



## THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

### **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Will Pearce, CAO **FILE:** 1700-02 (2023)

**FROM:** Debra Law, Director, Financial Services **DATE:** November 23, 2022

**PC:** James Rice, Director, Operations

**SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL CLEANING SERVICES**

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Since the start of the COVID-19, Administration has provided additional cleaning services in City facilities to help prevent the spread of the flu, colds and other respiratory illnesses. This included the employment of an additional custodian, providing hand-washing stations at entrances and signage to remind staff and the public to not enter buildings if sick. The extra cleaning services ended in the summer of 2022.

The Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee (JOHSC) has recently recommended that the City reinstate additional cleaning of City facilities. Administration is supportive of this recommendation and has been experiencing significant absences due to colds, flu and respiratory illnesses.

As of December 31, 2023, the projected balance in the COVID-19 Safe Restart Grant reserve is \$405,749. Administration recommends utilizing this funding to continue to extend the additional cleaning services to the end of December 2024 at a total cost of \$168,000.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council receive the memorandum titled "Additional Cleaning Services" dated November 23, 2022 respectfully submitted by the Director, Financial Services;

AND FURTHER, that Council authorize the extension of additional cleaning services until December 31, 2024 at a cost of \$168,000, funded by the COVID-19 Safe Restart Grant reserve.

Respectfully submitted: