

Committee of the Whole (2) Report

DATE: Tuesday, November 12, 2024

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TITLE: 2023 VAUGHAN FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT

FROM:

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ACTION: FOR INFORMATION

Purpose

The Vaughan Fire and Rescue Service (VFRS) 2023 Annual Report highlights the ongoing efforts to maintain and enhance fire safety and fire prevention efforts through education and prevention mechanisms. In addition, performance relating to providing a quality, efficient and effective emergency response service such that life safety outcomes are improved. The report outlines the critical initiatives vital in achieving strategic objectives, mitigating challenges, capitalizing on opportunities, ensuring our services continuously evolve, and enhancing our ability to serve and protect our citizens. A statistical and budget overview are also included.

Report Highlights

- A summary of the key activities and initiatives within the fire prevention/education, operations, mechanical, training and communications division.
- Outlines the service priorities which ensures an efficient and effective fire service for those who work, live, play and learn in the City of Vaughan.
- Communicates and demonstrates that VFRS offers the delivery a full-service fire prevention, protection and emergency services, meeting the current and evolving diverse needs of our City.

Recommendations

1. THAT the 2023 Vaughan Fire and Rescue Service Annual Report be received for information.

Background

An annual report ensures transparency in operational performance, builds public awareness and ensures continuous improvement. The annual report highlights the past year's programs, initiatives, challenges, and achievements. It recognizes all the members of the VFRS team; firefighters, fire prevention inspectors/investigators, communications officers, training officers, mechanics, and clerks; for their vital role in keeping our community safe.

Previous Reports/Authority

All previous annual reports can be found on the City of Vaughan website [using this link](#)

Analysis and Options

This report supports the 2022-2026 Term of Council Service Excellence Strategic Plan; as we move forward on our journey of Service Excellence, and deliver on Council approved city-building initiatives including:

Safe, Active and Diverse Communities

- Enhance community well being
- Maintain safety in our community

Good Governance

- Ensure transparency and accountability

Citizen Experience

- Commitment to Citizen Services

Operational Performance

- Leverage data driven decision making processes
- Promote innovation and continuous improvement

Staff Engagement

- Empower staff

Financial Impact

None. All programs included within council approved budget.

Operational Impact

None.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

None.

Conclusion

The Annual Report complements our other communication strategies, such as social media, newsletters, departmental website, public information, brochures/postcards, public education events and information sessions, and overall department branding strategy.

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Attachments

1. Vaughan Fire and Rescue Service 2023 Annual Report.

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