

Fire Services Act Update

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UBCM'S work with the Office of the Fire Commissioner (OFC) has been on going since convention last year. Changes in the office of the Fire Commissioner, a new Deputy Minister, floods, fires and COVID-19 have delayed the engagement of a stakeholder group to re-engage UBCM in discussions around the Fire Services Act. Below are some of the areas the OFC have been working on since last convention the list is not exhaustive:

- Ongoing policy writing related to a number of the “parking lot” areas of focus within the work the Playbook committee had identified prior to COVID (this is ongoing and will continue once the playbook committee reconvenes)
- Policy work related to the Fire Safety Act
- Ongoing work and discussions with the FCABC related to the “exterior” train the trainer program
- Over the last number of months the OFC is also in the process of completing a 2019 annual report including supporting data from 2014 through to 2018. This report will be a public document upon completion which they anticipate will be November of this year
- The OFC is in the planning stages to engage with a stakeholder group to have a venue for consultation and collaboration in the work they have been conducting and they are looking forward to discussing this with UBCM over the next month

UBCM has indicated to the OFC that we are willing to work with them to find solution to concerns Local Government has with the new Fire Safety Act

Respectfully Submitted

Al Richmond