

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Administration

Date: June 4, 2024

Subject: Building Inspection Services

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council authorize the District to enter the attached building inspection services agreement with Praxis Solutions in the amount of \$6,750 per month, plus \$240 per occurrence to travel to Mackenzie, BC, plus GST;

AND THAT, for the term of the agreement, the Building Inspectors at Praxis Solutions 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*;

AND THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be delegated the authority to renew the contract following expiration if mutually agreed.

BACKGROUND:

The contract approved January 2, 2024 with the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George to provide building inspection services for the District expired April 30, 2024. Staff explored other opportunities with neighboring municipalities, however this proved unsuccessful.

Staff approached Praxis Solutions, a new company based in Prince George that provides both building and land-use planning services for local governments. Their team has extensive experience in land use planning, building inspection, and plumbing inspection fields and several have previously worked for municipalities in the region. A copy of their proposal has been included in the Centre Table File for further information.

Staff are in the process of analyzing if it is in the best interest of the District to continue to contract this service or if it would be beneficial to develop a recruitment strategy to attract and retain an in-house Building Inspector in the future.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

\$6,750 + GST and the additional \$240 per travel day would be allocated from the Operations general operating budget to support the recommendation.

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