

1.0 INTRODUCTION

By initiating a Fire Master Plan study, the Town of Oakville seeks to strategically guide its Fire Services through the next ten years of intense population and municipal growth. The Fire Master Plan will review all aspects of the department in order to ensure that performance standards and guidelines reflect best practices and are in compliance with the Ontario Fire Protection and Prevention Act (1997). The overarching goal of this report is to gain a clear understanding of the fire service's existing and future requirements by setting key objectives and performance measures. The purpose of this is to meet the municipality's present and future needs, in a fiscally responsible manner. The Town of Oakville Fire Master Plan study includes an assessment of the following:

- Administration
- Fire prevention and public education
- Training
- Fire suppression
- Fleet and maintenance
- Emergency management
- Technology and communications
- Financial implications

Dillon Consulting Limited carried out this Fire Master Plan in affiliation with Donal Baird Associates, Wilson Emergency Services and Mr. Bruce Griffin. Over the course of this project the study team conducted interviews and meetings with the following:

- Fire Department
- Steering Committee Members:
 - Chief Administration Officer
 - Oakville Professional Fire Fighters' Association
 - Community Services
 - Corporate Services
 - Infrastructure and Transportation
 - Planning, Development & Building including:
 - Building Services
 - Planning Services
 - Development Services
 - Policy and Communication
 - Purchasing
 - Finance
- Business and Community Stakeholders
- Major Industry

The Executive Management Team (EMT), the Project Steering Committee as well as the Administrative Division of the Oakville Fire Department played a key role in directing this study and providing relevant data, reports and other background information. This report contains the findings and recommendations presented by the consulting team.