

# City Staff Report

Original signed by: Byron Johnson, CAO

**Report Date:** February 25, 2019

**Meeting Date:** February 26, 2019

**To:** City Manager

**From:** Director of Development Services

**Subject:** Community Emergency Preparedness Fund

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## Purpose

Obtain a Council resolution to apply to the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) for \$150,000.00 for flood hazard planning.

## Summary

- The City applied for and have been short listed for \$241,000 from the National Disaster Mitigation Program (NDMP) to complete a Flood Hazard Study which includes a flood risk assessment, flood mapping and flood mitigation planning. Final grant approval notices are anticipated in April.
- The CEPF administered by UBCM also provides 100% funding up to \$150,000 funding for flood hazard planning.
- Since 2003 flood plain designations are exclusively a local matter (previously the Ministry of Environment) and local governments are responsible for identifying and regulating this hazard.
- Staff are recommending to apply for CEPF funding as well as the NDMP to increase our opportunity of obtaining dollars to properly plan for flood hazards.

## Recommendation

THAT Council approves applying to the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund for and administering a \$150,000 grant to update the City of Quesnel's Flood Mapping.

## Statutory Requirements

Local Government Act S524 Requirements in relation to flood plain areas

## Council Policy

Floodplain Bylaw No. 1187, 1991

## Strategic Objective

N/A

## Financial Implications

\$150,000 100% contribution grant

## Background

The City applied under the National Disaster Mitigation Program (NDMP) for \$241,000 to complete a full Flood Hazard Study that would include a flood risk assessment, flood hazard mapping, and flood mitigation measures. The City has been short listed for this fund but will not have a final decision until April 2019. This application if successful will allow us to proceed on flood hazard planning should we not receive NDMP funds. We recognize there would be a funding shortfall for the entire project should we not receive the NDMP funds but as that will be known prior to initiating the project the City will be able to refocus the scope of the project to address this shortfall and this has been communicated to the CEPF.



Should we receive the NDMP funds we will work with both programs to develop an approach to the funding that works for their purposes. CEPF has been advised of our NDMP funding application and our approach.

### **Attachments**

CEPF Grant Application

### **Concurrence**

Chris Coben, Director of Capital Works and Infrastructure

### **Options**

1. Approve applying for grant.
2. Deny request to apply for grant.