

Report to Council

Report Title:	Fire Safety Grant		
Prepared By:	Chris Wells, Director of Fire and Emergency Services		
Department:	Fire		
Date:	March 23, 2021		
Report Number:	FIRE2021-04	File Number:	C11CL, F11, L04
Attachments:	Memo from Ministry of the Solicitor General/Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management – Fire Safety Grant Announcement Brockton Fire Safety Grant Application		

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number FIRE2021-04 – Fire Safety Grant, prepared by Chris Wells, Director of Fire and Emergency Services and in doing so ratifies the decision of the Director of Fire and Emergency Services to apply for the Fire Safety Grant.

Report:

Background:

On March 11, 2021 the Ministry of the Solicitor General and Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management announced a one time \$5 million dollar grant to municipal fire services to assist in addressing challenges associated with training and virtual inspections due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Municipality of Brockton is eligible to receive up to \$6,900.00 as part of this grant program. The memo from the Ministry and Fire Marshal has been attached to this report for Council's information.

The grant is intended to provide fire departments with flexibility to support two priority areas of ongoing training needs, as well as address opportunities for an inspection program to ensure fire services are able to meet demands.

Analysis:

The deadline to apply for the grant was March 19, 2021. As Director of Fire and Emergency Services, I submitted the application for the Municipality of Brockton on March 18, 2021 in order to meet the deadline. The grant application has been attached to this report for Council's information.

As outlined in the memo, grant funds must be spent by August 1, 2021, and a report must be delivered to the Fire Marshal by September 1, 2021 outlining how the grant was used.

Staff are hopeful that the Municipality will receive the one-time grant, and anticipate increased benefits to the Walkerton and Elmwood Fire Departments.

Staff are requesting Council's ratification for the grant application submission.

Sustainability Checklist:

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

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| • 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

[Please provide comment on budget implications or funding sources (if applicable)]

Reviewed By:



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

Respectfully Submitted by:



Chris Wells, Director of Fire and Emergency Services

Reviewed By:



Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer