naloxone under rare and extenuating circumstances. An approximate one-year trial period will “pilot” this initiative. Many administrative details still need to be clarified, and we currently anticipate an initial launch later this fall.

The intent of this pilot project is not to “upload” services from BC Ambulance and PGFRS, but rather serve as a “gap” in rare circumstances. This is not a mandatory program; staff will have the discretion to participate in this program. Administration will provide an update to Council in 2023.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

Adam Davey, Director of Public Safety

**APPROVED:**

Walter Babicz, City Manager  
Meeting date: August 15, 2022