

Fire Rescue Services

2020 Core Presentation

Township of
ESQUIMALT

Core Services

- Fire Suppression
 - Minimum on duty strength of a five person response
 - Additional resources available; off duty staff, mutual aid, fire service agreements
 - First response medical aid
- Rescue Services(Technical Rescue)
 - Motor vehicle accidents
 - Confined space, low angle and shoreline water rescue
- CRD Hazardous Materials Response



Strategic Priorities/Objectives

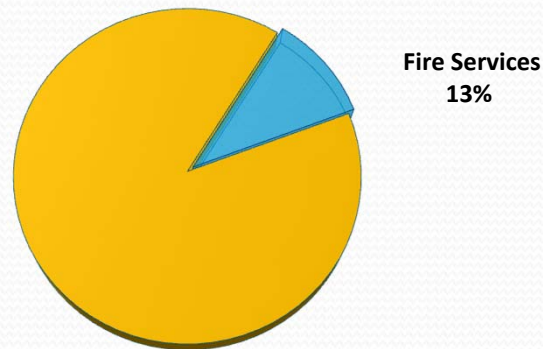
- Healthy, livability and diverse community
 - Fully utilize the \$17million McLoughlin amenity funds to maximum potential
- Resilient and diverse economic environment
 - Develop and seek opportunities for the municipal lands within the Esquimalt Town Center.
- Build and enhance partnerships
 - Work with governments, school districts and stakeholders to enhance relationships and advance issues impacting the community



2019 Budget Summary

- Total FTE = 28
- Capital Budget = \$5,895,000 (incl. McLoughlin amenities)
- Operating Budget = \$4,698,000

Share of Operating Budget



2019 Achievements

- Hosted several regional fire training courses and workshops.
- Updated our Computer Assisted Dispatch (CAD) software with Surrey Fire.
- Increased Fire Response to 1st Alarm Fires with Automatic Aid from CFB Esquimalt.
- Implemented the CREST P25 in September.
- Developed increase Fire Department capacity to support long term and community wide events.
- Updated mapping with fire hydrants and alternate water supply locations.



Key Challenges

- The department is continuously evolving while focusing on core functions. As such, the following opportunities and challenges are identified:

Challenges

- Maintaining cost control
- Streamlining administrative tasks

Opportunities

- Greater use of technologies for streamlining administrative functions
- Continue to explore new and higher level partnerships



2020 Initiatives

- Consult with stakeholders on McLoughlin Point Amenity Reserve Funds and conduct a capacity and needs assessment for the public safety facility.
- Continue fire and life safety programs within the Township.
- Continue and expand joint training sessions with other fire departments.
- Update region wide emergency services mapping to be used as part of the Computer Assisted Dispatch systems.
- Conduct an update for the Fire Underwriters rating.

