



## REQUEST FOR A DECISION

City Council – April 28, 2025

**To:** Her Worship Mayor Kate Rogers and Members of City Council

**From:** Ashley Johnston, Acting Tourism Coordinator

**Date:** April 17, 2025

**Title:** Royal Canadian Artillery School (RCAS) Training and License Agreement

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### **ISSUE:**

The Royal Canadian Artillery School (RCAS) is requesting City Council approval and authorization to conduct two urban training exercises in Fredericton (May 12 and July 21, 2025), involving students in civilian vehicles assessing publicly accessible parking lots for potential resupply use.

### **RECOMMENDATION(S):**

#### **A. Recommendation:**

It is recommended that the following resolution be forwarded to City Council for consideration: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Fredericton hereby authorizes and approves the License Agreement between the City of Fredericton and His Majesty the King In Right of Canada, as represented by the Minister of National Defence (the "Agreement"), for two urban training exercises in Fredericton on May 12, 2025 and July 21, 2025 whereby students in civilian vehicles will access public parking lots to determine the feasibility of using the area for a resupply; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the local government and such further legal documents as may be required to facilitate this resolution.

#### **B. Other options:**

1. City Council may choose not to authorize and approve the License Agreement between the City of Fredericton and His Majesty the King In Right of Canada, as represented by the Minister of National Defence.
2. City Council may provide other direction to staff.

### **SITUATION, BACKGROUND & DISCUSSION:**

#### **SITUATION:**

- a. Current (extant) Direction. No current or previous directions have been provided for this matter.
- b. Alignment. This request aligns with the City of Fredericton's support for public safety, emergency preparedness, and inter-agency collaboration. It supports routine business by enabling low-impact training that strengthens operational readiness and community resilience. The exercise also reflects the City's commitment to flexible partnerships that enhance national preparedness.
- c. Link to CAO goal or inflight. This action does not directly support a CAO Goal or Inflight Action.
- d. Why. This request is coming to Council now because City Council approval and authorization are required to allow for a more open-ended use of public spaces. The timing is necessary to provide sufficient lead time ahead of the first training date on May 12, ensuring the RCAS can proceed with planning and execution without administrative delays.

#### **BACKGROUND.**

The Royal Canadian Army Service Corps (RCAS) routinely conducts training exercises to support logistical and operational readiness, often coordinating with the City of Fredericton. While the City has typically been

provided with detailed plans and specific locations in advance, this request represents a shift toward a more flexible approach, allowing participants to independently select public areas for low-impact observation and planning tasks. This change requires an adjustment to the existing License Agreement to accommodate the open-ended nature of the exercise.

## DISCUSSION.

City Council is being asked to consider and approve a request for a License Agreement to allow greater flexibility for an upcoming RCAS training exercise. Specifically, approval is sought to permit participants to select their own public locations throughout Fredericton for observational and planning purposes, rather than being limited to pre-approved areas.

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- **FINANCIAL:** The Department/Division has determined that there are no financial considerations associated with this matter. The **City Treasurer** was not specifically consulted with respect to this administrative report.
  - **LEGAL:** The License Agreement for training purposes has been reviewed and the provisions have been determined to be acceptable for this type of matter. A copy of the License Agreement is attached for your review, consideration and approval.
  - **COMMUNICATIONS:** Corporate and/or Strategic Communications will be consulted upon the approval this administrative report.
  - **CLIMATE LENS:**

**Does this proposal move the City of Fredericton closer to its greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction targets of 50% reduction by 2030 and net-zero by 2050 in line with the City's Corporate Energy & Emissions Plan and/or Community Energy Emission Plan?**

- ☐ Moves us towards GHG reduction targets
- ☒ No change in GHG emissions
- ☐ Moves us away from GHG targets but there are trade-offs with other Council or Municipal Plan priorities (*identify which priorities*)

**Does this proposal improve the City of Fredericton's resilience to the impacts of climate change in line with our Climate Change Adaptation Plan?**

- ☐ Moves us towards climate resilience
- ☒ No change in resilience
- ☐ Moves us away from climate resilience but there are trade-offs with other Council or Municipal Plan priorities (*identify which priorities*)

**SPOKESPERSON:** Ashley Johnston, Acting Tourism Coordinator

**Prepared by:** Ashley Johnston, Acting Tourism Coordinator

**Approved by:** Dave Seabrook, Director, Recreation, Tourism and Culture

/Attachments: (1) License Agreement between the City of Fredericton and His Majesty the King In Right of Canada, as represented by the Minister of National Defence