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## FAQ on the Resort Village of Candle Lake Emergency Services Year Master Plan

### Why is a Master Plan for emergency services needed?

A Master Plan is an expression of our intention for the future when it comes to emergency services. Based on research, it includes recommendations that will help meet the emergency service needs of our community over the next 10 years. The benefits of having a Master Plan includes better and more informed and consistent decision-making, predictability for the future, and leads to better planning and use of resources. Enhancing emergency services will also help ensure residents personal costs for fire protection including insurance premiums are minimized as much as possible.

### What was the total cost to produce the Master Plan?

The total cost to produce the Master Plan was \$30,535 with \$25,442 covered through a grant.

### What are some of the actions the Plan suggests?

The Plan recommends immediate actions including fire inspection activities, applying for funding to enhance equipment and gear, and implementing an organizational model that includes the payment of an annual salary to the Fire Chief. An opportunity to apply for SGI grant funding was identified in the plan that has resulted in approval of a grant of \$70,000 for extrication equipment.

#### Immediate opportunities

Some of the short-term actions (1-3 years) include the purchase of a wildlife urban interface vehicle, a formal community fire education program, and annual auto extrication training.

A few medium-term (4-6 years) action items focus on capital projects like planning for a new Pumper by 2027, and dry hydrants where all weather access is available for the fire department.

A longer-time action identified is the replacement of the Fire Hall to one that is better suited for the requirements of today's fire service.

Please refer to the Master Plan for a complete list of recommendations can be found in the Master Plan.

### What will it cost to implement the Master Plan?

The actions identified in the Master Plan are recommendations only. Costing of the action items would be based on available funding and revenue.

### Will residents have an opportunity to comment on the implementation of the Plan?

The action items included in the Master Plan are recommendations only. All decisions made on spending will be done through our existing annual budgeting process.

### **Can changes be made to the Master Plan?**

Yes, progress on the implementation of the Plan will be monitored to determine the best course of action for further implementation of the action items. It is intended to be a living document and will be reviewed each year to ensure the information remains relevant. Plan updates will be shared with the community.

### **Who led the creation of the Master Plan?**

The Master Plan was completed by Genesis 20/20 Solutions. The project was guided by RVCL Staff, in cooperation with Candle Lake Emergency Services (CLES).

### **How were the recommendations in the Plan formulated?**

Research and information gathering focused on data, reports, bylaws, operational guidelines, community plan, and demographics. Based on an analysis of all data, recommendations which consider best practices in industry standards and legislation were created.

### **Who can I contact to ask more questions about the Master Plan?**

Please contact Jim Arnold, Fire Chief, by email at [fire@candlelake.ca](mailto:fire@candlelake.ca) or by phone at (306) 929-2236.