

Council Memorandum

Date: June 9th, 2020

To: Council

From: Councillor Dunn

Re: Signage "Volunteer Emergency Lights"

Recommendation:

That the memorandum from Councillor Dunn regarding signage for volunteer emergency lights be received;

That Staff provide options to Council for the placement of "Pull Over and Stop for Flashing Green Light" signs at various vantage points throughout the City;

That these options be included as a decision unit in the 2021 Budget; and

That these recommendations be brought forward at the next Regular Council Meeting.

Rationale:

While certain urban areas enjoy the protection of our Professional Firefighters, the Volunteer Firefighters are the backbone of fire suppression throughout the majority of the City. Our volunteers, when responding to a call, make use of a flashing green light to warn vehicles of their approach. This assists our volunteers in arriving at the scene of an incident in a timely and safe manner. While many of rural residents are familiar with the significance of the "Flashing Green" the same cannot necessarily be said of our visitors. The placement of signage at strategic locations would make everyone more aware and assist in making a dangerous job a little less dangerous.