

Report to Council

Report Title: Brockton Regional Training Centre Update

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Department: Fire

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Attachments:

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby accepts Report Number FIRE2021-06 – Brockton Regional Training Centre Update, prepared by Chris Wells, Director of Fire and Emergency Services for information purposes.

Report:

Background:

On October 27, 2020 By-Law 2020-123 was signed allowing the Municipality of Brockton to enter into an agreement with the Ontario Fire College (OFC) for the purposes of establishing a regional fire training centre within the Municipality of Brockton.

Analysis:

Almost one year later I am pleased to report that October 9, 2021 marked the completion of the inaugural NFPA Firefighter 1 course at the Brockton Regional Training Centre in partnership with the Bruce Power Fire Training Facility. The class consisted of nine recruit firefighters almost exclusively from Bruce County. This course was a huge success with the Ontario Fire College Coordinator, Andrew Blair, commenting that he was “excited at how well this initial course is running.” and the Assistant Deputy Fire Marshal, John Snider, stating “what your regional training centre is doing has been a good success”. In addition to the new recruits 6 Walkerton firefighters spent time shadowing and co-teaching this course and have been approved as Adjunct Instructors through the OFC. This important step ensures that going forward the Brockton Regional Training Centre can offer a high quality NFPA Firefighter 1 certified training course to new recruit firefighters across Bruce County eliminating the high costs associated with travelling outside our region to train.

I would like to thank Mayor Peabody and all of Brockton Council for their support of this endeavor which now provides a mutual benefit to Brockton, Bruce Power and the fire departments across Bruce County as well as the surrounding region. We will continue to provide updates as the centre progresses.

Sustainability Checklist:

What aspect of the Brockton Sustainable Strategic Plan does the content/recommendations in this report help advance?

- Do the recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision? Yes
- Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Cultural Vibrancy? N/A
- Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Prosperity? Yes
- Do the recommendations contribute to Environmental Integrity? N/A
- Do the recommendations contribute to the Social Equity? Yes

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

- Do the recommendations represent a sound financial investment from a sustainability perspective? Yes

There were six volunteer firefighters learning to become Adjunct Instructors. All six volunteered their time to become certified. These instructors will be paid through the Fire College going forward. There are cost savings to training by offering courses locally. There is added time on the part of the Fire Chief and certain volunteer members to organize the training courses that is dependant on the amount or course offerings per year. The Fire Chief is monitoring time allocated to the Regional Training Centre for ongoing evaluation.

Reviewed By:



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

Respectfully Submitted by:



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Reviewed By:



Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer