

DATE: September 21, 2023

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

NAME AND TITLE: Blake McIntosh, Director of Civic Operations

SUBJECT: Localized Urban Green Space Management

ATTACHMENT(S): None

RECOMMENDATION(S):

The Council RECEIVES the report titled “Localized Urban Green Space Management” for information from the Director of Civic Operations and APPROVES expenditures of up to \$60,000 from the City’s EVP Crown Land Forest account to fund localized tree and brush thinning projects in urban green space areas.

PURPOSE:

This report is before Council to seek approval for use of the City’s EVP Crown Land Forest account to fund tree and brush thinning projects in urban green spaces within the municipality.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Prince George has an inventory of green space properties that have become overgrown with brush and immature trees. Thinning of the immature trees and brush will decrease fire hazards and support CPTED principles by reducing areas of cover hiding undesirable activities and also reduce illegal dumping of refuse in green spaces. Civic Operations is asking Council for approval to utilize funds from the EVP Crown Land Forest account to obtain contracted resources, to perform localized tree and brush thinning projects within select City green spaces. This work would also be supplemented by internal forces.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

The use of the EVP Crown Land Forest account to fund localized tree and brush thinning supports the myPG goals of Safe Environment.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Administration is currently pursuing quotes from qualified contractors to support this work. If approved, cost to perform works as indicated will be funded from the EVP Crown Land Forest account.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:

The localized thinning of trees and brush within urban green spaces will assist in a reduction of fire hazards, decrease areas of cover hiding undesirable activities and reduce illegal dumping of refuse. Administration is seeking Council approval to utilize up to \$60,000 from the EVP Crown Land Forest account to support these works performed by internal and contracted forces.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Blake McIntosh, Director of Civic Operations

APPROVED:

Walter Babicz, City Manager

Meeting Date: 2023/10/16