



STAFF REPORT

TO: Municipal Council

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APPROVED BY: Erin Hartley, Deputy CAO

DATE: September 27, 2023

SUBJECT: Fire Advisory Committee – Request for Training Fund Reserve

ORIGIN

Discussions with the Fire Advisory Committee (FAC) at the August 10, 2023 meeting regarding the existing of training funds, balances of training fund accounts and need for funding to be carried forward in line with the availability of its membership.

RECOMMENDATION

That, as recommended by the Fire Advisory Committee, the Council of the Municipality of the District of Shelburne approves the creation of a Fire Training Fund Reserve to allow unused training funds to be carried forward in reserve for future use.

DISCUSSION

At a meeting of the FAC on August 10, 2023 the FAC discussed the current training funds available and the need to secure more training for members. One of the barriers to training is the availability of courses during the summer months when more members would be available to attend. The suggested solution is for the local departments to host their own training sessions and have several members attend at one time. Currently the training funds are sufficient to support 1-2 members being trained for level 1 each year. If the funds could be carried forward to future years by being held in a reserve account, training could be paid for several members from each local department at one time. This would allow for the training to be arranged locally at a convenient time when more members could attend.

ALTERNATIVES

To not approve this request and continue with the current training fund account with no carry forward.