



Budget Service Change Request

Service Change Type

- New Service
- Service Update
- End of Service

OKOTOKS FIRE & RESCUE - RADIOS

Service and Adjustment Summary

Service	Service Description	Service Value and/or Level	2025 Budget Adjustment
Fire and Rescue Response	Response to all types of emergency events including fire, rescue, medical first response, service calls, dangerous goods releases, motor vehicle accidents and ice/water rescue.	Activities to prevent loss of life or additional injury and /or prevent or mitigate loss of value to property.	Radios used by Okotoks Fire & Rescue for communication between firefighters and other agencies require replacement.

Why change now? What is the need?

The radios used by Okotoks Fire & Rescue (OFR) for communication during emergency events and during training are approximately 12 years old. These radios have an expected operational lifespan of 7-10 years. The age and repair requirements of existing radios create a safety issue for OFR crews. The radios are now built into the long term asset management plan of the department.

What is the expected impact/benefit for the community? How much of the community will be impacted and/or benefit by the change?

Enhancing the reliability of communication between OFR crews and other agencies will have a positive impact to the community during emergency events.

What is the expected impact/benefit for the organization?

Replacing radios enhances firefighter safety during emergency responses and training activities while strengthening their response. Additionally, replacing OFR radios will reduce the escalating cost of radio maintenance and repair. Further, OFR has changed the way in which radios are assigned – now to apparatus as opposed to each firefighter, reducing the replacement cost by 100K.



Budget Change (M's)

Annual Estimated Change	2025B	2026F	2027F	2028F	2029F	Total
	\$0.100	0.100	0.100	0.000	0.000	\$0.300
