

Supplementary Budget – Briefing Note

2021 Budget

Immersion Suits

Briefing Note required for:

- items +/- \$50,000 or more
- changes in FTE
- Council Priority requests

Dept.	Division	Business Unit	Item	Base Supp	Amount	FTE Impact
FES	FES	Volunteers – Gen & Admin	Immersion Suits (30 suits, 2 per station)	S	\$30,000	
FES	FES	Volunteers – Gen & Admin	Immersion Helmets (32 helmets)	S	\$4,800	
FES	FES	Volunteers – Gen & Admin	Fund from Strategic Development Reserve – 17266	S	(\$34,800)	
			Total:		\$0	

Background:

The Occupational Health and Safety Act, Section 25.1 (Provision of Protective Devices) and the Ministry of Labour Section 21 Guidance Note 6.2 (Firefighting Near Water) and 6.3 (Water and Ice Rescue) has led to an increased awareness and outlined the need for firefighters and fire departments to have appropriate personal protective equipment when required to work near water. The provisions of two immersion suits per volunteer station would outfit both the fulltime and volunteer stations with this safety measure.

In keeping with Council's direction of building a healthy and safe community the immersion suits and helmets would allow CKFES to have the response capability that matches the risks in the community.

Comment:

