



FIRE SERVICES AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

TO:	Council		
DATE:	April 5, 2022	DIVISION:	All
FILE:	N/A	APPLICATION:	N/A
SUBJECT:	2022 Fire Services Fire Master Plan		

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In March 2021, Rocky View County retained the services of Behr Integrated Solutions to carry out a comprehensive Fire Services Master Plan (FSMP). Jeffrey Carlisle, Senior Fire and Emergency Operations Management Specialist, will address Council to provide a high level overview of the Draft 2022 Fire Master Plan.

This document was developed for the County and Fire Services to establish long-term strategies based on community risk, safety, corporate priorities, and Council-approved budget allocations. This document will be used as a tool to evaluate and forecast immediate and future emergency service needs of the community.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends approval and adoption of the 2022 Fire Services Master Plan in accordance with Option #1.

BACKGROUND:

The Fire Services Master Plan (FSMP) was developed to assist Rocky View County Fire Services (RVCFS) in evaluating the current service delivery model and develop a strategy to advise in future investments in fire, rescue and emergency services. The plan involved a comprehensive analysis of all key elements of service delivery. This analysis includes a review of the operational and administrative aspects of the RVCFS, community profile and risks, staffing, core service and program delivery, training, recruitment and retention, facilities, and major equipment. Further, RVCFS response data was assessed with a focus on the current performance, capabilities and alignment with both existing and projected risks and levels of demand.

There are several observations and recommendations provided in this master plan to improve operational effectiveness and efficiencies. Key highlights among the 25 recommendations are as follows:

- Undertake a comprehensive risk analysis of the individual station demand zones and include it as part of a Standard of Cover (SOC) policy.
 - Identified service concerns or policy gaps will be discussed with Council so that the SOC policy clearly reflects the services and service levels provided by the RVCFS.
- Develop a comprehensive structural risk inventory program.
 - The Fire Chief will work with Economic Development and Planning departments to provide a process to inventory all existing and new properties, ensuring that the building inventory be classified, documented and maintained using the Alberta Building Code Major Occupancy Classification system.

Administration Resources

Randy Smith, Fire Services and Emergency Management



- Develop a fire prevention branch with the capability to support ongoing cyclical inspections of high-risk properties and life safety systems.
 - This function will enhance response data management, performance assessments and reporting.
- Create a training division with a dedicated training coordinator position.
- Complete a review of the firefighter water supply for new and current developments within the county.

While each recommendation within the plan has a corresponding timeframe, it is important to note the FSMP must be revisited on a regular basis to confirm that the observations and recommendations remain relevant.

The recommendations outlined in this FSMP will better position the RVCFS to mitigate and manage community risks, monitor response capabilities and performance, and maintain excellent community relationships and value for money.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

While the Fire Master Plan will not impact the current budget year, it will be used going forward in benchmarking service levels and resource requirements for future budget allocation.

COMMUNICATIONS PLAN:

Council's actions on this matter will be communicated through a media release, on the County's website, and through social media channels.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:

Approval of the 2022 Fire Services Master Plan supports Council's strategic objective of Guiding the County's Growth Pattern and Expanding Community Service Delivery.

OPTIONS:

- Option #1: THAT the 2022 Fire Master Plan be approved as per Attachment 'B'.
- Option #2: THAT alternative direction be provided.

Respectfully submitted,

Concurrence,

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ATTACHMENTS:

ATTACHMENT 'A': 2022 Fire Services Fire Master Plan Presentation

ATTACHMENT 'B': 2022 Fire Services Fire Master Plan