

District of Barriere

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Date: October 27, 2025	Item: 5b
To: Council	From: A. Hovenkamp, Fire Chief
Re: UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – Volunteer and Composite Fire Departments Equipment and Training Grant	

Background: The Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) is a suite of funding streams intended to enhance the resiliency of local governments, First Nations, and communities in responding to emergencies. Funding is provided by the Province of BC and is administered by UBCM. One of these funding streams is specific to Composite and Volunteer Fire Halls.

Discussion: Training and Equipment is needed to keep Barriere Fire Rescue within the BC Structural Firefighting playbook standards. Barriere Fire Rescue is eligible to apply for up to \$30,000 worth of funding for training and equipment, this could include:

- Washer and Dryer for Gear.
- Small Equipment.
- Turn-out Gear (including helmets and boots).
- Training (as outlined in the BC Structure Firefighter Minimum Training Standards).
- Fire related training props to assist with in-house training.

In the past, the District of Barriere has been successful with this grant, and has received training, turn-out gear and small equipment.

A Council resolution is required for the application.

Recommendation: *THAT staff be directed to apply for funding in the amount of \$30,000 under the UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund.*

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