



## **STAFF REPORT**

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**Meeting Date: May 23, 2023**

**Title: Superior Tanker Shuttle Accreditation**

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**Department:** Fire

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### **Recommendation:**

After analysis and consideration, it is recommended that Council direct staff to evaluate staffing, fleet, equipment and training each year to work towards Superior Tanker Shuttle Accreditation. I would also recommend moving this to a long-term goal in our Fire Master Plan.

### **Background:**

In the 2022 Fire Master Plan created by the Loomex Group, it was recommended that The Dryden Fire Service should work towards obtaining the Superior Tanker Shuttle Accreditation to reduce insurance rates for the applicable residents and businesses in the City.

### **Discussion:**

We looked at the following components when evaluating the requirement to achieve Superior Tanker Shuttle Accreditation.

1. **Staffing-** We require significant staffing to move the water needed to achieve Accreditation. We currently face staffing challenges in District 2.
2. **Water Supply-** We require accessible water sources 365 days a year, no further than 5 km from any home in the coverage area. We would need to identify these sources and keep them maintained and accessible all year round.

3. **Training-** Firefighter Training must increase by approximately 35% to meet the accreditation requirements.
4. **Fleet-** Our current fleet is designed primarily to use City Hydrants. We do have one 1500-gallon tanker. We would require more tankers or pumper/tanker combination units to maintain the necessary flow for Accreditation.

With The Dryden Fire Service's current structure, achieving this Accreditation would take a lot of work. However, we will continue to evaluate these items to work towards this if the municipality experiences growth and development that would give us the budget and staffing to meet the requirements of this Accreditation.

### **Financial Implications:**

To achieve this Accreditation, the City would require a substantial increase in the operating budget for training and capital investment in the fleet. However, as we work through our fleet replacement schedule, we will consider working toward this goal in the long-term future.

Current Budget Allocation: N/A

Account #: N/A