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City Staff Report

Report Date: October 14, 2020**Meeting Date:** October 20, 2020**To:** City Manager**From:** Forestry Initiatives Manager**Subject:** CWPP Controlled burning for fuel abatement

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to bring to the attention of council the controlled burning that is required as part of our Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP).

Summary

The Forestry Initiatives Program is seeking approval from Council for burning of fibre that cannot be utilised for commercial purposes within City limits. Burning residual fibre on the fuel management projects is an important component to removing fuel build-up that could put property and other values at risk. For this reason, a component of open burning must be allowed within the City limits.

Recommendation

THAT Quesnel City Council supports the burning associated with the Forestry Initiatives Program's advancement of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan, providing the burning meets provincial regulations.

Statutory Requirements

There are no Community Charter, Local Government Act requirements.

Council Policy

This recommendation is in contravention of the City's open burning restrictions within City limits.

Strategic Objective

This report falls under the heading of Community Wildfire Protection and FireSmart heading of 2020 Strategic Plan.

Financial Implications

None

Background

Full fibre utilization is a key objective to our CWPP, however some debris needs to be burned onsite due to steep terrain, poor access, or worker safety. "A fuel management project is not complete until the created debris is removed from the site. This can be accomplished through open burning, chipping and spreading or removal from the site." (Quesnel and Surrounding Area CWPP: page 44)

Attachments

There are no attachments with this report.

Concurrence

The Fire Chief is working with us on this.