

Township of South Stormont
ACTION REQUEST
Administration and Corporate Services



To: Council
From: Loriann Harbers, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk
Date of Meeting: December 15, 2021
Subject: By-law No. 2021-099 Establish a Fire Department

Recommendation:

That By-law No. 2021-099 to repeal By-law No. 2009-028 and to establish and regulate a Fire Department, be read and passed in open Council, signed and sealed this 15th day of December, 2021.

Executive Summary:

In March, 2009 the Township passed By-law No. 2009-28 to Establish a Fire Department, pursuant to the FPPA.

The South Stormont Fire and Rescue Department has evolved significantly since this by-law was passed. In 2017, a review of the by-law and the Fire Department was conducted and recommendations made to update the Fire Department Establishing and Regulating By-law.

Background:

The proposed by-law has been drafted on the basis of the South Stormont Fire and Rescue Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for South Stormont firefighters. This Code sets out minimum standards of conduct. The nature of firefighting and emergency services work places all firefighters in a position of public trust and as such, the level of conduct should be beyond reproach, regardless of work status or location. The by-law ensures all firefighters are driven to strive to achieve the highest level of ethical and professional conduct necessary to maintain the integrity of the individual firefighters, the Department and the Township.

A draft of the by-law was presented for Council's consideration at the November 24, 2021 meeting. In addition, the draft has undergone a legal review and minor revisions have been made as a result.

Alignment with Community Strategic Plan:

Goal 1: Corporate Capacity
Objective 2.1: Servicing Capacity

Risk and Asset Management Considerations:

It is necessary for the Township to review and update policies and such by-laws to ensure legislation is current and practices are appropriate.

Options:

1. That Council adopt By-law No. 2021-099 to establish a Fire Department.
2. Other.

Financial Impact:

There is no financial impact to the Township as a result of this by-law.

Others Consulted:

Legal
Fire Chief
CAO