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February 3, 2017

The Town of Fort Frances
P.O. Box 38
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c/o CAO / Clerk

Dear Sir/Madame

RE: Municipal Fire Agreement Renewal

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.

In 2014 map layers used to calculate comprehensive protection charges were updated. This has resulted in changes to the boundaries of land types and in turn has changed the size of these land types from what was historically used in our municipal fire agreement. Changes have been made for all municipalities within the Rainy River District. Updated boundaries have been included for such land types as crown land, patent land, and water areas. The Municipal Protection Area (MPA) and Crown Protection Area (CPA) boundaries have not changed.

In the Town of Fort Frances, this has resulted in the Crown owing the Municipality \$5.21 as per Appendix A (enclosed) of the current year's municipal fire agreement, where previously there has been no transfer of money for Comprehensive Protection Charges (CPC).

The *Fire Information Cost Reporting Form 210*, and *Appendix C – Municipal Fire Agreement Rates* are also all attached. Please note that 2017 is the last year of defined CPC rate increases as per the new system that was introduced in 2013. Beginning in 2018, the CPC rate will be adjusted based on the Consumer Price Index (see Appendix C).

If the municipality is satisfied with the current MPA and CPA boundaries then a new forest fire management agreement package is not required. The existing legal agreement remains valid; however an agreement review checklist is completed by MNR



with a new length of agreement embedded in the review document, beginning April 1, 2017 and ending at a time agreed to by the municipality. Past agreements have been entered for 3-5 years.

Please confirm if the municipality is satisfied with the current MPA and CPA boundaries, and if so, identify the length of agreement you wish to enter. A response by March 1st, 2017 is appreciated.

You may contact me directly at the telephone number below to further discuss the particulars of this agreement or if changes are deemed necessary.

I would like to thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Sincerely,



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APPENDIX A - Application of Comprehensive Protection Charges to Land Types

Municipality: Fort Frances Agreement Review Period: Year: 2012 To 2017
 Per Hectare CPC Rate: \$1.29 CPC Year: 2017 CPI Increase: %

LAND CLASS		TAXATION/REVENUE SITUATION	Municipal Protection Area				Crown Protection Area				Total
Comprehensive							MUNICIPALITY PAYS				Hectares
Protection Charge			Hectares	Rate	Factor	Cost	Hectares	Rate	Factor	Cost	By Type
Unalienated Crown Land		Crown does not pay Municipal Taxes	4	\$1.29	100%	5.21		\$1.29		-	4
Provincial Parks/Conservation Reserve		Crown pays grants to Municipalities		\$1.29	100%	-		\$1.29		-	0
Patented Land (Residential/farm, Farmlands, Multi-Residential, Commercial, Industrial) ----- Federal Lands		Municipal Taxpayers based on Assessment; Patented Crown Land where Crown gives grants in lieu of taxes ----- Federal Gov't pays Grants in lieu of taxes to Municipality	2,432	\$1.29		-		\$1.29	100%	-	2,432
Private Land (Managed Forests)		Municipal Taxpayers Tax Rate restricted because of public interest in this land		\$1.29		-		\$1.29	50%	-	0
Patent Mining Lands (Crown has Full Timber Rights) Patented after March 26, 1918		Unit Class of M L (Mining lands) with a Tax Rate of C. (Commercial) ----- Owner pays some taxes to municipality but has no interest above ground		\$1.29	100%	-		\$1.29		-	0
Federal Lands and Indian Reserves		Federal Government pays Ontario for Fire Protection under INAC or other agreement		\$1.29	100%	-		\$1.29		-	0
Conservation Lands (Lands Assessed by Conservation Lands)		C.A. no pays taxes to Municipality (M.N.R. gives Grant for significant conservation Lands)		\$1.29		-		\$1.29		-	0
Unorganized Territory		Crown Land and Private Land where taxpayer pays Public Land Tax to Province		\$1.29	100%	-		\$1.29		-	0
TOTALS			2,436			5.21	0			\$-	2,436

NOT AN INVOICE

Crown Owes the Municipality \$5.21

Municipality Owes the Crown \$0.00

CPC payment invoices must be sent in after April 1 of the current fire year

Appendix C

Municipal Fire Agreement Rates to / from Municipalities Valid for 2017

	Assistance Under Agreement
<p>Comprehensive Protection Charges (CPC)</p> <p>The new CPC rate system started April 1, 2013</p> <p>CPC Invoices must be sent in after April 1 for the current fire year</p>	<p>CPC rates adjustments are applied April 1 of each year.</p> <p>CPC rates 2013 - 2017</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">2013 — \$0.95/Ha 2014 — \$1.04/Ha 2015 — \$1.12/Ha 2016 — \$1.21/Ha 2017 — \$1.29/Ha</p> <p>NOTE:</p> <p>In 2018 the CPC will be increased by averaging the 5 years prior CPI rates capped to a maximum increase of 4%</p> <p>In 2019 the CPC rate will increase annually by the CPI process.</p>
<p>Ground Suppression Services</p> <p>Personnel Units Apparatus Units</p> <p>Personnel and Apparatus Units are annually adjusted by the Consumer Price Index for Ontario (All Products) from the period of September to September. Rates will be updated by Feb. 28 each year.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flat Rate/False Alarm • \$767.00 per fire or • \$224.42 per half hour (30 min) for each; • Personnel Unit = max. 8 staff plus suppression gear • Apparatus Unit = Fire service vehicle with <u>maximum</u> 4 staff, includes suppression gear. Must assign staff to vehicle first before forming personnel units. <p><u>Personnel must be affixed to an Apparatus Unit</u> prior to forming personnel units.</p> <p><u>NO</u> charges for helicopter if only used to deliver, pickup or service crews. Helicopter is not an apparatus.</p> <p>Apparatus” means a Fire service vehicle that carries firefighting personnel and/or equipment (includes pumpers, tankers, boats, Fire response vehicles that are designed to carry portable/firefighting equipment).</p>

<p>Air tankers and Birddog</p> <p>CL215/415 and Twin Otters</p> <p>Air tanker fees are set annually by the MNRF and will be updated by April 30 each year.</p> <p>Air tanker support charges are only for time over the fire.</p>	<p>2017 Rates</p> <p>CL415 Dispatch Fee = \$2368.68 Hourly rate = \$4737.36</p> <p>Twin Otter Dispatch Fee = \$821.92 Hourly rate = \$1643.84</p> <p>Birddog Hourly rate = \$1770.66</p>
<p>Helicopter</p> <p>Helicopter rates are set annually by the MNRF Aviation Services.</p> <p>No charge if used just to transport MNRF crews to fire</p> <p>Municipalities that rent aircraft for fire operations must submit rental invoices</p>	<p>Contract Helicopters Rates 2017</p> <p>Light \$As per invoice Intermediate \$ 925.27per hour, Medium \$2414.34 per hour , Heavy (calculated at time of hire) (flying calculated as "time over fire" only)</p> <p>Aircraft rental fees by the Municipality must be supported by the aircraft invoice.</p>
<p>Section C: Other Expenses Approved in the Suppression Plan</p> <p>All costs must be supported by actual invoices, or fire cost forms by either agency</p> <p>Other Agencies Form 210 Total can be included here on joint operations.</p>	<p>As per approved response plan for a specific fire; the following expenses can be considered;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heavy equipment • Base camp operations and infrastructure support, accommodations • Incident Command Trailers • Support equipment; boats, A'TV's, trailers that fall outside normal fire apparatus <p>Form 210 Part 2</p>