

## **Fire Training Grounds Project**

### **1.0 Introduction**

The safety of firefighters and successful fire suppression and rescue operations are directly related to fire departments abilities to train the required skills in a safe and controlled environment. Similar realities are true for all safety-sensitive work carried out in any emergency response setting. Repetition and practice enhance expertise.

The Saskatoon Fire Department recognizes its commitment to respond to fire and rescue calls where ever they occur, and often the need to work with you, our partners and stakeholders to ensure successful outcomes. These incidents require the SFD to prepare and practice for all possibilities be they residential, commercial, and industrial incidents to ensure the safety of our citizens.

It is for these reasons that the Saskatoon Fire Department has initiated the planning of a safety training facility. SFD recognizes our partners have their own training needs that align with our vision of a safety training facility. Therefore, we are forwarding your organization this expression of interest.

### **2.0 Purpose**

The Major Projects Section of the City of Saskatoon has been requested by the Saskatoon Fire Department to prepare a solicitation for an expression of interest (EOI) to be distributed to a variety of potential stakeholders who may be interested in participating in the development or use of the proposed Fire Training Grounds. It is anticipated that many organizations have similar basic needs (e.g. rescue training facilities). Ensuring that requirements of potential participants are understood will allow the SFD to incorporate those requirements into the design. The following methods of participation are anticipated:

- A. Partner: a stakeholder who contributes funding (or in kind resources) to develop the future site in exchange for input into the development process and rights to use the site (details to be negotiated).
- B. Potential User: a stakeholder who may use the site in exchange for a fee. It is important for the Saskatoon Fire Department understand the site requirements of this stakeholder in order to best accommodate their future use.
- C. Potential Future User: a stakeholder who does not anticipate using the site but is willing to provide their potential requirements for the Saskatoon Fire Department to consider incorporating in case the situation changes in the future.
- D. Sponsor: a stakeholder who provides financial or in kind support to develop the facilities, perhaps out of community-mindedness or positive personal experience with the Saskatoon Fire Department. Sponsorship packages to be determined.

### **3.0 Project Intent**

The Saskatoon Fire Department intends to secure approximately 40 acres of land in the City of Saskatoon or the surrounding area. It will then develop the site to suit firefighting training but would also be interested in developing portions of the site to suit other stakeholders. Additionally the SFD may provide instructional services.

### **4.0 Facility Build Plan**

The plan to build the facility is long term with the timing of each feature to be determined. At full buildout, the facility is expected to feature:

- Burn Facility and Props
- Water Source (high volume and pressure)
- Trench and Confined Space Training Facility
- Training Tower (5-stories minimum)
- Communication and Crane Tower Structures
- Industrial Training Sites
- HazMat (Rail, Transport, etc.)
- Storage
- Driver Training Course
- Streetscape
- Classrooms
- Meeting Rooms
- Water Recover and Diving Pond



## 5.0 Project Schedule

The following are the expected dates for significant milestones.

2019-12-03	Progress report to PDCS Committee
2020-02-01	Land purchased
2021-12-01	Design complete
2022-04-01	Begin construction of initial phase
2023 to 2033	Construction of subsequent phases of the project

## 6.0 Project Budget

Project budget is influenced by participants.

## 7.0 Expression of Interest Content

Please ensure that your Expression of Interest contains the following:

1. Contact information (including telephone number, email address, and mailing address)
2. A high-level description of your interest including potential methods of participation

Total Expression of Interest document not to exceed 5 pages. PDF format preferred for electronic submission.

## 8.0 Selection Criteria

The SFD is committed to responding to all Expressions of Interest. Should an overwhelming number of Expressions of Interest be received, then the criteria below will be applied to determine the order in which the SFD will respond.

- Financial stability
- Similar training facility needs
- Intent for long-term or repeated use
- Level of participation
- Off season use (September to April)

## 9.0 Inquiries

For inquiries please contact either:

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## 10.0 Submission Instructions

Please send your EOI to:

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The first round of EOIs will be reviewed on **November 18, 2019**, however EOIs will be accepted afterwards as this is a long-term project.

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