

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Tyler Moffitt, Fire Chief/CEMC

DATE: July 4, 2017

RE: Updated Tiered Response Activation Agreement with the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board (Rainy River District Paramedic Services)

BACKGROUND

The existing Tiered Response Activation Agreement was signed on December 11, 2006.

The benefit of an updated and amended **Tiered Response Activation Agreement** is that it will provide a protocol for those occurrences where Fort Frances Fire & Rescue Service will be activated to respond to medical emergencies that genuinely requires our service.

In addition, our current By-Law 31/10 will need to be updated and amended to reflect the emergency services we provide.

In 2016, our Fire & Rescue Service responded to 511 emergency calls; with 244 of those calls being medical emergency calls.

The new updated and amended agreement will eliminate Fort Frances Fire & Rescue Service from responding with the ambulance services to the following calls:

- Unresponsiveness/Unconsciousness
- Shortness of Breath
- Chest Pain – (Non-Traumatic)
- Seizures

Also, in the amended agreement, we will continue to respond to the following calls:

- Real or Suspected Cardiac and/or Respiratory Arrest (**Last year, we responded to 42 calls that met this category**);
- Motor Vehicle Collisions
- Industrial/Construction Accidents;
- CBRNE-Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear or Explosive Events
- In addition to the above, any incident in which the Paramedic Services System becomes overwhelmed to the point that an ambulance cannot be activated within 5 minutes of receipt of a code 4 response (life threatening), Fort Frances Fire will be requested to assist until an ambulance becomes available. It should be noted that if an ambulance from a different part of the District is responding, Fort Frances Fire will not be tiered unless responding Paramedics or C.A.C.C. deem it appropriate.

The Kenora or Thunder Bay Central Ambulance Communications Centre will notify the Fort Frances Fire and Rescue within one (1) minute of receipt of life threatening medical emergencies which meets the five (5) criteria for tiered response as outlined above.

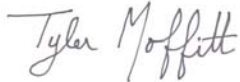
On June 28, 2017, the Fort Frances Fire & Rescue Service Steering Committee comprised of Mayor Roy Avis, Councillor June Caul, Councillor Ken Perry, CAO Doug Brown, and Tyler Moffitt Fire Chief/CEMC met and reviewed the new Tiered Response Agreement Draft. The committee contacted Dan McCormick CAO/Paramedic Chief of Rainy River DSSAB to discuss changes and additions.

RECOMMENDATION

The Administration and Finance Executive committee in conjunction with the Fort Frances Fire & Rescue Service Steering Committee recommends the following;

- 1) That the Town of Fort Frances execute the amended Tiered Response Agreement with the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board (Rainy River District Paramedic Services).
- 2) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the amended Tiered Response Agreement with the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board (Rainy River District Paramedic Services) on behalf of the Corporation of the Town of Fort Frances.
- 3) That the amended letter of agreement the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board (Rainy River District Paramedic Services) be executed by Mayor Roy Avis, Fire Chief Tyler Moffitt and CAO Doug Brown on behalf of the Corporation of the Town of Fort Frances.
- 4) That at the next orientation meeting for the new Council (December 1st, 2018), the Fire Chief is required to brief all members of Council on the terms and conditions outlined in the tiered response agreement with RRDSSAB.

Thank you,



Tyler Moffitt, Fire Chief/CEMC
Fort Frances Fire & Rescue Service

Council approval of this report will ensure that:

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