

# Staff Report

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Original signed by: Deputy City Manager Bolton

**Report Date:** May 8, 2019

**Meeting Date:** May 13, 2019 – North Cariboo Joint Planning Committee

**To:** City Manager

**From:** Director of Community Services

**Subject:** Alex Fraser Park Management Agreement

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## PURPOSE

To obtain approval for a new five-year agreement with the Alex Fraser Park Society for the management of Alex Fraser Park.

## SUMMARY

- The Alex Fraser Park Society have managed the Alex Fraser Park for decades under various management agreements with the City and CRD. The most recent agreement expired December 31, 2018.
- While the current agreement has expired, it contains a clause that automatically extends it on a month to month basis until the agreement is terminated or a new agreement is negotiated.
- A new five-year agreement has been developed for consideration by the Joint Planning Committee. Notable changes to the agreement are as follows:
  - Language has been incorporated to clarify the City/CRD's responsibility for overall asset management and major capital funding, subject to City/CRD funding priorities.
  - The operating subsidy provided to the Society has been increased to \$70,000.
  - Language has been incorporated into the agreement stipulating that the park will be used as an emergency animal shelter in the event an evacuation order or alert is issued or that the City becomes a host community for evacuees from another jurisdiction.

## RECOMMENDATION

**That the North Cariboo Joint Planning Committee recommend to the Cariboo Regional District Board and Quesnel City Council that they enter into the attached five-year management agreement with the Alex Fraser Park Society regarding the management of Alex Fraser Park.**

## FINANCIAL IMPACT

- Under the terms of this agreement the Alex Fraser Park Society will receive \$70,000/yr from the North Cariboo Recreation and Parks Service to manage the park, which is an increase of \$35,000 over the previous agreement.
- This funding was approved by the Committee as part of the NCRP budget in October 2018 and subsequently approved by the Cariboo Regional District Board.

## ATTACHMENTS

- Alex Fraser Park Management Agreement 2019-2023