

## COUNCIL REPORT

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**Meeting Date:** November 15, 2021  
**Department:** Fire Services  
**Report No.:** FIRE-2021-06  
**Submitted by:** Brent Smith, Director of Fire Services / Fire Chief  
**Approved by:** Fred Tranquilli, Chief Administrative Officer  
**SUBJECT:** **Master Fire Plan and Fire Hall Location Study**

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**RECOMMENDATION: THAT: Council receive and action the Master Fire Plan and Fire Hall Location Study as suggested in the recommendations and timelines.**

### **STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

This matter is in accord with the following strategic priorities:

Local infrastructure and Growth Management.

Households and businesses in Strathroy-Caradoc are supported by reliable, financially responsible and well-maintained infrastructure networks.

Strathroy-Caradoc will be an inclusive community where growth is managed to accommodate a range of needs and optimize municipal resources.

### **BACKGROUND:**

In January of 2021, the Municipality authorized that a Master Fire Plan and a component of the official plan for a fire hall location study be put out in RFP.

The study was completed in draft form in May 2021, after interview, questionnaires and surveys of council members, staff, firefighters and the public. The final plans were completed in July and have been circulated to senior staff and council for knowledge and comment.

**COMMENTS:**

Recommendations as listed in the quick reference chart that were either previously budgeted for, or have required staff time only to initiate, or in some cases complete are as follows:

Recommendation # 1,2,3,4,6,7,10,14,18 and 19, have all been reviewed and are in various stages of completion.

**CONSULTATION:**

All senior fire officers have been informed of the findings and have offered support, as well as other senior staff members of the Municipality.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

If accepted and actioned, monies have been put in the draft budget for council approval for RFP design and build for Strathroy- Station 1, and also for the potential purchase of appropriate lands for a future combined Mount Brydges/Melbourne, Station 2 and 3.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- MFP and Fire Hall Location Study