



Report to: General Committee 12/15/14

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**SUBJECT:** Master Fire Plan Update  
**PREPARED BY:** Bill Snowball, Fire Chief

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1) THAT the report and presentation entitled “Master Fire Plan Update” be received; and,
- 2) THAT Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update of the implementation of the Master Fire Plan recommendations.

**BACKGROUND:**

Markham Fire and Emergency Services (MFES) Master Fire Plan (MFP) was completed and adopted in principle by Council in March 2012. In June of 2012 a Master Fire Plan Implementation Plan was approved subject to annual business planning, operating and capital budget processes.

There are forty-two recommendations in the MFP, of the forty-two, sixteen have been completed and the remaining twenty-six are underway. Several of the remaining twenty-six are ongoing and will be completed as part of the City's growth.

One of the critical recommendations of the MFP was to implement an ongoing process to update the community risk profile of the City. This was completed through a Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS) and presented to Council in April 2014. The previous survey of the Town of Markham was conducted by FUS in 1991. The FUS survey has confirmed several of the MFP recommendations related to deployment, communications and fire prevention.

**OPTIONS/ DISCUSSION:**

The Fire Chief will provide a presentation to General Committee on the status of items within the Master Fire Plan that are related to the next four years.

Areas of focus:

1. Response/deployment as result of growth
2. Fire Prevention/Education
3. Communications/Mechanical

The priority for 2015 will be the provision of the aerial for the Cornell Station in order to address gaps in the east part of Markham.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

As outlined in the Master Fire Plan Implementation Plan.

**HUMAN RESOURCES CONSIDERATIONS:**

N/A

**ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:**

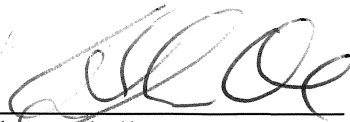
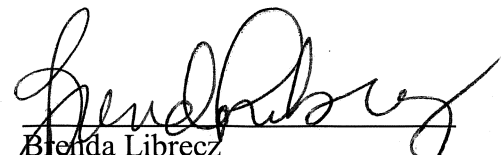
Growth Management: Additional aerial provides greater access to built form in the City.

Municipal Services: Planned addition of aerial device in January 2015 is described in the previously approved Fire Master Plan.

Accessibility: Ladder device with bucket has the added capabilities to evacuate persons requiring assistive devices and wheelchairs.

**BUSINESS UNITS CONSULTED AND AFFECTED:**

N/A

**RECOMMENDED****BY:**  
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