



Councillor Blog May 2022

Welcome back fellow residents of White City, and those reading from the surrounding area, for the May 2022 edition of the White City Councillor Blog.

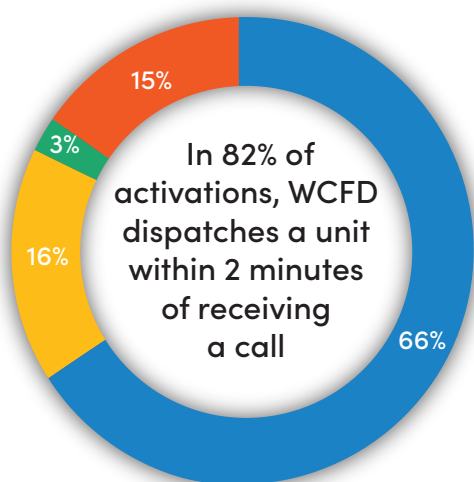
The White City Fire Department (WCFD) is the focus for this month's blog. WCFD serves White City, Emerald Park and the surrounding region, it is made up of dedicated men and women that are our neighbours, local business owners, and/or community leaders that will respond to any emergency day or night. The value that a highly trained and professional fire department brings to any community is immeasurable and a service you never want to call on but are happy and safe knowing it is there for you.

WCFD responds to approximately 150 calls for service per year, this includes fire and medical response:

Jurisdiction		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
White City	Fire	22	8	11	12	14
	Medical	34	53	46	22	18
RM158	Fire	37	20	27	32	38
	Medical	43	82	54	46	34
Motor Vehicle		32	31	15	26	19
Other Jurisdiction		8	5	9	10	9
TOTAL		176	199	162	148	132

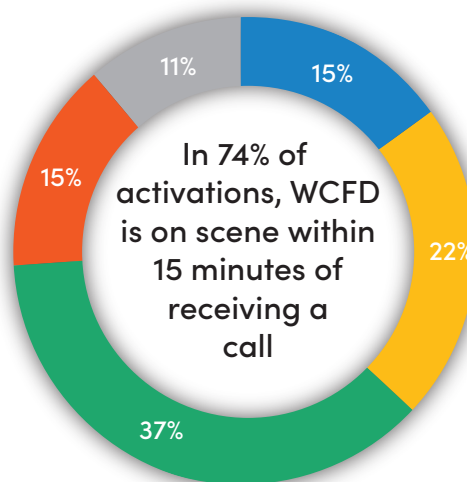
First Unit Dispatch

- 0-1 minutes (66%)
- 1-2 minutes (16%)
- 3-4 minutes (3%)
- 5+ minutes (15%)



First Unit on Scene

- (15%) 0-7 minutes
- (22%) 7-10 minutes
- (37%) 10-15 minutes
- (15%) 15-20 minutes
- (11%) 20-30 minutes



In 2021, WCFD took their training to the next level by beginning certification for all members at a NFPA 1001 Level 1-2. This certification is a professional designation recognized provincially and internationally with standards used in career fire departments. This will help the members of our department be even more prepared for the next event. Even though we all hope it isn't our home, business or family member that will need the help of the WCFD.



In recognition of the irreplaceable asset of our Fire Department, the Town of White City is strongly committed to investment in training, equipment and support of the WCFD. The department has been growing, expanding and serving the broader community over the past 40 years and has grown into a thriving, well trained, well equipped and prepared service provider in our community. It takes many years of hard work, teamwork, preparedness and training to reach the level of dedication and expertise we are lucky to have in our local fire department.

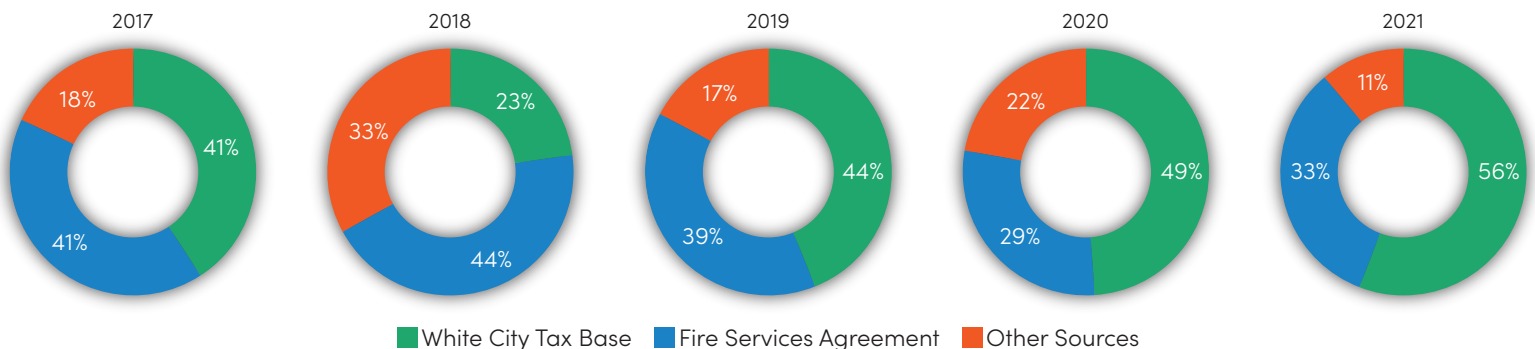
Over the past five years, \$1.39M has been invested into the White City Fire Department. Here's how the revenues and expenses break down:

		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021*
REVENUES	Fire Fees	36,399	47,115	30,050	48,997	36,490
	Donations/Grants	952	14,920	12,850	28,600	3,300
	Miscellaneous	2,450	8,796	5,991	10,400	-
	Regional Capital Contributions	-	9,602	-	-	-
	Fire Services Agreement (RM158)	88,433	104,810	110,050	115,553	121,330
	TOTAL	164,633	232,358	189,112	253,255	197,652
EXPENSES	Operating Expenses	214,095	244,726	277,439	311,416	360,892
	Capital Expenses	-	15,740	8,000	88,684	3,416
	TOTAL	217,095	240,466	285,439	400,100	364,308

*unaudited figures

**for more information, the Town's full audited financial statements are available at: whitecity.ca/pages/budget-finance

Funding Source by Year



Our community grew 19.5% from 2016 to 2021 – adding 603 new residents – we recognize that White City is, and will continue to be, one of the fastest growing communities in Saskatchewan. Our approach is to plan for that growth by taking a long-term view of the infrastructure, facilities, programs and services a growing population will require. Our long-term plans include ensuring our fire protection and medical response services will meet the needs of residents now and in the future. Current plans include the ongoing development of our Fire Training Grounds – led by the current members of the Fire Department, the Fire Training Grounds will be a high-end training facility that will support and enhance the ongoing training of the White City Fire Department Members.

On behalf of White City, I would like to thank our community and our local businesses for the high level of support, gratitude and appreciation that the White City Fire Department receives on a regular basis. I encourage all residents in our community to share their experiences, thoughts and thanks for our local fire department.



- Councillor Hal Zorn

If you have any questions, have a comment, want more information or want to suggest a topic for a future blog please email townoffice@whitecity.ca or call 306-781-2355 – we look forward to hearing from you!