



REQUEST FOR DECISION

SUBJECT:	Letter of Support – Administrative Control of VVFD		
SUBMISSION TO:	REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING	REVIEWED AND APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION	
MEETING DATE:	March 25, 2025	CAO:	MANAGER:
DEPARTMENT:	COMMUNITY SERVICES	DIR: MH	PRESENTER: MH
STRATEGIC PLAN:	Culture, Social & Emergency Services	LEG: SS	

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Provincial (cite) – N/A

Council Bylaw/Policy (cite) – N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION: That Council supports the administrative transition of the of the Valleyview Fire Department to Greenview and requests a formal letter of support from the Town of Valleyview Council, confirming this change in administration.

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

As Greenview is preparing for a new Community Development Initiative (CDI) agreement with the Town of Valleyview, Greenview is looking into potential ways to increase the support to the Town in a way that can minimize the increased cost to Greenview but still have an impactful financial result for the Town to consider. Administration looked for ways that can assist in cost savings and ultimately be defensible to the ratepayers that Greenview serves. As a result, it is recommended by Administration that the Valleyview Fire Department (VVFD) was a good starting point. The reasoning for this includes:

- Greenview currently provides most of the large apparatus/equipment required for the Valleyview Fire/Rescue Services.
- Other station costs and future new equipment or major purchases can be incorporated into its Regional Fire Program.
- The Valleyview Fire Department (VVFD) provides services to more Wards (2, 3, 4, 5 & 7) than any other Greenview fire station and the second most Greenview ratepayers are served (3403-population of said Wards), making it a justified increased cost to Greenview.
- The VVFD responds to more calls within Greenview than the Town by a considerable margin.

Greenview Administration would like the respective Councils to strongly consider keeping the existing VVFD Association in place, to not impede the important volunteer work and fundraising this group does in the Valleyview community, which has been established over a long time and service. It is believed that this can be accomplished by exchanging administrative duties from the Town of Valleyview to the MD of Greenview.

If this proposal is advanced, a service contract must be developed to ensure both municipalities continue receiving the same service. As this changeover would also come with some exchange of Town resources, a complete inventory of equipment, buildings and supplies used by the Valleyview Fire Department would be brought forward, and an agreement negotiated with all the costs reviewed for the change in control of those items to the MD. The Volunteer Association holds several assets, and those would be retained by the Society where appropriate.

Approval of this motion will allow the MD to contact the Town of Valleyview and move the request forward formally by the Councils. Upon a favourable decision by both Municipalities, Administration will look at the implementation plan and return to Council with a plan including timelines, logistics and financial impacts.

BENEFITS OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. The benefit of accepting the recommended motion is that there would be Council support in the transition of proposed Administrative control of the VVFD to Greenview.

DISADVANTAGES OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION:

There are no perceived disadvantages to the recommended motion.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

Alternative #1: Council has the alternative to direct the Administration to further evaluate the proposed transition of Administrative control of the VVFD to Greenview prior to reaching out to the Town of Valleyview. Administration does not recommend this action, as there is a need for support from both Councils prior to any further progression, to ensure a transparent process to the ratepayers of both municipalities.

ALTERNATIVE MOTION: That Council direct Administration to further evaluate the proposed transition of administrative control of the Valleyview Fire Department to Greenview, including potential operational, financial, and service delivery impacts.

Alternative #2: Council has the alternative to forgo any recommendations and receive the report as information.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATION:

There are no financial implications to the recommended motion.

STAFFING IMPLICATION:

There are no staffing implications to the recommended motion.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT LEVEL:

Greenview has adopted the IAP2 Framework for public consultation.

INCREASING LEVEL OF PUBLIC IMPACT

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GOAL

Inform - To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.

PROMISE TO THE PUBLIC

Inform - We will keep you informed.

FOLLOW UP ACTIONS:

Once Council decides Administration will send the request for a Letter of Support to the Town of Valleyview.

ATTACHMENT(S): N/A