



Meeting Date: May 7, 2025

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Report No: FES-03-2025

Subject: Donation of Pet Oxygen (O2) Masks for Fire Services

Recommendation:

THAT Report FES-03-2025 re: Donation of Pet Oxygen (O2) Masks for Fire Services be received for information.

Purpose:

To inform Council about the donation of the Pet O2 Masks donated to Middlesex Centre Fire Services (MCFS) and the integration into the department's emergency response equipment as an extra tool for the Firefighters to utilize when necessary.

Background:

MCFS has received a generous donation of Pet Oxygen Masks from Invisible Fence through the contact of Dr. Christina Douthwaite from Ilderton Pet Hospital. These masks are specially designed to provide oxygen for pets suffering from smoke inhalation during fire emergencies. The donation includes masks of various sizes suitable for different animals, such as dogs and cats.

Analysis:

The addition of Pet O2 masks will enhance emergency response capabilities, establish a proactive step in safeguarding the well-being of pets in our communities during fire emergencies, and ensure that residents know MCFS has the equipment to help their beloved family member when needed.

The Implementation Plan for the newly acquired equipment will be:

1. **Training:** Firefighters will receive training on the proper use of Pet Oxygen Masks, including how to attach them to oxygen sources.
2. **Deployment:** The masks will be distributed across all fire stations and included in emergency response kits on designated apparatus.
3. **Public Awareness:** Middlesex Centre social media platforms will be used to inform the community about the newly added Pet Oxygen Masks and the importance of including pets in emergency preparedness plans.

Financial Implications:

There are no direct financial implications for MCFS as the masks have been donated and training will be reviewed on a regularly scheduled training evening.

Strategic Plan:

This matter aligns with following strategic priorities:

- Responsive Municipal Government
- Engaged Community

This donation of Pet Oxygen Masks from Invisible Fence through Dr. Christina Douthwaite at the Ilderton Pet Hospital aligns with the Strategic Plan objective to foster a culture of innovation, continuous improvement, and cost-effective service delivery. It also aligns with the desire to interact, partner, and engage with local stakeholders.

Attachments:

FES-03-2025a Donation of Pet Oxygen (O2) Masks for Fire Services