

To: Administration & Finance Executive Committee
From: Tyler Moffitt, Fire Chief/CEMC
Date: April 25, 2018
Subject: Automatic Aid Agreement

Background

The Fort Frances Fire & Rescue Service is a member of the Rainy River District Mutual Aid Association. Mutual Aid is an agreement between participating municipalities in the Rainy River District that have established a fire department by-law.

This association is intended to provide voluntary reciprocal fire protection services to each other if the need arises. Presently, we can request Mutual Aid from Alberton, La Vallee, Emo, and Chapple Fire and Emergency Services for extra firefighters and pumper trucks, because we have firefighters and pumper trucks, and vice versa.

However, we cannot request a water tanker truck, which Alberton, La Vallee, Emo, and Chapple has, because Fort Frances does not have one. As well, no Fire and Emergency Service in the Rainy River District Mutual Aid Association can request an Aerial Ladder Truck, because they do not have one.

Going forward, I would like to initiate the signing of an Automatic Aid Agreement with the Townships of Alberton, La Vallee, Emo, and Chapple, which will enable us to request a water tanker truck if the need arises and if at the time one can be provided. As well, it will enable the aforementioned townships the ability to request an Aerial Ladder Truck if the need arises and if at the time Fort Frances can provide one.

As well, the agreement will allow either fire service to return to their community at anytime should the need arise.

Invoicing will be monthly and will be at the current MTO hourly rate per apparatus.

Attached is a Draft of the Automatic Aid Agreement, which needs to be reviewed, as well as necessary additions and/or changes made. The Fire Chief of the aforementioned townships will also be bringing forward the same recommendation to his respected councils.

Recommendation

That the Administration & Finance Executive Committee approves this report and directs Council to bring forward the resolution to proceed with initiating the future signing of an Automatic Aid Agreement with the Townships of Alberton, La Vallee, Emo, and Chapple.

Respectfully submitted,



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