

CITY OF FORT ST. JOHN FIRE DEPARTMENT WILDFIRE DEPLOYMENT POLICY
Council Policy No. 156/24

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to establish a risk management decision-making process when evaluating requests from the BC Wildfire Service for the City of Fort St. John Fire Department to deploy provincially to support wildfire structure defense operations.

POLICY:

1. All requests for deployment will be assessed by the Duty Chief in consultation with the Fire Chief who will make the recommendation to deploy to the CAO/DCAO for final approval.
2. The following factors will be considered when determining the ability of the fire department to support the deployment request:
 - Local fire danger index
 - Location of deployment
 - Department staffing
 - Projected costs and recoveries
 - Apparatus availability
 - Current and forecasted weather
3. Apparatus and equipment will generally deploy within an eight (8) hour travel time and would be restricted to deployments in the Peace River Regional District, Northern Rockies Regional Municipality, Fraser Fort George Regional District, and Bulkley Nechako Regional District. Deployment outside these boundaries would typically only be entertained on a case-by-case basis under extraordinary circumstances such as the declaration of a Provincial State of Emergency, and would require Council approval prior to deployment.
4. Subject to local conditions and availability, individual Command Staff may be made available for deployment to any location. Completion of training and level of past experience are a prime consideration.