

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Administration

Date: January 2, 2024

Subject: RDFFG Building Inspection Agreement

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council authorize the District to enter into the attached Building Inspection Agreement with the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George from January 2, 2024 to April 30, 2024;

AND THAT, for the term of the agreement, the Building Inspectors for the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George be designated as building inspectors for the municipality and as persons to enforce the District's Building Bylaw as authorized agents under Section 16 of the *Community Charter*.

BACKGROUND:

The District of Mackenzie has been without consistent in-house building inspection services since October 2022. Recruitment efforts took place, however they proved unsuccessful. The District looked to neighbouring municipalities and regional districts to see if a partnership could be created. The District was fortunate to be able to work with both the Peace River and Fraser-Fort George Regional District's to provide building inspection services on our behalf during this time.

The most recent contract with the Peace River Regional District ended on December 6, 2023. The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George has offered to provide short-term support until April 30, 2024.

The Peace River Regional District and the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George have both indicated that they have limited capacity to assist Mackenzie after the term of this agreement, Staff are exploring several options to fill this service gap prior to the end of this agreement.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

It is estimated that the 4-month service agreement could cost up to \$20,000. Funding would be allocated from the Protective Services Operating Budget to fund this service agreement.

COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

Strong Governance and Finances

- As the municipality's elected governing body, we serve all residents and businesses in the community. We engage residents and stakeholders on important issues and make our decisions through open and transparent processes. We are careful in our use of resources, mindful of the need to maintain programs and services, while also meeting the community's infrastructure needs.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Diane Smith, Chief Administrative Officer

Reviewed By: Corporate and Financial Services

Approved By: Chief Administrative Officer