



TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON

REPORT

Item No.

REPORT TO: Reeve Vincent and Members of Council
PREPARED BY: David Sparling
DATE: 13/07/2016
SUBJECT: Joint Procurement of Annual Fire Equipment Maintenance
ATTACHMENTS:

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby accepts the report of the Director of Fire and Emergency Services regarding Joint Procurement of Annual Fire Equipment Maintenance for information purposes.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In an effort to reduce costs, FDNH proposed joint procurement of annual fire service maintenance for equipment common to most/all fire departments.

DISCUSSION

All fire departments annually have their Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)/air packs, breathing air compressors, aerial ladders and fire pumpers tested.

With the agreement of North Huron Treasurer Donna White, Chief Sparling expressed North Huron's willingness to coordinate a tender for the provision of these services on a County-wide basis to Huron County Fire Chiefs on 25 February, 2016.

It was left to individual departments to express interest to North Huron in joint procurement. To date, Howick Fire Department is the only department to express interest.

Subsequent to that meeting, it was also found that the breathing air compressor at the ESTC is only able to be serviced by one company in all of Ontario (which may in turn have 1 qualified technician for our unit), and FDNH Blyth Station's SCBA are under a lease to own program which may limit the provision of service to the lessor company/their representative.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Nominal savings have been realized by this effort.

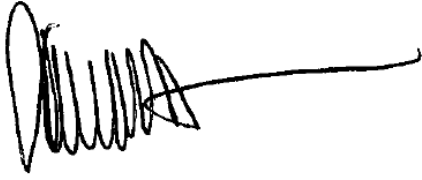
FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

FDNH will continue to look for ways to increase operating efficiencies by collaboration with other interested municipalities.

In future procurements, FDNH must purchase equipment with long-term service/life cycle costs in mind. When service provision is limited to a single provider it likely does not result in the most cost effective solution.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 4: Our municipality is fiscally responsible and strives for operational excellence.

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David Sparling,
Director Fire & Emergency Services

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Sharon Chambers, CAO