

Date: August 13, 2024

To: **Mayor and Council.**

Name and title: Eric Depenau, Director of Administrative Services.

Subject: Support of Grant Application to UBCM Community to Community Program 2024

Attachment(s): Regional Community to Community Program 24/25 Application Guide

## Recommendation(s):

That Council SUPPORTS an application being submitted by the City of Prince George under the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) 2024 Regional Community to Community (C2C) Program for up to \$20,000 in grant funding to initiate two C2C forums between the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation, City of Prince George and Regional District of Fraser-Fort George, and CONFIRMS that the City of Prince George will participate in the two planned C2C forums.

## Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to seek a Council resolution in support of submitting a grant application in partnership with the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George, and the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation to plan two Community to Community Forums.

The City of Prince George has been working with the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation and the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George to plan two Community to Community (C2C) forums in fall of 2024 based on the intent shared following the 2023 events.

The first forum is scheduled for September 27 and will bring together elected officials from the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation, City of Prince George and Regional District of Fraser Fort George to further mutual understanding of local government/First Nations relationships and discuss shared challenges and priorities to identify further opportunities to work together. The second forum is scheduled for October 18 and will bring together senior staff from the three governments to establish and build working relationships at the administrative level. Please note event details are being finalized and minor changes may occur.

## Strategic Priorities:

This initiative aligns with the following priorities in Council's 2023-2026 Strategic Plan:

- I. City Government and Infrastructure Priorities  
Focus on meaningful communication and relationship development to advance shared priorities.

- Build and maintain the relationships necessary to ensure coordinated advocacy, responsive service delivery, and the acquisition of external funding to meet the diverse needs of all residents.

#### Financial Considerations:

The grant funding is expected to cover the majority of costs of the two proposed events. In past years any remaining costs have been shared amongst the three partnering organizations. The City's portion of the remaining balance (if any) will be paid from the approved operating budget.

#### Summary and conclusion:

Administration is seeking Council's support of a grant application to plan two Community to Community Forums with the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation and the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George.

#### Respectfully submitted:

Eric Depenau, Director of Administrative Services

#### Approved:

Walter Babicz, City Manager

Meeting date: 2024/08/19