



**SUBJECT: Burlington Lighthouse Program**

**TO: Committee of the Whole**

**FROM: Fire Department**

Report Number: BFD-02-17

Wards Affected: All

File Numbers: 735-07-201

Date to Committee: November 27, 2017

Date to Council: December 11, 2017

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### **Recommendation:**

Authorize the City of Burlington to enter into services agreements with designated faith-based and community organizations who are willing to provide services and support during incidents or emergencies and that all the conditions of such services agreements be fulfilled; and

Authorize the Burlington Fire Chief to sign services agreements and related documents associated with the Lighthouse Program, subject to the approval of the City Solicitor.

### **Purpose:**

A Healthy and Greener City

- Healthy Lifestyles

An Engaging City

- Good Governance
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### **Background and Discussion:**

#### **Strategy/process**

The City of Burlington faces multiple climate change challenges. One of the most difficult is a need to provide support to vulnerable citizens during emergencies and

extreme weather events as these residents are too often unaware about growing threats to their well-being and property.

The Lighthouse Program is a community-led, asset based approach that can leverage existing community based energies and assets. The involvement of faith based organizations, whose traditions of community care and volunteerism, along with a wide range of professional expertise among their congregants, will add value to existing local networks. The project will identify neighbourhood resources and commit to developing Neighbourhood Emergency Resource Centres.

Burlington Fire Department requires the authorization of Council for the Burlington Fire Chief to enter services agreements on behalf of the City and confirm the engagement of designated faith based and community organizations.

### **Options considered**

Similar Lighthouse Programs are being developed in the Cities of Toronto, Brampton and Hamilton in conjunction with Faith & the Common Good, CREW Toronto, City of Brampton, Office of Emergency Management, Environment Hamilton, Tamarack Institute, “Deepening Community” team and School for Social Entrepreneurs Ontario.

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## **Financial Matters:**

### **Total Financial Impact**

The City of Burlington will reimburse the service provider for eligible expenses directly associated with the provision of services during an incident or emergency, to the satisfaction of the City as set out in Schedule B of the Agreement (“Eligible Expenses”).

### **Source of Funding**

Emergency Plan Reserve

### **Other Resource Impacts**

Not applicable

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## **Public Engagement Matters:**

The Burlington Lighthouse Program will be co-promoted by the City of Burlington and faith based and community organizations so that Burlington residents become aware of the Lighthouse Agency in their neighbourhood.

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**Conclusion:**

The Burlington Lighthouse Program will enable the City to be able to engage the faith-based community in supporting the resilience of the City with a focus on vulnerable citizens.

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Respectfully submitted,

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**Appendices:**

A. Lighthouse Agreement

**Report Approval:**

All reports are reviewed and/or approved by Department Director, Director of Finance and Director of Legal. Final approval is by the City Manager.