



TOWN OF MINTO

DATE: May 30, 2018
REPORT TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Minto Fire
SUBJECT: 2018 Master Fire Plan Update

STRATEGIC PLAN:

6.4 Maintain and enhance the local volunteer fire fighter model in Minto, and take a leadership role in setting standards for municipalities this size by ensuring training, equipment and vehicles available to volunteers compares with a full time fire service.

BACKGROUND:

In 2017, the Master Fire Plan was updated by a committee of Firefighters and Senior Management in house and approved by Council. It included numerous new recommendations which Minto Fire has been working through the past year. Some items have become higher priority over the year than when the plan was written.

For example critical incident stress has grown from an initiative mainly for firefighters and spouses to include community wide interest for people experiencing serious issues from tragic events. Priorities of the recommendations are always being re-evaluated to make sure Minto Fire continues to be a successful organization.

COMMENTS:

The accompanying presentation outlines provides an update on progress on each recommendation. Many initiatives are showing progress while others have been delayed to 2019. There is progress and huge uptake by Firefighters joining different committees and putting a great deal of work into various projects.

Enough cannot be said about the work the Firefighters put into the different areas. While there may be fewer structure fires than in the past, confined space and water rescue teams have been training outside of the regular training dates. The Firefit team is working together to improve fitness in the department, while pre-planning and training of the CISM team also takes extra training.

Minto Fire continues to work hard to keep up with the changing landscape of volunteer firefighting. Council and community support is a big part of being able to adapt and absorb many of the changes coming into effect. Five years ago no one would have predicted how much emergency management and critical incident stress would play such a vital role in fire departments. Minto Fire's structure and exceptional personnel puts the service in good shape to adapt and implement the changes effectively.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

None with this report

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council accept the Fire Chief's May 30, 2018 report and accompanying presentation for information.

Chris Harrow
Fire Chief