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Western Region Community Council
June 27, 2005

TO: Chairman and Members of Western Region Community Council

SUBMITTED BY: Michael E. Eddy
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SUBJECT: Fire Service Standards

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

This report is being submitted at the result of a motion (item 12.5) put forth by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Meade that Fire Service be advised that communities be consulted prior to changes in standards being made.

BACKGROUND

Fire Service has developed a Service Delivery Standard which will be going forward to Council in the very near future. The Service Delivery standard will provide Fire Service with a formalized measure for responses, equipment, etc. based on population density and allow the Fire Service to plan for the future growth of HRM in conjunction with the Regional Plan.

DISCUSSION

Upon the adoption of the Service Delivery Standard a multi-year plan will be developed for the implementation of staffing, equipment, etc. as identified in the plan. Fire Service staff will seek attendance at each of the Community Councils to provide an overview of the Service Delivery Standard, upon its approval. Public meetings will be held as required to inform the citizens of HRM of the service standard and what it means to them.

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BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Multi-year plan to be developed upon approval of standard.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES/BUSINESS PLAN

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

REGIONAL PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

Service Delivery Standards aligns with Regional Plan .

ALTERNATIVES

None

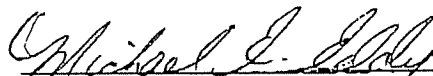
ATTACHMENTS

None

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