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Council approves new fire plan

Summary

At the February 27, Committee of the Whole Meeting, Council approved a new 10-15 Fire Plan. The plan will see an updated integrated risk management approach to fire planning, 3-year service delivery plans and will engage the Public Safety Committee to develop goals and priorities for service delivery plans.

The first three-year delivery plan from 2016-2018 will use existing staff and resources to deliver three risk-focused prevention programs. The programs will address reducing structure fires in high-frequency areas through risk-focused prevention and public education programs; improving survivability rates for cardiac arrests through training citizens on CPR and using public Automated External Defibrillators (AED); and improving public preparedness for major disasters by delivering public education programs.

The Fire Plan will continue with Council's policy on four-member engine staffing and Council's direction to pursue a 90 per cent performance rate for arrival of the first response unit and full assignment within the next 10-15 years.

Strategic Link: Public Safety

Key Points

- An Integrated Risk Management approach allows Staff and Council to continuously monitor performance and to adjust fire plan objectives on a shorter and more regular basis (at least every three years).
- The Fire Plan will be subject to ongoing analysis and adjustments through the three-year service delivery plans.

Quotes

"The new 10-15 year plan establishes long range goals achieved through several three-year service delivery plans which allows Council and staff to continuously monitor and be more responsive to current conditions"

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