



TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON

REPORT

Item No.

REPORT TO: Reeve Vincent and Members of Council
PREPARED BY: David Sparling
DATE: 11/05/2016
SUBJECT: FDNH Assistance to Fort McMurray
ATTACHMENTS: none

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby approve 2 FDNH personnel to deploy to Fort McMurray, Alberta if their assistance is requested.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Under the coordination of Bruce Power, mid-western Ontario fire services are being asked if they would be able to provide skilled firefighters to provide relief for those in Fort McMurray (if this relief is asked for).

DISCUSSION

Bruce Power is willing to provide a charter flight to/from Fort McMurray, Alberta for mid-western Ontario firefighters at no cost if local municipalities would make available qualified personnel. FDNH proposes that 2 of our personnel who have forestry/wildland fire experience be made available to deploy for 7-10 days if this assistance is requested.

The absence of 1 staff member per station for a short duration will not significantly hinder the response capabilities of FDNH.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

FDNH would compensate the officer and firefighter for their time. Estimated cost of this would be \$280 per person per 10-hour work day for a maximum total of \$5,600.00. At present, this number should be manageable within the wages budget based on year to date activity.

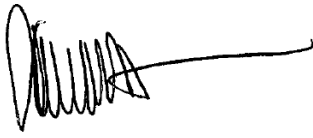
WSIB and health care are provided on a reciprocal basis between Alberta and Ontario.

FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

It is not uncommon for fire services to request/provide aid to one another beyond the scope of mutual aid agreements. I would like to think that if a significant event occurred in North Huron, FDNH would be able to count on others as they may count on us at this time.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 3: We promote community safety and emergency preparedness.



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