



**MUNICIPALITY OF EAST FERRIS  
FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE  
Wednesday, April 6th, 2022**

**Present: Chair Councillor Lougheed, Fire Chief Loeffen, CAO Jason Trottier and Clerk Monica Hawkins**

**Call to Order**

1. Called to order - meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. Approval of the agenda - Agenda approved as prepared
3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest/Pecuniary Interest - None for this meeting
4. Correspondence and Information:

**FIRE DEPARTMENT CERTIFICATION:**

Fire Chief requested a meeting to give Chair Lougheed and CAO an update on the Provincial Legislation with respect to certified training. It was discussed at the Council meeting and Chief wanted to bring Chair Lougheed to speed about Certification.

Chief advised that the Certification process is taking place with the province and was advised that the Ministry of Solicitor General is expected to sign shortly. The certification is going through and Fire Chief is awaiting the outline for the level of services that the Municipality will be required to provide.

Chief advised that the funding received from Enbridge Gas was spent on manuals and CD's which will be needed for the training. Currently, the province is vague on the requirements. Chief advised that East Ferris will be in the full-service category.

The Fire Department members that were registered prior to 2019, will fall under the Seal Program to allow for demonstration, after the establish date of 2019, the new members will need to do the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Curriculum. All municipalities are required to be certified.

Fire Chief has been meeting with neighboring municipalities as to what the plan of action will be. Neighboring Chiefs have been discussing Joint Training - 6 months (one weekend per month - Sept, Oct, Nov., Jan, Feb., March and April). Departments should be ready to do their certification May/June 2026 . July 1st, 2022 is the expected date that legislation will be passed. Chief advised the Municipalities will be on their own for the theoretical and as for the Skill Set it will be done jointly in preparation for the exam with neighboring Municipalities.

As for the costing, Chief advised that in-house training will be minimal, but if out of the Regional Training Centre (RTC) the cost will increase. Chief advised that we need to look at compensation to the new recruits under some form of agreement, such as their time put in for training. This will become a one-line item on the Fire Dept. budget. Chief mentioned that the Municipality has three members that will require to go through the process of certification. Fire Chief agrees that the Certification of Firefighters is a good thing.

Chair Lougheed mentioned to Fire Chief Loeffen that she has received highly comments of him from other Municipalities. Members of other Fire Departments appreciate the collaboration from East Ferris' Fire Chief.

Fire Chief is waiting to see if there will be support from the government for this new legislation being put through.

Chief also advised that he has registered a booth for the East Ferris Trade show for new recruits.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Capital Budget: Community Risk Assessment - Mandatory year - 2025 and the Master Plan. Looking at preparing a RFP/RFQ.