



STAFF REPORT

Title: Conditional Grant Agreement - 2018/2019 Fire Services Training Program

Meeting Date: March 12, 2019

Executive Summary:

The objective of the Fire Services Training Program is to provide a strategic and effective supplemental funding mechanism that encourages increased training availability, resulting in an increased number of fire service personnel trained towards recognized standards and to help fill gaps in current capacity and capability.

Key outcomes of the program include:

- Local authorities and volunteers have the required competencies and skills for fire and emergency response, and
- To create a greater capacity of Alberta communities to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from fires.

Eligible applicants include Alberta's: Municipalities, Métis Settlements, First Nations and partnerships of the above.

Background:

Over many years of collaboration, Cold Lake Fire-Rescue, Bonnyville Regional Fire Authority (BRFA) and County of St. Paul Fire Departments have been able to offer training in our region to hundreds of firefighters.

In recent years \$500,000 has been available as part of the Fire Services Training Program grant to be split between those municipalities and fire training groups who submitted applications for the grant funding.

Alberta Fire Chiefs Association Region 3 (geographical northeast quadrant) which share a common risk profile and similar training needs has been able to provide a higher level of proficiency and cooperation during major emergency responses involving multiple municipalities. All Fire Services in the area have benefited from the additional grant monies to augment budgeted training dollars for their respective municipalities. Of the 60 plus firefighters Cold Lake Fire-Rescue has over 80% have their NFPA 1001 Professional Firefighter Qualifications

The funding in the amount of \$26,758 will continue to support additional regional training with regards to attaining their NFPA 1001 but also training in HAZMAT



Awareness/Operations, Fire Officer Training, Fire Instructor Training and Wildland Firefighter Training.

Alternatives:

Council may consider the following options:

1. Council may direct the City of Cold Lake to enter in agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Alberta respecting the 2018/2019 Fire Services Training Program.
2. Council may defer the agreement with her Majesty the Queen in Right of Alberta respecting the 2018/2019 Fire Services Training Program.
3. Council may receive this report as information.

Recommended Action:

That Council direct the City of Cold Lake to enter in a conditional grant agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Alberta as represented by the Minister of Municipal Affairs respecting the 2018/2019 Fire Services Training Program.

Budget Implications (Yes or No):

Yes

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