



Meeting Date: May 3, 2023

Submitted by: Colin Toth, Director of Emergency Services

Report No: FS-04-2023

Subject: Fire Prevention Service Agreement 2023-2026

Recommendation:

THAT Report FS-04-2023, regarding the Fire Prevention Service Agreement 2023-2026 be received;

AND THAT the Mayor and Municipal Clerk be authorized to sign the Fire Prevention Service Agreement between Middlesex Centre and Thames Centre.

Purpose:

To provide Council with information regarding the renewal of the Fire Prevention Service Agreement 2023-2026 between the Municipality of Middlesex Centre and the Municipality of Thames Centre.

Background:

On May 14th, 2019, after collaboration between lower-tier Municipal staff, legal entities and County staff, County Council decided it was in the best interest of all Middlesex County residents that the termination of the current County Fire Prevention Program be supported. The date of program dissolution was June 15th, 2019.

At the July 17th, 2019, Middlesex Centre Council meeting, staff received approval to proceed with the hiring of a Fire Prevention and Training Officer.

On January 30th, 2020 staff met with the CAO and Fire Chief of Thames Centre to discuss partnership opportunities for the provision of shared Fire Prevention services.

During Thames Centres' February 10th, 2020 Council meeting, it was approved that the Thames Centre CAO and Fire Chief move forward to collaborate on an agreement for the provision of Fire Prevention services with Middlesex Centre.

Analysis:

A continued inter-municipal partnership will benefit the Fire Services of Middlesex Centre and Thames Centre by continuing to meet legislative and regulatory requirements, through the modernization of processes creating efficiencies and by ensuring the safety of all municipal residents. This partnership will continue to strengthen relationships between the two Municipalities – with Middlesex Centre leading this innovative change.

Staff are recommending that this agreement be renewed for another three-year term with the option to extend an additional two years following the process noted in the attached Agreement.

Financial Implications:

Cost recuperation rates are to be based on the actual pay of the incumbent Fire Prevention Officer including 8% for vacation and sick time.

Incidental Expenses at 1/3 of actual costs as recorded and invoiced (Examples include: specialized equipment, job-specific training, protective clothing, technological tools etc.).

Mileage will be invoiced based on kilometres driven using the CRA approval mileage rate.

Strategic Plan:

This matter aligns with the following strategic priorities:

- Responsive Municipal Government
- Sustainable Infrastructure and Services

Attachments:

Appendix – FS-04-2023a Fire Prevention Service Agreement 2023-2026