



Date: September 24, 2025
To: Municipal Council
cc: Kim Ramsay, Chief Administrative Officer
From: Councillor Michael Perry, Fire Advisory Committee Chair
RE: Fire Advisory Committee Report to Municipal Council

The Committee held its regular meeting on September 11, 2025. The following are motions are coming forward as a result of that meeting.

1. FINANCIAL GUIDELINES FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Mr. Clarkson informed the committee that in July Council approved changes to the Municipality's Procurement Policy. The Financial Guidelines for Volunteer Fire Departments were updated to align with the policy. The committee was asked to review this document and make a recommendation on the changes. A copy of the draft guidelines was attached to the agenda.

The Fire Advisory Committee recommends that Council approve the revised Financial Guidelines for Volunteer Fire Departments.

As Chair of the committee, I so move.

2. BROOKLYN FIRE DEPARTMENT REGISTRATION

The Fire Advisory Committee recommends that Council approve the registration for the Brooklyn Volunteer Fire Department.

As Chair of the committee, I so move.

Discussion on whether or not departments should carry a minimum amount of insurance took place.

The Fire Advisory Committee recommends that Council direct staff to prepare a report on minimum insurance limits for fire departments.

As Chair of the committee, I so move.

3. COMPENSATION TO DEPARTMENTS ANSWERING CALLS TO MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES

Because municipal properties pay no tax, no levy money goes to the departments for providing fire protection to those properties. Some of these properties require responses with specialized equipment. Discussion was held around possible levy increases to account for this.

The Fire Advisory Committee recommends that Council direct staff prepare a report on possible funding to those departments answering calls to municipal properties.

As Chair of the committee, I so move.

4. DRY HYDRANTS AND CISTERNS

Discussion occurred around Dry Hydrants and the drought conditions this season. Dry hydrants are the responsibility of individual fire departments. It was suggested that cisterns may be a preferable and more reliable option.

The Fire Advisory Committee recommends that Council direct staff to investigate the implementation of cisterns as part of the 2026 planning review; and that locations and costs of doing so be up for discussion.

As Chair of the committee, I so move.

This concludes the report.