



STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL

Report No: FD 2021-04

April 12, 2021

From: Matthew Roy – Fire Chief

RE: Fire Safety Grant

Recommended Motion:

THAT Council of the Township of North Glengarry receives Staff Report No. FD 2021-04;

AND that Council approves the purchase of technology upgrades for training to the upset limit of \$7,000 to be funded through the Fire Safety Grant.

Background / Analysis:

The Government of Ontario announced a one-time \$5M grant to municipal fire services to assist in addressing challenges associated with training and virtual inspections due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Since the start of the pandemic, Ontario's fire services have faced unprecedented challenges. The ability to train fire service members in a COVID environment has introduced challenges and required us to review new delivery methods including online and other modes.

With correspondence dated March 11, 2021 from the Ministry of the Solicitor General, Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management, the Township of North Glengarry received \$7,000.00 as part of this grant program. This grant may be put towards ongoing training needs including registration, administrative programming, technology upgrades and associated costs for attending as well for providing services.

Fire Chief Roy has prepared and submitted the grant application in the appropriate manner and met the appropriate timeline of March 19, 2020.

Council approval is a requirement of the grant application process, in order to initiate and execute the transfer payment process, prior to April 30, 2021. In addition, as a condition of the grant, these funds must be spent by August 1, 2021, and a report back to the Fire Marshal will be required by September 1, 2021, to outline how the grant was utilized at the department level.

Alternatives:

Financial Implications:

Attachments & Relevant Legislation:

Fire Safety Grant Application

Fire Safety Grant Memo

Letter of Intent - NGFD

Others Consulted:

CAO – Sarah Huskinson

Treasurer – Kim Goyette

Reviewed and Approved by:
Sarah Huskinson, CAO/Clerk