



REPORT TO COUNCIL

To: **Mayor Schaffer and Councillors**

Subject **Patrol Bikes and Equipment**

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From: Dave Selvage
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RECOMMENDATION:

THAT City Council allocate \$4,500.00 from the Enterprise Fund to purchase patrol bikes and equipment for the Bylaw Enforcement staff.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to seek funding approval from City Council for the purchase of bikes and equipment for the Bylaw Enforcement Division.

POLICY:

City Council approval is required to allocate funds from the Enterprise Fund.

COMMENTS/ANALYSIS:

In 2017, a bike patrol program was initiated in partnership with the RCMP and City of Langley Bylaw Enforcement. Bike patrols were conducted once and sometimes twice a week in partnership throughout the City. The bike patrols supported the newly developed Integrated Proactive Homelessness Inspection Team where Bylaws and RCMP travelled throughout the City. Bylaw and Criminal Code violations were enforced with the safety of the homeless and the greater public in mind.

Bike patrols allowed for greater mobility for the team and the ability to get to more isolated places with greater ease. This resulted in the ability to be more proactive, reducing calls for service for both the City and the RCMP.

Bike patrols add greater visibility within the community contributing to crime prevention. Improved public perception when bikes are seen throughout the community is apparent in the immediate feedback received from citizens.

In 2017, RCMP bikes were used by the Bylaw Enforcement staff. These bikes are no longer available for use. The purchase of bikes for the City will allow more patrolling and scheduling flexibility. The bikes will be able to be used in the absence of the RCMP for regular Bylaw Enforcement patrols.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

The estimated cost for two bicycles and equipment for four Bylaw Enforcement Officers is approximately \$4,500.00. It is recommended the cost of the bicycles be allocated from the Enterprise Fund.

ALTERNATIVES:

That City Council decline the allocation of funds to purchase the bikes and that bike patrols are not conducted in 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dave Selvage
Manager of Bylaw Enforcement

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S COMMENTS:

I support the recommendation.



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