

Date: 2021-03-17

Subject: **Provincial Fire Safety Grant Application**

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Report Number: Brampton Fire and Emergency Services-2021-345

Recommendations:

1. That the report titled: **“Provincial Fire Safety Grant Application”** dated March 17th, 2021 be received;
2. That Council approve the City’s grant application for the Brampton Fire & Emergency Services training requirements outlined in this report; and
3. That a budget amendment be approved to the 2021 Capital Budget and a new capital project be established in the amount of \$151,000 for the purchase of the training elements outlined in this report to be funded 100% by the grant, contingent on the City’s application being approved by the Government of Ontario.

Overview:

- On March 11th, 2021, the Government of Ontario announced a one-time \$5M grant to municipal fire services to assist in addressing challenges associated with training and virtual inspections due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The City was advised that it is eligible to receive up to \$151,000 as part of this grant program.
- The City submitted their application to the Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM) on March 19th for training elements outlined in this report based on the deadline provided.
- As decisions regarding the grant did not provide sufficient time for staff to engage Council for approval prior to their submission, the OFM has allowed the Fire Chief to accept the grant in principle on behalf of the municipality, pending formal approval from Council.
- This report seeks Council approval to formally endorse the Fire Chief’s application as required by the OFM in order to receive the funding and

establish a capital project to procure the items outlined in this report to be funded 100% by the grant.
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Background:

On March 11th, 2021 the Government of Ontario announced a one-time \$5M grant to municipal fire services to assist in addressing challenges associated with training and virtual inspections due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The City was advised that it is eligible to receive up to \$151,000 as part of this grant program.

In order to receive funds, the Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM) requires that an application be submitted by a representative of the municipality. As decisions regarding the grant may not have time to proceed to Council for approval within the timeframes identified below, the conditions of the grant allow the Fire Chief to accept the grant in principle on behalf of the municipality, pending formal approval from Council at a later date. In order for the OFM to allocate funds before their March 31st, 2021 deadline, all applications must be submitted to them no later than March 19th, 2021. In addition, as a condition of the grant, these funds must be spent by August 1st, 2021, and a report back to the Fire Marshal will be required by September 1st, 2021, to outline how the grant was utilized at the department level.

Current Situation:

Due to the time constraints, the Fire Chief accepted the grant in principle and submitted an application on March 19th, 2021 to the OFM for their review and approval, which included the following items:

- 10 Laptops
- 1 Person & Machine Rescue Training Trailer
- 4 Self Contained Breathing Apparatus
- 8 Trench Rescue Training Course Registrations
- 2 Tactical Forcible Entry Training Simulators
- 2 K12 Cutting Simulators
- 1 Crush Door Simulator
- 2 Fire-Frame Window Simulators
- 1 Roll Up Door Saw Prop
- 1 Black Box Machine Rescue Simulator
- 13 Little Family QCPR Light Training Packs

Procuring these items will help facilitate mandatory/essential training requirements more effectively and efficiently while adhering to the COVID-19 physical distancing measures that are currently in place. The total cost of these items is estimated at \$151,000 in line with the amount the City is eligible to receive from the Government of Ontario. Refer to Appendix A for a copy of the completed application form.

Corporate Implications:

Financial Implications:

A budget amendment will be required and a new capital project will need to be established in the amount of \$151,000, fully funded by the grant, contingent upon receiving approval of the City's grant application from the Government of Ontario and subject to Council approval.

Term of Council Priorities:

This report has been prepared in consideration of the Term of Council Priority of "Brampton is a Healthy & Safe City" by ensuring Brampton's firefighters are able to effectively train given the challenges associated with conducting in-person training during COVID-19. In addition, this report helps achieve the Term of Council Priority of "Brampton is a Well-Run City" by leveraging alternative funding sources to maintain service delivery.

Conclusion:

It is recommended that the Council approve the City's grant application for the items outlined in this report so that funding can be provided by the Government of Ontario for training requirements outlined in this report.

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Attachments: Appendix A – Brampton Fire Safety Grant Application Form