



City of Terrace
COUNCIL REPORT
Regular Council

MEETING: Regular Council - 26 Jun 2023
TO: Maggie Hall, City Manager for Mayor and Council
FROM: David Block, Director of Development Services

SUBJECT: **LGCAP Funding Allocation Update and Program Changes**

ATTACHED: [LGCAP Funding Overview and Use for CCAP](#)

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That Council receive the report titled “LGCAP Funding Allocation Update and Program Changes” for information.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to provide a brief overview of recent changes to the LGCAP program criteria and update Council on the allocation of 2022 Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP) funds.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In September 2022, the City of Terrace received \$121,080 in funding from the Province’s LGCAP funding stream. LGCAP is a three-year funding program that provides local governments with annual funding for actions aligned with provincial climate objectives.

At recent LGCAP webinars, changes to the LGCAP funding program were announced by the Province. Changes that relate to the City of Terrace operations include further details regarding the activities that should be considered when tracking emissions (including fuel usage by contractors), and a new policy that relaxes emissions reporting requirements for communities with populations under 15,000. Due to this change, the City of Terrace is not currently required to report annually our corporate emissions under LGCAP.

Despite reporting no longer being a requirement for the City to receive the annual LGCAP funding, emission mitigation and tracking are key pieces of the ongoing Climate Change Adaptation Plan (CCAP) work the City is undertaking in 2023. Reporting emissions for LGCAP can take advantage of emissions tracking work already underway by staff and our consultant PINNA. In light of the above, staff intend to submit an emissions report to the LGCAP to record our annual emissions data and exceed our program requirements.

Allocation of funds to date

On June 27, 2022, the City of Terrace allocated \$15,000 from the 2022 LGCAP allotment for Phase 1 of the CCAP, and \$62,000 to complete Phases 2 and 3.

On September 26, 2022, the City of Terrace allocated \$7,500 from the 2022 LGCAP allotment to retain the assistant of a sustainability intern for the remainder of 2022.

On November 28, 2022, the City of Terrace established an LGCAP Reserve to place funds from the province until appropriate projects are identified.

On March 13, 2023, Council allocated \$28,000 from the LGCAP Reserve for the development of a Green Fleet Plan.

DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS:

LGCAP representatives have confirmed that the funding allocation received in 2023 will be identical to the \$121,082 received in 2022. Staff are expecting to receive the 2023 LGCAP funding allotment from the Province in late August 2023.

The upcoming CCAP final report and Green Fleet Plan will identify priority climate actions suitable for consideration for allocating 2023 LGCAP Reserve funds. The CCAP final report will identify priority adaptation and mitigation actions relevant to City operations, and the Green Fleet Plan will provide the City with a “transition roadmap” that identifies the necessary infrastructure and EV replacements needed to decarbonize our fleet operations.

Preliminary LGCAP Reserve fund allocations have been identified. The 2023-2027 Financial Plan allocates \$70,000 from the LGCAP Reserve in 2024 for an update of the City’s Active Transportation Plan, although these funds may be offset or reduced by pursuing additional grant opportunities for this project.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

COUNCIL STRATEGIC FOCUS AREA(S):

- Livable Community
- Community Wellness
- Organizational Strength and Cultural Awareness
- Responsible Asset Management
- Grow Revenues and Economic Development
- Not Applicable

COMMUNICATIONS:

No communication action is required.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:

The provincial LGCAP funding stream has supported the City of Terrace in the development of multiple climate-oriented planning initiatives. The City of Terrace was allotted \$121,080 in 2022 and will continue to receive this amount annually for at least the next 2 years.

2022 Funds were used to support the development of the Climate Change Adaptation Plan and the Green Fleet Plan. Once completed, these plans will identify additional climate actions eligible for the allocation of LGCAP funds.

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