



STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL

Report No: FD 2022-05

May 9, 2022

From: Matthew Roy – Fire Chief

RE: Mutual Assistance Agreement – Emergency Plan

Recommended Motion:

THAT Council adopt by-law No. 25-2022 being a by-law to enter into a Mutual Assistance Agreement for the purpose of Emergency Planning, with the City of Cornwall and the six local municipalities of Stormont Dundas and Glengarry, and that by-law 25-2022 be read a first, second and third time and enacted in open Council this 9th day of May 2022.

Background / Analysis:

The Mutual Assistance Agreement was first passed in 2009 between the County and the six local municipalities. As part of the Emergency Management contingency planning process, Mutual Assistance Agreements are an important element to the success of the response to and the recovery from any emergency. The agreement provides a tool to assist each other with the provision of resources as promptly as possible during emergency situations. The proposed agreement was reviewed by the Community Emergency Management Coordinators (CEMCs) from each municipality and the City of Cornwall.

Updates included:

- Minor editing modifications to reflect current emergency management terminology.
- Updated indemnification clause to include reciprocal indemnification from the assisting municipality.
- Updates to section 11: Insurance to include the addition of Professional Liability insurance covering the work and services described in this agreement as well as updating the Municipal Liability Insurance section to reflect current insurance coverage.

Alternatives:

1. Do not authorize the updated Mutual Assistance Agreement – Not Recommended.

2. Authorize a new Mutual Assistance Agreement between the County, the local municipalities, and the City of Cornwall. The agreement provides a mechanism to apportion and recover costs during emergency measures - Recommended

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications associated with the agreement. The agreement provides a formal cost recovery mechanism if services are rendered or received in emergency situations.

Attachments & Relevant Legislation:

By-Law - Mutual Assistance Agreement

Others Consulted:

Sarah Huskinson - CAO

Reviewed and Approved by:
Sarah Huskinson, CAO/Clerk