



TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON

REPORT

Item No.

REPORT TO: Reeve Vincent and Members of Council
PREPARED BY: David Sparling
DATE: 12/07/2016
SUBJECT: Quantum Murray Hazardous Materials Mitigation - Update
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RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby accepts the report of the Director of Fire and Emergency Services regarding Quantum Murray Hazardous Materials Mitigation for information purposes.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In November 2015 (bylaw 74-2015), North Huron approved signing a \$0 retainer with Quantum Murray LP (Quantum Murray) to assist the municipality in case of a hazardous materials incident. Howick and Morris-Turnberry were also in agreement in principle with this program.

This is an update on this program.

DISCUSSION

Howick FD submitted this proposal to their municipal council. Howick Council has yet to approve the agreement. Morris-Turnberry decided this as a fire protection issue and did not review/approve the agreement.

On 25 February, 2016 Quantum Murray proposed the same program to Huron County fire chiefs. It was identical to what was proposed to Howick, Morris-Turnberry and North Huron in 2015:

- 1) \$0 per year retainer
- 2) Free spills training for approximately 4 personnel per fire station
- 3) County cache of spill mitigation supplies to be provided on consignment

On 23 April, 2016 Huron County Mutual Aid/Fire Chiefs hired an alternative company to provide spills awareness training for 2 personnel from each station.

On 19 May, 2016 Huron County Fire Chiefs declined the Quantum Murray proposal.

Subsequent to this, a Huron County municipality had a significant spill. Quantum Murray was contacted and the program is now under further review by the Huron County fire chiefs.

Until more than North Huron sign an agreement with Quantum Murray, the cache of consignment spill supplies is smaller/limited and the free training is not being provided because, as a stand-alone on this project, we aren't big enough to justify these expenditures.

Quantum Murray is still contracted under the \$0 retainer to assist North Huron/FDNH should there be an event beyond our abilities to manage.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

n/a

FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

Hopefully additional municipalities sign an agreement with Quantum Murray and we can enhance this program.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 3: We promote community safety and emergency preparedness.

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