



REPORT

TO: Community Services Executive Committee

FROM: Jason Kabel, Community Services Division Manager

DATE: August 3, 2018

RE: **Memorial Sports Centre Fire Alarm Panel**

Background

For the past while the Memorial Sports Centre has been struggling with the fire alarm panel that monitors the facility. It has frequently been going into 'trouble' mode with various monitoring devices throughout the building. Due to the age of the panel (installed 2000 – 18 years old), to rectify any issues it requires management to procure qualified personnel from Thunder Bay to correct the trouble to return to a normal state.

On July 13, 2018, the Fort Frances Fire Department invoked a mandatory fire watch of the facility due to the alarm panel being in a trouble state. This requires an inspection of every part of the building every hour and documentation thereof. On July 19, 2018 the panel was returned to a normal state by Troy Life & Fire Safety from Thunder Bay. This 2nd service call of the year was about \$2,500.

On Monday, July 30th, after a service call the previous week, the panel erratically sounded the alarm in the entire facility that enacts the fire emergency plan, elicits evacuation of the building, and dispatching of the fire department. There was no apparent reason for the sounding of the alarm that was discovered.

Unfortunately, the fire alarm panel seems to have come to the end of life and is in need of replacement. Attached is a copy of one quotation to replace the fire alarm panel. The Community Services Division is attempting to get 2 additional quotations as per procurement policy requirements. Local proprietors are not able to replace this type of panel.

RECOMMENDATION

The Community Services Executive Committee recommends to Mayor & Council to endorse replacement of the Memorial Sports Centre Fire Alarm Panel as an unbudgeted capital item for the lowest available quotation price.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jason Kabel

Council approval of this report will agree to the recommendation of the Community Services Executive Committee to endorse replacement of the Memorial Sports Centre Fire Alarm Panel as an unbudgeted capital item for the lowest available quotation price (2 more quotations are being sought).