

Report To: Administration & Finance Executive Committee

From: Tyler Moffitt, Fire Chief/CEMC

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

Background

The purpose of this “**Emergency Response Cost Recovery**” report is to recommend the process to be initiated in an attempt to recover certain costs incurred as a result of the Fort Frances Fire & Rescue Services response to emergency incidents within the Town of Fort Frances.

The Fort Frances Fire & Rescue Service operations are almost exclusively funded through taxation and historically there have been limited opportunities to recover expenses incurred as a result of providing fire protection services.

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).

In closing, I highly recommend amending the Emergency Services Schedule of Fees to include Emergency Response Cost Recovery.

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

Below is an amended 2019 Schedule of Fees, which includes Emergency Response Cost Recovery. Please refer to **3.16.5.1** and **3.16.5.9**, which are highlighted in orange.

3.16.5	Emergency Services Response Calls					
HST	3.16.5.1	Fire Response to Structural Fires: Residential Commercial Industrial	N/C	See the Indemnification (Compensation) Section 3.16.5.9		
No HST	3.16.5.2	Emergency response to MVA on MTO Highways as per Province of Ontario rates plus any additional clean-up costs (Recovery through MTO)	465.42 per apparatus for first hour; 232.71 per apparatus for every 1/2 hr thereafter or part thereof, as per MTO Rates	MTO Prescribed Rates per apparatus		MTO Prescribed Rates
No HST	3.16.5.3	Auto Extrication Services within the Rainy River District	465.42 per hour	MTO Prescribed Rates per apparatus		MTO Prescribed Rates
	3.16.5.4	Motorized Vehicle Fires	N/C	N/C		
	3.16.5.5	False Alarms (1st & 2nd in a three month period)	N/C	N/C		
	3.16.5.6	Third False Alarm (after 3-call outs in a calendar year)	465.42 per apparatus per hour	MTO Prescribed Rates per apparatus		MTO Prescribed Rates
	3.16.5.7	For each Proceeding False Alarm (Within the Calendar Yr)	465.42 per apparatus per hour	MTO Prescribed Rates per apparatus		MTO Prescribed Rates
	3.16.5.8	Annual Fire Protection for Rusty Myers Flying Service / Nanicost Ltd.	50% of 12-hours @ MTO Prescribed Rate	75% of 12-hours @ MTO Prescribed Rate		MTO Prescribed Rates
HST	3.16.5.9	Idemnification (Compensation)		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		

Recommendation

That the Administration & Finance Executive Committee approves this report and directs Council to approve the amended Emergency Services Schedule of Fees Amendment regarding Emergency Response Cost Recovery.

Respectfully submitted,



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