

Report to Council

Report Title: Fire Protection Grant Update – April 2025
Prepared By: Chris Wells, Director of Fire and Emergency Services
Department: Fire and Emergency Services
Date: April 8, 2025
Report Number: FIRE2025-03 **File Number:** C11FIRE, F11

Attachments:

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number FIRE2025-03 – Fire Protection Grant Update – April 2025, prepared by Chris Wells, Director of Fire and Emergency Services and in doing so approves accepting this additional grant allocation and ratifies Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer signing the Transfer Payment Agreement, and any further amendment to any existing agreements, with the Office of the Fire Marshal for the Fire Protection Grant.

Report:

Background:

In September 2024, Council ratified the application for a Fire Protection Grant through the Province of Ontario. The grant is intended to support cancer prevention initiatives for fire departments across the Province.

Brockton's application was a collaborative effort with the Elmwood Fire Department and Walkerton Fire Department focused on securing funding for essential items for each department, and the goal of addressing critical areas such as equipment upgrades, facility updates and overall improvements in fire protection services.

In December 2024, the Province approved the Municipality's application for the Fire Protection Grant.

Brockton plans to use the grant funding to increase the spare PPE supply at the Walkerton Fire Department, and to support an expansion for the Elmwood Fire Hall which will allow for sufficient space for gear decontamination processes following high-exposure emergencies.

The Fire Protection Grant was for \$10 Million dollars. While, we had hoped to receive \$160,000 in funding, Brockton will receive \$16,460.90.

\$6,000 of this grant funding will be used by the Walkerton Fire Department to increase PPE supplies, and \$10,000 of this funding will be used by the Elmwood Fire Department for capital investments including obtaining updated building drawings to assist with a future expansion. While we have not received sufficient funding for a new build, the Elmwood Fire Department can use this funding to start initial plans for a future expansion.

Analysis:

On April 1, 2025, the Province announced that some additional funding was made available for Year 1 of the Fire Protection Grant program. The Municipality of Brockton was notified that it would be receiving an additional \$361.73, which will support the previously mentioned project regarding the Elmwood Fire Department.

Strategic Action Plan Checklist:

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

- Recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision Yes
- Recommendations contribute to achieving Heritage, Culture, and Community Yes
- Recommendations contribute to achieving Quality of Life Yes
- Recommendations contribute to achieving Land Use Planning and the Natural Environment N/A
- Recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Development Yes
- Recommendations contribute to achieving Municipal Governance Yes

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

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

Reviewed By:



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

Respectfully Submitted by:



Chris Wells, Director of Fire and Emergency Services

Reviewed By:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sonya W." followed by a long, sweeping horizontal flourish.

Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer