



CENTRAL YORK FIRE SERVICES

CYFS Second Quarter Report 2022 Fire Services Report

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Recommendations

1. That Fire Services Report JCC-2022-05 CYFS Second Quarter Report 2022 dated September 6, 2022, be received; and,
2. That CYFS Second Quarter Report 2022 be received for information purposes

Purpose

This report is to provide the JCC with the Second Quarter Operating and Capital results for Central York Fire Services for the period ending June 30, 2022.

Background

The First Quarter Report 2022-04 was circulated as an Information Report on August 2, 2022. Highlights from the First Quarter Report include:

- Overtime expenditures were unfavourable to budget mainly due to the spike in covid-19 cases.
- Fire Prevention expenditures were unfavourable to budget due to the purchase of smoke alarms and combination smoke/CO alarms. This cost was covered by the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation of Canada Grant (Other Grants).
- Wellness Program contract was awarded and is expected to start sometime this summer/fall.

Financial Impact

The net expenditures after additional transfers compared to budget at the end of the second quarter of 2022 were favourable by \$486,550. Additional transfers include wage gapping for Station 4-5, and wellness savings transferred to the asset replacement fund.

Expenditures

Total expenses were \$1,208,721 favourable to budget which is mainly due to the following:

Wages & WSIB

Wages and benefits are below budget. The eight positions for the new fire hall (Station 4-5) start dates commenced in April 2022. The total wage gapping transferred to reserve in 2022 is \$609,978. This completes the Station 4-5 wage gapping transfers to reserve.

The portion of salaries recovered for employees injured at work, while they receive their full-time wages, is included in Workplace Safety & Insurance Board reimbursements of \$202,398.

Miscellaneous

Miscellaneous expenditures include costs for new recruit graduations in addition to emergency scene-related food and drink. This expenditure category is expected to balance out over the course of the year.

Equipment and Vehicle Repairs and Maintenance

Equipment Repairs and Maintenance includes costs associated with repairs of auto extrication equipment and battery-powered fans.

Vehicle Repairs and Maintenance are over budget due to the timing of when vehicles are scheduled for their annual service.

In addition, material costs are beginning to trend higher due to inflationary pressures. Spending trends will be closely monitored in 2022 and appropriate adjustments will be proposed for the 2023 Budget.

Cell Phone

Cell phone charges are over budget in 2022 due to new phones and tablets purchased in 2021 to facilitate remote inspections at vulnerable occupancies. As a result, spending will be closely monitored in 2022 and appropriate adjustments will be proposed for the 2023 Budget.

Fire Prevention – Public Education

Fire Prevention public education expenditures in Q2 include the purchase of children's public education materials, and unattended cooking door knockers to be distributed as part of the smoke alarm campaign.

Training

Training expenditures include scheduling courses for development, promotions, and instructors. This expenditure category is expected to balance out over the course of the year.

Wellness

The under-budget variance of \$73,919 was transferred to the asset replacement reserve. The under-budget variance will continue to be transferred to the asset replacement fund until the commencement of the program.

Revenues

Total revenues were unfavourable to budget by \$38,273.

The cost recovery program revenues were unfavourable compared to budget by \$8,065. The fire recoveries are less than budget mainly due to the timing of King and Whitchurch-Stouffville retainer invoicing.

- Whitchurch-Stouffville's first retainer of \$32,500 was invoiced in Q1, the final amount will be invoiced in Q3.
- King City's first retainer of \$23,377 was invoiced in Q2, the final amount will be invoiced in Q4.

The majority of the other variances are due to timing.

Additional Transfers

The additional reserve fund transfers after the net expenditures are summarized in the below chart.

Net Expenditures before additional transfers	1,170,447
Contribution for Station 4-5, from wage gapping	(609,978)
Additional Asset Replacement Fund contributions, from wellness savings	(73,919)
Net Expenditures after additional transfers	486,550

Capital

The total 2022 Capital Budget is \$7,115,400. Expenditures of \$2,887,256 were incurred in the first six months of 2022. This was mainly for Station 4-5 construction costs of \$2,642,747.

Conclusion

At this point, there is no indication that net expenditures will exceed the budget at the end of the year. Inflationary pressures will continue to be monitored for future year budgetary impact.

Consultation

There has been consultation between the Finance staff of both Aurora and Newmarket, as well as Fire Services management.

Impact On The Master Fire Plan

This report is consistent with the budget methodology set out in the Master Fire Plan.

Attachments

Operating Results for the Six Months ending June 30, 2022

Capital Projects for the Six Months ending June 30, 2022

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