



Policy Development Committee Report

To: The Chair and Members of the Policy Development Committee
From: Darren Watson, Fire Chief
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Date: November 5, 2024
Report #: RPT-0484-24
Subject: Fire Master Plan Status Update 1
Purpose: For Information

Recommendation

That this report be received as information.

Executive Summary

This report is intended to serve as a high-level update of the status of the recommendations contained in the Fire Master Plan (FMP), as approved by Council in March 2021.

Strategic Plan Priority

Strategic Priority 5 - Healthy, Safe, and Engaged Citizens

Impacts and Mitigation

Social Impacts

The County of Brant Fire Department (COBFD) provides fire protection and rescue services through a range of programs designed to protect the lives and property of the inhabitants from the adverse effects of fire and medical emergencies. Fire prevention programs provide education and expertise in improving community safety and well-being.

Environmental Impacts

The COBFD provides fire protection and rescue services through a range of programs designed to protect the environment from dangerous conditions created by man or nature.

Economic Impacts

Investment in fire services' staffing, programs, and infrastructure protects our community, enhancing safety and emergency response. Effective emergency response is important for residents, businesses, and visitors in choosing to live, work, and play in our community.

Funding for the recommendations outlined in the Fire Master Plan (FMP) will continue to be the subject of future County operating and capital budgets.

Report

Background

In March 2021, Council approved the FMP. The plan assesses present and future population statistics and anticipated growth. The goal of the document is to provide the organization with a comprehensive view at how well the COBFD is meeting both staffing needs and the community needs. The FMP includes recommendations to guide the fire service for 2020 through 2030 in maintaining an efficient and effective fire service for residents, businesses, and visitors to the County of Brant. The recommendations were developed based on information collected in consultations, review of documentation, reference to industry standards, and best practices. An Implementation Schedule containing 39 recommendations was developed based on a 10-year implementation timeline.

This is the first report to Council on the overall status of the FMP's implementation. Staff intend to report to Council on an annual basis regarding the FMP status for the remainder of the current plan's life.

Analysis

The Implementation Schedule is broad and is subject to further deliberations and approvals by Council. The Implementation Schedule will continue to serve as a guide for staff to bring forward initiatives to Committee and Council through reports to Committee and through the annual budget process. In addition, this detailed document will serve as a guide for the County and its residents to make the appropriate policy and infrastructure investments to maintain and improve fire service programs and response for residents of and visitors to the County.

Implementation Progress Report #1 provides a high-level overview of actions taken to date in order to advance the recommendations contained in the Implementation Schedule.

Summary and Recommendations

This report is intended to serve as a high-level update of the status of the recommendations contained in the FMP.

It is recommended that this report be received as information.

Attachments

1. Implementation Progress Report #1

Reviewed By

N/A

Copied To

1. Senior Management Team

By-law and/or Agreement

By-law Required	No
Agreement(s) or other documents to be signed by Mayor and /or Clerk	No
