



REPORT TO COUNCIL

To: **Mayor and Councillors**

Subject: Community Emergency Preparedness Fund Grant Application

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From: Scott Kennedy
Fire Chief

Date: April 13, 2026

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT City Council support the application by the Langley City Emergency Program on behalf of the City of Langley for a \$40,000.00 grant from Community Emergency Preparedness Fund to engage a qualified external consultant to develop and support the implementation of a comprehensive emergency notification plan for the Alertable emergency notification system.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the report is to provide information on the need for a public emergency notification system and the development of a strategic plan aligned with current best practices in emergency communications. The plan will also be closely integrated with Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) activation protocols, ensuring that Alertable is effectively embedded within incident command structures and communication workflows during emergency response. This includes establishing clear roles, approval processes, and messaging coordination procedures to support timely, consistent, and accurate public information dissemination when the EOC is activated.

COMMENTS/ANALYSIS:

Langley City faces a range of hazards, and potential risks, including severe weather events, fire, flooding, and infrastructure disruptions, all of which are increasing in frequency and intensity. These risks highlight the need for a reliable and timely

emergency notification system supported by an emergency notification plan to protect public safety.

Recent emergencies have demonstrated challenges such as inconsistent messaging, limited public awareness of notification tools, and difficulty reaching vulnerable populations. Without a structured communications approach aligned with Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) activation, there is a risk of delays, confusion, and reduced effectiveness of emergency response efforts.

This project will address these gaps by developing an emergency notification plan for the Alertable system that is integrated with EOC processes. This will improve public awareness and enable timely and consistent messaging during emergencies and strengthen Langley City's overall emergency preparedness and community resilience.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

None

ALTERNATIVES:

Not apply for a grant under the BC Community Emergency Preparedness Fund and look for funds in existing or future department budgets.

Respectfully Submitted,



Scott Kennedy
Fire Chief

Attachment:

1. Community Emergency Preparedness Fund Public Notification and Evacuation Route Planning Application

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S COMMENTS:

I support the recommendation.



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Chief Administrative Officer