

Request for Decision

Title	Town of Redwater 2017 – 2021 Fire Service Agreement
Proposed Motion	That Council authorize the Mayor, CAO and Sturgeon County Fire Chief to execute the 2017 – 2021 Fire Service Agreement with the Town of Redwater.
Administrative Recommendation	Administration recommends Council endorse this agreement.
Previous Council Direction	May 22, 2012 - Motion 200/12: That Sturgeon County Council approve the Sturgeon County/Redwater Fire Agreement effective June 1, 2012.
Report	<p><u>Background Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In early fall of 2011, the Town of Redwater contacted Sturgeon County Protective Services regarding the possibility of the County assuming the operation and administrative control of the Town’s Fire Department. An agreement was negotiated and endorsed by both the Town of Redwater and Sturgeon County. The agreement became effective on June 1, 2012, and expires on December 31, 2017. In the opinion of Administration, the agreement and operations of the District of Redwater Fire Department by Sturgeon County for the past five years has worked out extremely well for both parties. The relationship between staff and Town of Redwater Administration is a strong and collaborative one. The new agreement proposed would become effective January 1, 2017, and expire December 31, 2021 The Town of Redwater Mayor and Council reviewed and endorsed the new agreement on September 20, 2016. <p><u>External Communication</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If endorsed the Town of Redwater will be advised by staff and provided applicable copies of the agreement. <p><u>Relevant Policy/Legislation/Practices:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, c.M-26</i>

Implication of Administrative Recommendation	<p><u>Strategic Alignment:</u></p> <p>Such agreements demonstrate Strong Local Governance and Maintains and Enhances Strong Communities.</p> <p><u>Organizational:</u></p> <p>This agreement ensures sustainable fire and rescue services for both the County and also for the Town over the next five years. A fulfilling working relationship has been in place for many years and this agreement continues to build on that relationship.</p> <p><u>Financial:</u></p> <p>This agreement, fees and funds allocated, although somewhat lower than the previous agreement, have taken into account current operating costs and allocation of funds are better defined. All funding will be maintained within the County Fire Services Operating and Capital budgets.</p>
Alternatives Considered	<p>Council could choose to not accept the agreement and direct staff to re-visit the agreement.</p>
Implications of Alternatives	<p><u>Strategic Alignment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain and Enhance Strong Communities and Organizational Effectiveness <p><u>Organizational:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-opening negotiations on this agreement could result in a change in funding, service levels and directly impact relations between both parties. • Not having a fire service agreement in place with the Town of Redwater in some form or another is not an option. <p><u>Financial:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None.
Follow up Action	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Signatures from those designated in the agreement will be obtained. (No later than October 21) 2. The agreement and administrative requirements as outlined will come into effect January 1, 2017. 3. All applicable staff and volunteers will be briefed on the new agreement.
Attachment(s)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fire Service Agreement 2. Fire Services Agreement (2012-2016)

**Report Reviewed
by:**



P. Mahoney
Fire Chief/Manager of Protective Services



Peter Tarnawsky, County Commissioner – CAO

Strategic Alignment Checklist

Vision: Sturgeon County: a diverse, active community that pioneers opportunities and promotes initiative while embracing rural lifestyles.

Mission: Provide quality, cost effective services and infrastructure to meet the diverse needs of the Sturgeon County community, while improving competitiveness and sustainability.

Focus Areas	Not consistent	N/A	Consistent
Strong Local Governance and Regional Leadership			
<i>We promote consistent and accountable leadership through collaborative and transparent processes (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Consistent with neighborhood role (see MDP), master plans, policies</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Considers fiscal stability and sustainability</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Has a positive impact on regional and sub-regional cooperation</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Respect the Natural Environment			
<i>We acknowledge the importance of a healthy environment and will minimize and monitor our impact on ecosystems (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Compliance with Provincial and Federal regulations and/or legislation</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Ensure effective environmental risk management</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community Identity & Spirit			
<i>We will build upon our strengths, where together we will create an inclusive, caring community (Strategic Plan, (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Promotes and/or enhances residents' identification with Sturgeon County</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Enhances service provision through community partnerships</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Supports Sturgeon County's cultural history</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Planned Growth and Prosperity			
<i>We encourage varied and integrated enterprises that enhance our strong economic base, while balancing the needs of the community and natural environment. (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Does the proposal align with the Integrated Regional Growth Strategy (map/policies) pg. 26 MDP</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Considers cumulative costs and long-term funding implications</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Targets growth around current or planned infrastructure</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Maintain and Enhance Strong Communities			
<i>We are committed to a safe, secure community, where our residents are respected and provided with access to opportunities. (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Positive impact on residents' quality of life</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Supports and promotes volunteer efforts</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Provides programs and services that are accessible to all residents</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Operational Excellence			
<i>We have the organizational capability to deliver consistent and defined levels of service to all stakeholders in a professional, efficient, and cost effective manner</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Staff have the knowledge, skills and capability to perform their jobs</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Streamlines operational processes and policies</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Promotes engagement and professional interaction with stakeholders</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Considers a cost-structure which allows Sturgeon County to remain competitive within a regional, national and global context</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>