

MEETING DATE: MAY 20, 2025

REQUEST FOR DECISION - TO COMMITTEE

SUBJECT

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – LAKELAND COLLEGE EMERGENCY TRAINING SCHOOL AND THE COUNTY OF VERMILION RIVER

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the County of Vermilion River Policy and Priorities Committee recommend that the County of Vermilion River approve the signing of the revised Memorandum of Understanding between Lakeland College Emergency Training School and the County of Vermilion River.

DETAILS

Background: Lakeland College and the County Fire Service have had an informal agreement as it pertains to training for the last several years. With the threat of ever-expanding wildfires, provincial emergencies and industrial fires, a partnership with the College to provide support, assistance, equipment and personnel to assist the County in local and regional emergencies.

This not only supports our Fire Division, but also strengthens our Emergency Management Team, who can call for trained personnel when dealing with disasters.

This was approved at the April 8, 2025 Regular meeting of Council however there were revisions to the agreement which meant the MOU would need to be brought back to Council to approve the revised agreement.

Discussion:

Relevant Policy/Legislation Practices:

- *Municipal Government Act*
- *Emergency Management Act*
- *Forest & Prairie Protection Act*
- *Fire Bylaw (#23-10)*

Desired Outcome (s):

Response Options:



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IMPLICATIONS OF RECOMMENDATION

Organizational:

Financial: Cost of utilizing Lakeland College are the same as those for other departments, based on a per hour/per apparatus cost recovery.

Communication Required:

Implementation:

ATTACHMENTS

- Draft MOU
- REVISED MOU for signing

PREPARED BY: Kirk Hughes, Director of Protective Services & Emergency Management

DATE: May 16, 2025