

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT TO COUNCIL  
ON  
**VANDALISM CLEANUP SUPPORT PROGRAM FUNDING AGREEMENT**

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to update Council on the funding agreement with the Kamloops and District Chamber of Commerce that was established to support businesses that need to repair and clean up vandalism and graffiti on their properties.

COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN

This report supports Council's strategic priorities and areas of focus regarding:

- **Governance and Accountability**
  - External Relationships: We understand the importance of maintaining and improving key relationships.
  - Fiscal Responsibility: We are fiscally responsible and accountable.
- **Livability**
  - Healthy Community: We foster an environment that supports and promotes healthy living through recreation, community, and social connection.
  - Safety: We recognize the importance of a safe and secure community.
- **Vibrant Economy**
  - Partnerships: We continue to nurture partnerships with key agencies and organizations.

SUMMARY

When Council initiated the Vandalism Cleanup Support Grant in 2021, the Chamber of Commerce worked with City staff to create a funding agreement, qualifying matrix, and process for each support application. Although the program got off to a slow start in fall 2021, after a strategic increase in communications and marketing to support the grant, applications saw a steep increase starting in January 2022, and the majority of requests are for supplementing glass replacement.

Each time a cheque is issued to an applicant, Chamber of Commerce and City staff members visit the workplace the vandalism occurred, discuss possible issues and solutions for vandalism and/or property crime, and provide a crime prevention toolkit. The recipients have shared their experiences, the mitigation measures they have undertaken to secure their businesses, and how thankful they are that a grant such as this exists.

Given the recent RCMP report of the ongoing property crime challenges in Kamloops, the increase in costs for business to replace property damage such as broken glass, and the amount remaining in the \$50,000 grant, staff recommend continuing the grant program until December 2023.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That Council authorize:**

- a) Administration to renew the Vandalism Cleanup Support Program funding agreement with the Kamloops and District Chamber of Commerce for the term August 16, 2022, to December 31, 2023, or until the \$50,000 is expended**
- b) the Corporate Services Director to update the 2022–2026 Financial Plan accordingly**

**SUPPORTING COUNCIL AND CORPORATE DIRECTION**

- Funding agreement with the Kamloops and District Chamber of Commerce, effective August 16, 2021, to August 15, 2022

**DISCUSSION**

To date there have been 41 applications and 29 reimbursements. There are currently 12 applications in progress that are awaiting further information. Of the 29 reimbursements, 22 were for broken glass for windows and/or doors.

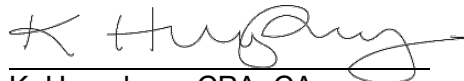
The 41 applicant business locations are as follows:

- Dallas (1)
- Downtown (25)
- North Shore (12)
- Sahali (5)
- Valleyview (1)

Discussions with the Chamber of Commerce indicate that they are willing to continue administering the program.

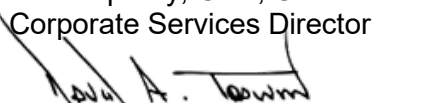
**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The total Vandalism Cleanup Support Grant Funding Agreement with the Chamber of Commerce was established with a budget of \$50,000. At this time, approximately \$17,000 has been expensed from the \$50,000 allocated, leaving \$33,000 in the fund. Currently, there is no need to add funds to the program.



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