Municipal District of Bonnyville No. 87
Request for Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Regular Meeting of Council
Meeting Date:	August 22, 2023
Originated By:	Luis Gandolfi, Director of Public Safety
Title:	Cherry Grove Firehall – Feasibility Report

PROPOSAL & BACKGROUND

At a Regular Meeting of Council on May 9, 2023, Council directed Administration to return with options for a new fire hall in the Hamlet of Cherry Grove. By using the designs of our two most recent fire halls in Ardmore and Fort Kent (commissioned in 2019), and the Lacorey fire hall's water capture system, Administration has developed a cost report which provides Council with options for adopting either design for Cherry Grove in 2024 dollars.

Both building options lean heavily on Infrastructure Services who can provide some of the initial project needs such as clearing land, preparing roads and approaches, and excavation and placement of sewage and water systems on the exterior.

Construction could get underway during the spring of 2024.

DISCUSSION ON BENEFITS, DISADVANTAGES & OPTIONS

While Infrastructure Services has indicated their willingness to contribute to this project, their participation will consume many of their resources for approximately one month which could affect the completion of spring items presently in their que. The architect firm involved in the Fort Kent and Ardmore builds (2019) indicated that building costs for the Cherry Grove fire hall will have increased ~45% by the spring of 2024 making the new cost for each building as follows:

Ardmore - $4,327,000 – shop attached
Fort Kent - $2,945,000 – no shop

For the fire apparatus recommended by the BRFA (adjusted at 7% annual inflation from 2022 price):

2024 Pumper - $739,388
2024 Tanker - $539,714

Additional Construction Costs including water capture system, engineering, geotechnical, radio systems, interior equipment & appliances, in short everything else, is broken down line by line in Appendix A. The estimated cost inclusive of all known expenses for either option:

Option A – Ardmore version - $6,809,917 plus optional phase 3 electrical $160,000 if required.
Option B – Fort Kent version - $5,331,177 plus optional phase 3 electrical $160,000 if required.

Attachments:
Appendix A – Cost Breakdown
Appendix B – Aerial Image of site
Appendix C – Cherry Grove Subdivision

REFERENCE TO STRATEGIC PLAN
Goal 2: Enhance Safety in the Community
Goal 3: Sustainable Infrastructure that meets the needs of the Community

Cherry Grove is somewhat isolated from the rest of the MD and is our largest Hamlet. This is a heavily wooded area that could be exposed to risk due to the lack of a local firehall.

REFERENCE TO PROVINCIAL/FEDERAL LEGISLATION

N/A

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING

There are currently no funds put aside for this capital project. Funding options, through MD reserve funds, would need to be discussed and approved by Council.

COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY

Part of the process of establishing a firehall will involve recruitment through the BRFA. MD Marketing and Communications could be engaged to assist in this process.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDED ACTION

At Council's discretion.

COUNCIL OPTIONS

1. THAT Council directs Administration to bring the Cherry Grove Firehall Project to 2024 Budget deliberations using the design and costing estimates for Option [A or B].

2. THAT Council directs Administration to bring back additional information for a Cherry Grove Firehall to a future meeting of Council, as discussed.

3. THAT Council accepts the Cherry Grove Firehall – Feasibility Report as information.

Report Approval Details

Document Title:	Cherry Grove Fire Hall - Update.docx
Attachments:	- Appendix A - Cherry Grove Fire Hall - Vetted Cost Analysis - 20230724 LEG.pdf - Appendix B - Aerial Image.pdf - Appendix C - Cherry Grove Subdivision.pdf
Final Approval Date:	Aug 10, 2023

This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

Stephanie Severin