

# STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Electoral Area Services Committee **MEETING:** September 9, 2020

FROM: Catherine Morrison FILE: 7200-01 EVFD

Manager, Emergency Services

**SUBJECT:** Errington Fire Department Budget Request

### RECOMMENDATION

That \$20,000 of the \$50,000 approved capital budget for 2020 be reallocated to complete upgrades to the training grounds at Errington Fire Hall Station # 2.

### **SUMMARY**

With COVID-19 physical distancing measures, the Errington Volunteer Fire Department (EVFD) has decided to reduce the number of external contractors entering the fire hall and are postponing part of their 2020 planned capital budget expenditures until 2021. EVFD is requesting to reallocate \$20,000 of approved capital funds to upgrade the training grounds at the Errington Fire Hall Station # 2.

## **BACKGROUND**

EVFD's approved budget for 2020 included a \$50,000 capital budget for renovations to the Errington Fire Hall Station # 1.

EVFD will be completing a portion of the initial budgeted capital expense with support of the volunteer members to alleviate external contractors entering the building and have reduced their anticipated budget for this year for Station #1 to \$30,000.

With \$20,000 remaining in the approved capital budget, EVFD is requesting that the RDN Board endorse reallocating the remaining funds to Station #2 for upgrades to the training grounds that will include repairs to the training buildings, fence and aging props.

## **ALTERNATIVES**

- 1. That \$20,000 of the \$50,000 approved capital budget for 2020 be reallocated to complete upgrades to the training grounds at Errington Fire Hall Station # 2.
- 2. That alternate direction be provided.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The EVFD approved 2020-2024 Financial Plan includes \$50,000 in 2020 for upgrades to Station #1 and \$2,950,000 in 2024 for the Station #2 replacement or seismic upgrade which includes the training grounds.

The current Errington building reserve fund has a balance of \$121,195 with a planned contribution of \$36,000 this year. The \$50,000 for Station #1 and \$20,000 for Station #2 are accounted for in the financial plan and reserve funds are available to complete the \$20,000 training grounds upgrade before 2024.

### STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS

Social Wellbeing - Make the Region a safe and vibrant place for all, with a focus on children and families in programs and planning.

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## Attachment:

• Errington Budget Amendment Request