

Q&A REGARDING GREENWICH FIRE SERVICE

Who completed the study and why was a study needed?

- Emergency Management and Training Inc., a Fire Services Specialist Company with extensive Canadian and International fire experience was hired to complete the study
- The study was needed to address concerns including the need for large capital investments, and to address disagreements between the Greenwich Fire Department and the Greenwich Fire Commission
- The study was completed at the request of the Greenwich Fire Department, the Greenwich Fire Commission, the Town of Wolfville, and the Municipality of the County of Kings
- The consultant interviewed the Fire Chiefs, Officers, met with the Greenwich and Wolfville Fire Departments, and surveyed the membership

What are the main recommendations of the study?

- 4-5 times required coverage as per National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards
- Assist firefighters to transition to other departments
- The Wolfville Fire Department is more than capable for providing the same or better coverage and response times
- Preferred governance model is a Municipally owned department
- Future investment in human resource (firefighters) as opposed to funding duplicate buildings and equipment
- Engage a Transition Coordinator to implement the recommendations

What are the main responsibilities of the Transition Coordinator?

- Emergency Solutions International has been engaged to serve as Transition Coordinator
- To work with firefighters looking to volunteer with other departments
- Work with the Greenwich Fire Department and Greenwich Fire Commission to address any current financial commitments
- Site a location for a new Fire Station to serve the Wolfville and Greenwich Fire Districts
- The Transition Coordinator will have a scheduled presence to meet with stakeholders

What are the commitments to a new Fire Station?

- To construct one new Fire Station to replace both Wolfville and Greenwich Fire Stations
- To site accordingly to provide optimal protection for the entire area (NFPA Standards)
- Built to modern day Occupational Health and Safety requirements for Firefighters
- Built to legislated Accessibility Standards
- Built to high energy efficiency standards

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