

To: Mayor and Council

From: Tyler Moffitt, Fire Chief/CEMC

Date: May 7, 2019

Subject: **2019 Schedule of Fees Amendment (Emergency Response Cost Recovery)**

Background

On April 16, 2019 I presented a report to the Administration & Finance Executive Committee recommending amending the Emergency Services Schedule of Fees to include Emergency Response Cost Recovery.

As I stated in my report ... most insurance policies provide coverage for an insured property owner for a number of **insured perils** and commonly insurance companies include provisions for **fire department expenses** in varying amounts typically ranging from **\$1,000.00 to \$10,000.**

The recovery rate is specific to the amount that is underwritten in each insurance policy and as such will vary from policy to policy ... as some companies don't have any coverage, some include it in the full limits of policy ... others put a specific amount on the individual policy for that property ... some have a total amount in addition and beyond the policy limits.

It should be noted that payment to the fire departments in no way affects the claim of the individual who may have suffered a loss (payments are not deducted from those which are due to the policy holder).

As well, no attempt will be made to collect any receivables from any property owner or individual who is not insured.

However, I was directed by the Administration & Finance Executive Committee to investigate the following: Would adding an invoice for our Fire & Rescue Services to a fire claim have an additional effect on the home owners policy.


Meanwhile, our Deputy Treasurer has received the following confirmation from Gillons Insurance Brokers: If our Fire & Rescue Service submits an invoice for services ... it will be a part of the same claim as the fire. As well, most insurance policies have provisions for such expenses and adding an invoice for our services to a fire claim has no additional effect on the home owners policy, as it is a part of the initial fire claim.

Therefore, below is an amended 2019 Schedule of Fees, which includes Emergency Response Cost Recovery. Please refer to the amended **3.16.5.1.**

3.16.5.1	Fire Response to Structural Fires: Residential Commercial Industrial	N/C	MTO Prescribed Rates per apparatus per hour and personnel rates per hour plus any costs to Fort Frances Fire & Rescue Service or the Town of Fort Frances for each and every call
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The Administration & Finance Executive Committee is recommending that Council approve the report as presented and authorize the amendment of the Emergency Services Schedule of Fees regarding Emergency Response Cost Recovery.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tyler Moffitt".

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

Council approval of this report will approve the recommendation as presented and authorize the amendment of the Emergency Services Schedule of Fees regarding Emergency Response Cost Recovery.