



Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami

Memorandum to Council

Memo No
2020-M-013

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Subject:

Fire Department Establishing & Regulating By-laws

Agenda Date:

Attachments:

Draft Fire Department Establishing & Regulating By-Law

RECOMMENDATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the draft Establishing & Regulating By-law for Fire Departments, to replace current Fire Department E&R Bylaws, as recommended by Fire Chiefs from the Marten River and Temagami Fire Departments;

AND FURTHER THAT Council consider the draft E&R By-Law for first reading, for approval at the February Council meeting.

INFORMATION

The Current Establishing & Regulating Bylaws for Fire departments (#99-460, #99-466) are over 20 years old, and the by-law authorizing participation in Mutual Aid (#) has never been updated. A committee comprising of the Fire Chiefs for Marten River and Temagami, the former CAO and former Mayor worked towards developing a single E&R Bylaw since 2010. The draft bylaw is the outcome of many meetings, review of several Fire Department E&R Bylaws and final revisions by Fire Chiefs to reflect the department's existing ability to provide Municipal Fire services (& reducing Municipal risk exposures).

The 2018 provincial Mutual Aid Plan (MAP) specifies under Minimum Conditions for Participation, that Council is aware of the Fire Department's (Municipalities) ability to meet the "Minimum requirement" for participation in Mutual Aid. (Province of Ontario Mutual Aid Plan – Final V 2018-10-23)

- A by-law/alternative authorization must be passed by council authorizing its fire department's participation in the MAP after a significant revision or change to the MAP or as requested by the OFM. Participating fire departments must be established and regulated by a municipal by-law and must have sufficient resources to meet the approved level of service within their own jurisdiction.

Major differences between existing & proposed draft by-law include:

- Combining the two bylaws into a single by-law
- Updated wording regarding authorization to participate in Mutual Aid
- Created sections/headings in the bylaw – ease of locating relevant information
- Volunteer Firefighter Rate of Pay includes the annual increase, per resolution by previous council
- Moved Fire Department Divisions responsibilities from Appendix A to the body of the by-law
- Identifies Fire Service areas & service limitations - geography or manpower resources,
- States the Municipality does not accept liability due to limitations in providing services
- Introduces road standards required by Fire Apparatus for accessing properties (Appendix D)
- Strengthens (improves) the Municipalities ability for cost collection for Fire Department actions
- Updates Core Services provided (Temagami Fire lowered to Exterior attack/exposure protection)

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