

DATE: October 16, 2018

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

NAME AND TITLE: Kathleen Soltis, City Manager

SUBJECT: Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) 2019 Age-friendly Communities Grant Program – Stream 2 Project Funding

ATTACHMENT(S): Age-Friendly Action Plan 2017

RECOMMENDATION(S):

THAT Council:

1. APPROVE that the City of Prince George submit an application under UBCM's 2019 Age-friendly Communities Grant Program in the amount of \$15,000 to work in partnership with the Prince George Council of Seniors, to plan and host a housing information and dialogue session; and
2. AUTHORIZE Administration to enter into any associated funding agreements.

PURPOSE:

Administration requests Council's authorization to apply for a 2019 Age-Friendly Project Grant under UBCM's 2019 Age-friendly Communities Grant Program. Funding will be used to work in partnership with the Prince George Council of Seniors and other community partners, to host a housing information and dialogue session. This initiative builds on actions undertaken in relation to the Age-Friendly Action Plan received by Council in May of 2017, by providing an opportunity for seniors to learn about current housing options, resources, and initiatives, and to provide feedback about unmet needs along the housing continuum.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

In 2015, Council identified focus areas for the 2016 - 2018 term, including initiatives related to seniors and youth engagement. Administration acted on this direction with the preparation of an Age-Friendly Action Plan. Council received the Plan in May of 2017, and many associated initiatives have been undertaken since that time to address priority actions outlined in the plan.

BACKGROUND:

The UBCM 2019 Age-friendly Communities Grant Program is intended to assist local governments to support aging populations. The City of Prince George's project concept aligns with the grant criteria, focused on the provision of recreation and healthy living activities and/or referral and support to link seniors with recreation and healthy living services.

The City of Prince George's application will be submitted under funding stream 2 which requires eligible applicants to have a completed age-friendly assessment or action plan. The City of Prince George completed an Age-Friendly Action Plan in May 2017.

The City received a 2018 UBCM Age-friendly grant, and worked in partnership with Community Associations and community agencies to provide increased programming for seniors. The project was well received, and enabled a range of neighbourhood based, diverse programming.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

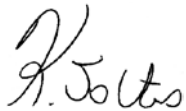
The grant funding will be used to cover costs associated with the planning and hosting of an information/dialogue session in the Spring of 2019. Existing staff resources can assist with project management and liaison.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:

Administration requests Council's authorization to apply for a \$15,000 grant to finance the development and implementation of an age-friendly project. If the application is approved, City staff will work with the Prince George Council of Seniors to implement the initiative.

The Age-friendly project will contribute to the City of Prince George's commitment to enhancing quality of life, promoting healthy and active living, fostering civic pride, as well as supporting initiatives related to seniors.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



Kathleen Soltis, City Manager
Meeting date: October 15, 2018

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