



FIRE & RESCUE SERVICES STRATEGIC PLAN

DESCRIPTION:

Fire & Rescue Services presented a Standards of Coverage Report to Council in the fall of 2015. A Fire Service Standards of Coverage Report analyzes a fire departments current level of service provided across all divisions and concludes with recommendations to improve those service levels.

The report completed in 2015 contained three primary recommendations; one of those was to replace fire Hall #1 with a new building situated in a centralized location. The two remaining recommendations consisted of staffing increases to improve overall response coverage to the entire city, and the design and utilization of an enhanced training facility.

Approving the operating budget enhancement will allow the new Fire & Rescue Services Leadership Team to develop a strategic plan, utilizing an external consultant with the history and experience of the previous Standards of Coverage Report.

FINANCIAL COST OF THE ENHANCEMENT:

Approval of the **\$60,000** service enhancement will cover the costs associated with hiring a consultant to assist with the strategic plan development and delivery. The enhancement includes a contingency to cover unforeseen costs to ensure project completion within budget.

RELATIONSHIP OF REQUEST TO COUNCIL'S VISIONS AND DIRECTION:

City Government and Infrastructure - Approval of this service enhancement will result in the development of a professionally supported business case outlining the Fire & Rescue Services strategic plan recommendations. This report will provide evidence based data and research to Council for consideration to approve future Fire & Rescue Services capital recommendations, ensuring critical emergency services match community growth.