

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Fire Department

Date: April 23, 2026

Subject: 2026 Public Notification and Evacuation Route Planning Grant

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George (RDFFG) be authorized to submit an application for the 2026 Public Notification and Evacuation Route Planning Grant to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities on behalf of the District of Mackenzie;

AND THAT the RDFFG be authorized to receive and manage the grant funding on behalf of the District of Mackenzie;

AND THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute any related documentation.

BACKGROUND:

On March 23rd, 2026, a report to council was submitted to request approval to apply for up to \$40,000 through the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) 2026 Public Notification and Evacuation Route Planning Grant. Staff were planning to submit an application on behalf of the District of Mackenzie when the report was submitted; however, the RDFFG approached staff at the beginning of April to inquire if there was interest in a regional application to the same funding program.

With this new proposal from the RDFFG, staff believe that a regional application would provide a stronger rationale and probability of receiving funding, while building stronger relationships, emergency planning, and consistent emergency communication standards throughout the region. This application will be submitted and managed by the RDFFG, with close collaboration and consultation with the District of Mackenzie, Village of Valemount, Village of McBride, Simpcw First Nation, as well as support from the City of Prince George, Lheidli T'enneh First Nation, and the McLeod Lake Indian Band.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

There are no budgetary impacts to the District of Mackenzie. This project will be fully grant funded and will not move forward unless the application is approved.



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:

Micaiah Taylor, Deputy Emergency Program Coordinator

Reviewed By: Corporate and Financial Services

Approved By: Chief Administrative Officer