



TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON

REPORT

Item No.

REPORT TO: Reeve Vincent and Members of Council
PREPARED BY: David Sparling
DATE: 2016-10-11
SUBJECT: Automatic Aid Agreement for Working Fires with Howick Fire Department
ATTACHMENTS: Map to be brought to council to show applicable areas

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby authorizes the Director of Fire and Emergency Services to draft an automatic aid agreement for working fires with the Howick Fire Department for the north-eastern part of Morris-Turnberry and the west portion of Howick Township.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2015 South Bruce, Morris-Turnberry and North Huron entered into an automatic aid agreement for working fires. This agreement has proven beneficial to the residents affected. FDNH is now proposing a similar agreement with Howick Fire Department for the north-eastern portion of Morris-Turnberry.

DISCUSSION

FDNH Wingham provides fire protection to all of the (former) Turnberry Ward of Morris-Turnberry. In order for FDNH to activate mutual aid (help from neighbouring departments) we must first have exhausted all of our own resources. In other words, before we call for assistance for a fire east of Bluevale, Wingham and Blyth Stations must be committed. Blyth Station is 25 minutes/30 kms away. By entering into an automatic aid agreement for working fires, as soon as FDNH has been paged to a fire in the north-east portion of Morris-Turnberry, Howick Fire Department will be called to respond as well. This is a timelier second station response than FDNH Wingham waiting on FDNH Blyth and improves the level service we are able to provide to Morris-Turnberry residents as well improving the safety for our personnel. (The more people and equipment we have on scene quickly the greater the potential of extinguishment of a fire.) FDNH in turn will reciprocate similar assistance to Howick Fire Department into Howick Township for working fires.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

In exchange for Howick Fire Department coming into assist FDNH on an automatic aid basis for working fires, FDNH would reciprocate this service for Howick. Similar to mutual aid, there would be no fees charged by either department for this service. Both departments are already calling one another on a mutual aid basis for the applicable area, which ultimately means this will come out of the applicable municipalities any additional cost.

Owen Sound Dispatch can update the properties affected without 911 polygon changes being required.

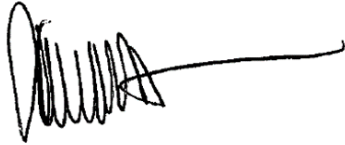
FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

If approved this agreement will take 2 to 3 months to implement.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Section 3. We promote community safety and preparedness.

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



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Sharon Chambers, CAO
