

Wheatland County

Request for Decision

Regular Council Meeting

September 15, 2020

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Wheatland Regional Corporation Bulk Fire Water

Recommendation from Administration

THAT Wheatland County assume bulk water costs associated with firefighting and firefighter training from the Wheatland Regional Corporation (WRC) south truck fill station to an annual maximum of \$5,000 and further,

THAT all fire departments be given a unique passcode to appropriately track and record the amount of water utilized in firefighting and training operations.

Chief Administrative Officer's Comments

A limit of \$5,000 will allow for the purchase of approximately 1,288 m³ of water for training and fire fighting purposes. Further water could be provided by Wheatland County by Council resolution.

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Division: County-wide

On Tuesday August 18, 2020 at the regular meeting of Council, WRC presented a letter to Council requesting that all firefighting water is accounted for and billed to the County.

Fire Services did a calculation and has determined that each training evaluation completed using the bulk fill station would utilize a maximum of 68 Cubic meters of water. It is anticipated that no more than 2 times annually the south truck fill station would be utilized for training purposes. The maximum amount of water that would be used annually would equal 136 cubic meters. At \$3.88 per cubic meter the maximum annual amount for training costs would be \$527.68 per year.

Regarding emergency response it is not possible to anticipate how many cubic meters will be used in firefighting operations. The usage is variable depending on the type and length of the response, for example it is estimated that for the 2017 fires near Gleichen and Carseland fire crews flowed approximately 3785 cubic meters of water, the cost of that fire would be \$14,685.00.

Relevant Policies, Practices, and Legislation

N/A

Alignment with the Strategic Plan

N/A

Response Options

Option 1: THAT the proposed recommendation is accepted/approved.

Option 2: THAT the proposed recommendation is not accepted/approved.

Option 3: THAT an alternate recommendation is accepted/approved.

Implications of Recommendation

This recommendation would give fire services the ability to track the exact amount of bulk water that is being utilized in training and firefighting operations.

General

It benefits fire services to have the ability to access the bulk water in the event it is needed for emergency response

Organizational

The bulk water station is an additional site Fire Services will be able to utilize for water.

Financial

A tracking mechanism will give Fire Services the ability to calculate the use of fire water when utilizing the bulk water fill station.

Environmental, Staff, and Public Safety

Increased firefighting water availability will have a positive impact on public safety.

Follow-up Action / Communications

N/A

Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Henderson", with a stylized, cursive script.

Brian Henderson