

**To: Mayor & Council**  
**From: Fire Chief/CEMC**  
**Date: April 1, 2022**  
**Subject: Fire Protection Services Reimbursement Transfer Payment Agreement**

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## **Background**

On March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Solicitor General Sylvia Jones announced the launch of a new program to assist municipalities with costs associated with providing emergency responses in unincorporated Ontario in areas that are not already protected by a fire service.

I have included two documents associated with this report; one is a guideline named: **Schedule F – Guideline 222-OU-V1 (2022-2-9)** and the other is an agreement named: **R-FPS-UO-TPA-ENG**.

Emergency Response call types that may be eligible for reimbursement include:

- Motor Vehicle Collisions occurring on roads that are not considered provincial highways by the Ministry of Transportation
- Carbon Monoxide
- Hazmat (excluding those calls occurring on roads maintained by the Ministry of Transportation)
- Structure Fires
- False Alarms
- Rescue (defined as an emergency incident that primarily involves activities directed at locating and rescuing endangered persons and removing those persons to a safe location, this could also include but is not limited to the provisions of emergency medical care).

Meanwhile, the reimbursement program will be administered through the Office of the Fire Marshal and requires the execution of a Fire Protection Services Reimbursement Transfer Payment Agreement.

The reimbursement rate for each responding apparatus will be \$509.89 for any portion of the first hour of attendance at an incident. Any call that lasts over an hour will be reimbursed in 30-minutes increments paid at the rate of \$254.95 per apparatus. As well, the reimbursement rate increases will be based on any increase to services rates the Ministry of Transportation utilizes related to reimbursements for fire department responses on provincial highways.

## **Recommendation**

That Council approve the report as presented, and that Council authorizes the execution of an agreement between the Town of Fort Frances and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario as represented by the Office of the Fire Marshal and further that a by-law be brought forward for execution by the Mayor and Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,



Tyler Moffitt, Fire Chief/CEMC

<p><b>Council approval of this report</b> will agree to approve this report as presented, and to authorize the execution of an agreement between the Town of Fort Frances and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario as represented by the Office of the Fire Marshal and further that a by-law be brought forward for execution by the Mayor and Clerk.</p>
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