

TO: Administration & Finance Executive Committee

FROM: Tyler Moffitt, Fire Chief/CEMC

DATE: March 1, 2017

RE: Forest Fire Management Agreement with Ministry of Natural Resources

BACKGROUND

The current municipal forest fire agreement between the Town of Fort Frances and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry expires on April 1, 2017.

The Municipal Protection Area (MPA) and Crown Protection Area (CPA) boundaries have not changed.

The existing agreement remains valid if the Municipality does not feel any changes are required; all that is required is a term of agreement (we've generally gone with 5 years terms).

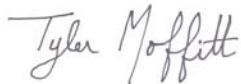
Currently the entire municipality is considered Municipal Protection Area (MPA) – no Crown Protection Area (CPA) has been identified. This has been the case for 15 years plus.

The benefit of the agreement is that it provides a rate structure for suppression costs in the event MNR assistance is required for fire response – these rates tend to be lower than they would be in the absence of an agreement.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the agreement between the Town of Fort Frances and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry for another 5 year term beginning April 1, 2017.

Thank you,



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