

## **COUNCIL REPORT**

**To:** Mayor and Council

**From:** Administration

**Date:** December 29, 2023

**Subject:** Dental Equipment Use Agreement

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council authorize Administration to enter an equipment use partnering agreement with Dr. Johannes Yliruusi for the proposed operation of a dental clinic in the District of Mackenzie.

### **BACKGROUND:**

In preparation for the demolition of the District-owned dental building, at the Regular Meeting of April 11, 2022 Council authorized the storage of the District's dental equipment at the Town Centre Mall with the intention of offering the dental equipment to any prospective dentist looking to provide services within the community. A copy of the previous report has been attached to this report for Council's review and consideration.

In December 2023, staff were approached by Darcy White, owner of Town Centre Mall, about a partnership in helping a prospective dentist, Dr. Yliruusi, open a clinic in Mackenzie. The District's contribution requested was to allow Dr. Yliruusi use of several pieces of the District's available dental equipment. Mr. White has provided a letter (attached) requesting Council's support in this arrangement.

Staff have conferred with legal counsel and recommend moving forward with the partnership as it supports our continued efforts to recruit professional services to Mackenzie and our Economic Strategic Priorities. Staff also wish to recognize and thank Mr. White for his continued and generous efforts to help the District secure dental services within the community.

### **BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

There is no budgetary impact for this recommendation.



**COUNCIL PRIORITIES:**

**Economic Vitality**

- The District is a leader on efforts aimed at diversifying the community's economy, supporting local businesses, and attracting new investment to the community. Diversification, a strong business sector and new investment are key to our economic vitality.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

Emily Kaehn, Director of Corporate Services

**Reviewed By:** Corporate Services

**Approved By:** Chief Administrative Officer