



### **Subject: Fort McKay Fire Hall – Lease With an Option to Purchase Agreement**

#### **APPROVALS:**

Jamie Doyle, Director  
Annette Antoniak, Interim Chief Administrative Officer

#### **Administrative Recommendation:**

THAT it be recommended to Council that the Municipality enter into a Lease With an Option to Purchase Agreement with the Fort McKay Métis Community Association for the property legally described as Lot 4, Plan MCKAY (approximately 2.5 acres in size) for a minimum term of 50 years at the nominal rate of \$1.00 per year, to facilitate development of a fire hall.

#### **Summary:**

The Municipality is seeking approval to enter into a Lease With an Option to Purchase Agreement (the “Agreement”) with the Fort McKay Métis Community Association (FMMCA) for a nominal rate of \$1.00 per year and for a minimum term of 50 years. The Agreement will allow the Municipality to move forward with the design and construction of a new fire hall on approximately 2.5 acres of FMMCA owned land as described above.

Council approval is required to approve an Agreement for a term greater than five years.

#### **Background:**

In 2013 the Fort McKay Fire Hall project was initiated by Regional Emergency Services (RES). During a public engagement event held on June 15, 2015 with the community of Fort McKay, the concept of including a new fire hall as part of the proposed multi-plex was discussed. This concept was not supported by the Fort McKay First Nation (FMFN). The project scope was revised and three new sites were identified as potential locations for the new fire hall. The three sites were explored and deemed as unavailable due to the community plans already in place for these areas. Further discussions occurred between RES, FMFN and FMMCA to identify a new location.

On March 16, 2017 an understanding was reached with the FMMCA and the FMFN that the new fire hall will be built on FMMCA owned land within the community of Fort McKay. Land Administration will work with the FMMCA on the Agreement and will include a nominal rate of \$1.00 per year for a minimum term of 50 years. In addition, once the Agreement is in place the Municipality will pursue the option to purchase the land from the FMMCA.

**Budget/Financial Implications:**

There would be no budget or financial implications if the Municipality entered into an Agreement with the FMMCA at a nominal rate of \$1.00 per year. Once the Agreement is in place the Municipality will move forward with the purchase.

**Rationale for Recommendation:**

The community of Fort McKay requires a new and upgraded fire hall facility as soon as possible.

Entering into an Agreement with the FMMCA would be the quickest way to secure the use of the lands allowing the Municipality to move forward with the design followed with the construction of the new fire hall facility.

**Strategic Plan Linkage:**

Pillar 2 – Building Balanced Regional Services

**Attachment:**

1. Subject Area Map – Proposed Fire Hall Lease Area, dated March 23, 2017