

Staff Report

Report To: Council
Report From: Phil Schwartz, Fire Chief West Grey
Meeting Date: February 4, 2025
Subject: Elmwood Fire Agreement for Tiered Response

Recommendations:

THAT in consideration of staff report 'Elmwood Fire Agreement for Tiered Response', Council authorizes the Mayor, Clerk, and Fire Chief to enter into a Quadripartite Tiered Emergency Response Agreement.

Highlights:

- The Quadripartite Tiered Response Agreement has expired and needs to be renewed.
- The agreement has been updated to include environmental exposure should Grey County Emergency Response teams be delayed by 20 minutes or more.
- The new agreement runs for a term of five years and will expire in February 2030.

Previous Report/Authority:

None.

Analysis:

In 2019 a quadripartite tiered emergency response agreement was signed by the County of Grey, the Municipality of Brockton, the Municipality of West Grey, and the Elmwood Joint Fire Board. The purpose of this agreement is to outline the details for dispatch on what medical calls the Elmwood Fire Department is dispatched and sent to for all medical response calls. The agreement contains a list of medical calls that Elmwood will be dispatched to and why so that dispatchers know when to send the Fire Department and when not to. The list of agreed-upon calls is negotiated by Elmwood Fire with Grey County EMS to ensure that the Fire Department is dispatched to calls where they can have a significant impact, and not dispatched to calls where their

presence would be unnecessary, thereby saving time and money. The previous agreement outlined an expiration date of five years.

The tiered emergency response agreement has been reviewed and updated to include environmental exposure should Grey County Emergency Response teams be delayed by 20 min or more. All other updates were clerical in nature including contact updates and names of authorized signatories.

Financial Implications:

None.

Climate and Environmental Implications:

None.

Communication Plan:

Once signed the agreement will be forwarded to all necessary parties.

Consultation:

Elmwood Fire Chief Chris Wells

Attachments:

Draft Quadripartite Emergency Response Agreement

Recommended by:

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Submission approved by:

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