



## TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON

## REPORT

Item No.

**REPORT TO:** Reeve Vincent and Members of Council  
**PREPARED BY:** Chad Kregar, Deputy Chief  
**DATE:** 05/02/2018  
**SUBJECT:** Implementing Naloxone for Opioid Emergencies  
**ATTACHMENTS:** FDNH Naloxone Administration Best Practice, All Chiefs - Naloxone

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receive the February 5, 2018 report of the Deputy Chief regarding Implementing Naloxone for Opioid Emergencies for information purposes;

AND FURTHER, that Council supports the Fire Department of North Huron's interest to enroll in the provincial program for free Naloxone kits for first responders;

AND FURTHER, that Council approves the Fire Department of North Huron Naloxone Administration Best Practice Policy as attached;

AND FURTHER, that Council authorizes staff to take the necessary steps to complete enrollment in the program.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In the recent years the use of opioids and opioid deaths have been on the rise, At least 1,460 Canadians have died from opioid-related overdoses in the first half of 2017. As first responders we need to be prepared to protect ourselves and members from our community from this crisis. I'm asking that we enroll in the program that the province is offering of free Naloxone kits to first responders.

### **DISCUSSION**

FDNH has had training from the Huron County Health Unit regarding Naloxone and FDNH's medical provider has approved the attached Naloxone Administration Best Practice policy.

The following is an excerpt from an All Chief's memo dated January 26, 2018 (memo is attached to this report):

Further to the announcement by Ministers Hoskins and Lalonde on December 7, 2017, and my letter of the same day, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) and the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services (MCSCS) are pleased to launch the expansion of the Ontario Naloxone Program (ONP) to include police and fire services. This expansion will make naloxone kits available to all fire services to mitigate the impact of overdoses, and potentially to help firefighters in case of exposure to opioids.

Effective January 29, 2018, fire services will be able to contact their local Public Health Unit (PHU) to order naloxone (kits and/or refills). This expansion is available to all full-time, composite, volunteer and northern fire departments as well as First Nation fire services.

To enroll in the ONP, fire services should:

- Consult with your municipal council and boards as appropriate.
- Consult with your own legal counsel and other experts about the use of naloxone to mitigate the impact of overdoses, and also to potentially to help front-line firefighters in case of exposure to opioids.
- Enter into an agreement (e.g. Memorandum of Understanding, Service Level Agreement) with the appropriate PHU.
- Develop and/or adopt program-related policies and procedures within each service, including policies on how naloxone would be carried, stored and deployed.
- Arrange training and education for firefighters that will have access to naloxone.
- Complete a MOHLTC form to confirm enrollment and the number of naloxone kits being ordered (Form available from the PHU).
- Contact the appropriate Public Health Unit on or after January 29, 2018 to begin the enrollment process. (See link below for list of PHUs).

#### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

This program is being offered free of charge by the province.

#### **FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS**

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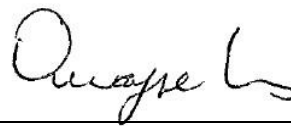
#### **RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal #3: Our community is healthy and safe.

Chad Kregar

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Chad Kregar, Deputy Chief



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