



# REPORT

To: Rural Budgets Administration Committee

Report Number: CS-RBAC-012

From: David Sturgeon, Protective Services Manager

Date: January 21, 2021

Subject: **Function 320 Chetwynd Rural Fire Draft 2021 Budget**

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## RECOMMENDATION:

That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee recommend that the Regional Board include the draft 2021 budget for function 320 – Chetwynd Rural Fire in the 2021 Financial Plan.

## BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

The District of Chetwynd provides for fire protection services rural fringe area around its municipal boundaries. Service is provided under contract between the Peace River Regional District (PRRD) and the District of Chetwynd dated from August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 until December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021. The contracted rate, \$112,853, includes fire protection, inspection and prevention, capital purchase funding is upon request.

The Area 'E' Director reviewed the Chetwynd Rural Fire budget 2021 on Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>.

## ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee provide further direction.

## STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

☒ Not Applicable to Strategic Plan.

## FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

Budget highlights:

Requisition = \$123,877 an increase of \$18,588 from 2020.

- General expenditures have increased due to insurance, training and development and the costs associated with the proposed expansion of the fire protection boundaries.
- Allocations have decreased slightly
- The contract for services from the Chetwynd Fire Department for the rural fire service has increased from \$111,090 in 2020 to \$112,853.

Transfer from Area E Peace River Agreement Reserves = \$21, 511 for Election/Referendum costs associated with the proposed expansion of the fire protection boundary in 2021 and to offset requisition.

The maximum requisition as per bylaw 1129, 1998 – Chetwynd Rural Fire Protection Local Service Establishment is \$65,000 or the product of \$1.96/\$1,000 net taxable value on improvements only.

The estimated tax rate for this service in 2021 is \$0.7977 up from \$0.7192 in 2020.

**COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):**

None at this time.

**OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):**

None at this time.

**Attachments:**

1. Function 320 Chetwynd Rural Fire Draft 2021 Budget
2. Chetwynd Provisional Draft 2021 Budget