

TO: MAYOR & COUNCIL
FROM: GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY SAFETY
SUBJECT: **AMENDMENT TO UBCM CEPF PUBLIC NOTIFICATION AND EVACUATION ROUTE PLANNING, 2023 PROJECT**
PURPOSE: To seek Council approval to amend the CEPF Public Notification and Evacuation Route Planning, 2023 Evacuation Route Planning Toolkits - NW Quadrant (Brentwood) project to Evacuation Route Planning Toolkits - SW Quadrant (Metrotown).

RECOMMENDATION

THAT staff be authorized to amend the CEPF Public Notification and Evacuation Route Planning project titled *Evacuation Route Planning Toolkits - NW Quadrant (Brentwood)* to “Evacuation Route Planning Toolkits - SW Quadrant (Metrotown)”; and

THAT a copy of the report be forwarded to the Public Safety Committee.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER’S COMMENTS

I concur with the recommendation of the General Manager Community Safety.

1.0 POLICY SECTION

Evacuation Route Planning projects align with and are supported by the following Council adopted policies and plans/strategies:

- Burnaby Strategic Plan (2022)
- Moving Forward initiative (2022),
- Burnaby Community Safety Plan (2020)

2.0 BACKGROUND

On May 08, 2023, Council approved staff to submit an application to the UBCM CEPF Public Notification and Evacuation Route Planning 2023 intake. On July 18, 2023 UBCM approved the City’s application (UBCM Reference AP-8040).

Staff have determined that evacuation planning for the SW Quadrant (Metrotown) would be better fitting for utilization of UBCM CEPF grant funding. This amendment request is to revise the focus of the Evacuation Route Planning project to the SW Quadrant (Metrotown).

3.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

The Metrotown quadrant has seen significant investment in regional-scale infrastructure and transportation, City-wide services and amenities, and offers connectivity to other major urban centres throughout the Region. As a Regional City Centre, it serves not only the people who live in the community, but also people from all over Metro Vancouver and visitors alike.

According to the Metrotown Downtown Plan (2017), Metrotown is anticipated to accommodate a significant share of the projected additional 125,000 people in the City by 2041.

Evacuation route planning for the Metrotown quadrant will be complex due to numerous factors such as its geography, shared jurisdictional boundaries with City of Vancouver and City of New Westminister, unique and evolving hazard profile, projected population growth and varying land uses.

Amending the UBCM CEPF Public Notification & Evacuation Route Planning grant funding to undertake work focusing on the Metrotown quadrant will serve to advance overall evacuation route planning in concert with considerations to the quadrant's continued evolution and anticipated growth.

A Council resolution providing endorsement of the amendment to the project is a requirement of the CEPF application amendment.

4.0 COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community engagement, including First Nations and Indigenous Governing Bodies, neighbouring jurisdictions and community members, is a foundational element of emergency management planning and is included and within the project scope as outlined within the original UBCM CEPF and will remain within the amended application.

5.0 FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There will be no additional City costs associated with the project amendment as presented in this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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REPORT CONTRIBUTORS

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