



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Community Fire Hall Advisory Committee

January 17, 2018

The Town of Creston Council invites interested individuals to serve on its new Community Fire Hall Advisory Committee (AC). The AC will explore options for the provision of a Fire Hall and associated fire protection services that:

- Meet all legislative/regulatory requirements and industry standards; and
- Service the current and future populations of the Town of Creston and Town of Creston Fire Protection Contract Areas.

Why do we need an advisory committee?

While the recent borrowing referendum was unsuccessful, the Town of Creston is still required to provide a fire hall that meets legislative requirements (e.g., BC Building Code), health and safety regulations (e.g., WorkSafe BC), industry guidelines (e.g., National Fire Protection Association), and other criteria.

Working with technical experts and an appointed facilitator, AC members will explore short and long-term options for the provision of a fire hall and fire protection services that will meet residents' and fire fighters' needs now and into the future.

Help us create a made-in-Creston solution that will meet the fire protection needs of our community, and our fire fighters, now and for years to come!

How will the committee be structured?

It's anticipated that the Advisory Committee will include approximately 9 to 11 members, who will meet once every two weeks over the next six or more months. AC members will be chosen based on criteria outlined in the Community Fire Hall Advisory Committee Terms of Reference, and will represent individual interests, as well as those of community groups, local businesses, and other stakeholder groups.

Who can apply to sit on the advisory committee?

The Town is looking for enthusiastic citizens to join the committee. You're invited to apply if you are a resident/property owner in the Town of Creston or a Town of Creston Fire Protection Contract Area, and are:

- Interested in the future of the Town of Creston from a community-wide perspective;
- Willing and able to commit the necessary time;
- Willing to work respectfully toward consensus with people holding different views;
- Willing to recognize and respect the AC process in relation to Council's decision-making structure; and

- Willing to have your name, comments, and images become part of the public record (e.g., website, AC meeting minutes, reports, publications, media releases, social media, and external media coverage);

Applicants must also have one of the following:

- And interest in fire services, and health and safety matters;
- Academic or technical qualification, work experience, knowledge, and professional expertise; or
- Skills and experience related to the provision of fire/emergency services, building and development, and/or project management.

In AC membership, Council will seek to create an appropriate balance, including technical and non-technical members of various ages, genders, and other demographic characteristics, and with a variety of perspectives on social, economic, health, and safety issues.

How can I apply to sit on the AC?

Interested individuals or organizations are invited to review the [Terms of Reference](#), and submit the Application Form by February 2, 2018. Forms are available online [here](#), or at the Town Hall (238 10th Avenue North). If you'd like to receive one by mail, simply call 250-428-2214.

Applications will be reviewed, with Council finalizing AC membership on February 13, 2018.

Thank you for your interest in making our community safe!

For more information:

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