



To: Council
From: Gilles Crepeau, Fire Chief
Date of Meeting: May 11, 2022
Subject: By-law No. 2022-033 Mutual Assistance Agreement

Recommendation:

That By-law No. 2022-033, being a by-law authorizing a Mutual Assistance Agreement for the purpose of Emergency Planning, with the City of Cornwall and the six local municipalities of Stormont Dundas and Glengarry, be read and passed in open Council, signed and sealed in open Council this 11th day of May, 2022.

Executive Summary:

Mutual Assistance Agreements enable municipalities, in advance on an emergency, to set the terms and conditions of the assistance which may be requested and provided. Municipalities requesting and providing assistance are therefore not required to negotiate the basic terms and conditions under stressful conditions and may request, offer, and receive assistance according to pre-determined and mutually agreeable relationships.

Background:

The Mutual Assistance Agreement was first passed in 2009 between the County and the six local municipalities. Upon renewal in 2013, the City of Cornwall was added as a signatory. As part of the contingency planning process, Mutual Assistance Agreements are an important element to the success of the response to and the recovery from any emergency.

The agreement provides a tool to assist each other with the provision of resources as promptly as possible during emergency situations. The proposed agreement was reviewed by the Community Emergency Management Coordinators (CEMCs) from each municipality and the City of Cornwall. Updates included:

- Minor editing modifications to reflect current emergency management terminology.
- Updated indemnification clause to include reciprocal indemnification from the assisting municipality.
- Updates to section 11: Insurance to include the addition of Professional Liability insurance covering the work and services described in this agreement as well as updating the Municipal Liability Insurance section to reflect current insurance coverage.

Alignment with Community Strategic Plan:

Goal 1: Corporate Capacity

Objective 1.1: Implement Service Delivery and Policies Review

Options:

1. That Council provide authorization for the Mutual Assistance Agreement.
 2. That Council not authorize the Fire Mutual Assistance Agreement.
 3. Other.
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Financial Impact:

There are no financial implications associated with the agreement. The agreement provides a formal cost recovery mechanism if services are rendered or received in emergency situations.

Others Consulted:

Community Emergency Management Coordinators – Local Municipalities and City of Cornwall

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