

MEETING DATE: JULY 15, 2025 BRIEFING NOTE - TO COUNCIL

SUBJECT

EC911 AFRRCS – Capital Advance

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the County of Vermilion River accept for information the update on requisition for EC911 Dispatch cost advance for the transition to AFRRCS.

DETAILS

Background: A meeting of the EC911 Society occurred in June where it was discussed that an advance request will be made from all members, including the County of Vermilion River, of approximately \$40,545.00 (\$5.00 rate per resident multiplied by 8,109 residents). This increase is attributed to inflation on components needed for the purchase of an AFRRCS Console (originally earmarked for \$175,000 now around \$188,715).

Any advanced contributions will count towards future capital requisitions for services provided by EC911, such as fire dispatch.

This information is being shared with Council as the precise request will not be known until Fall of 2025.

Discussion:

Relevant Policy/Legislation Practices:

Desired Outcome (s):

Response Options:

IMPLICATIONS OF RECOMMENDATION



Organizational: The transition to AFRRCS impacts all 8x County Fire Districts, as well as our Public Safety Division. All are aware of this transition.

Financial: Protective Services earmarked \$50,000 in transitional cost. If the request comes in as expected from the June 2025 meeting, there is enough to cover in operations. If the request comes in above that, Protective Services has overages set aside in Operational Reserves to cover.

Communication Required: In the Fall meeting, if EC911 makes a formal request for an advance, Protective Services will create a Request for Council Decision at that time.

Implementation: EC911 is hoping to transition to AFRRCS as early as Fall/Winter 2025

Pertains to this Corporate Goal: Council Strategic Plan – Protective Services 2.6

ATTACHMENTS

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