



## Report to Council

Department: Community Services  
Division: Fire and Rescue Services  
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Subject: Establishing and Regulating Fire Services Updated By-Law  
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### Recommendation(s)

The following recommendations are provided for Council's consideration:

1. That Fire Report 2020-01 entitled " Establishing and Regulating Fire Services Updated By-Law" **be received**; and further
2. That By-Law 1500 be repealed and replaced with By-Law 1870 Establish and Regulate Fire Services.

### Purpose

All responsible to provide for Fire Protection Services. All municipalities must establish a public education program with respect to fire safety as well as certain components of fire prevention, and provide such other fire protection services as it determines may be necessary in accordance with each municipality's needs and circumstances.

## Part II

### Responsibility for Fire Protection Services

As per the ACT the Municipal responsibilities are:

2 (1) Every Municipality shall,

- (a) Establish a program in the municipality which must include public education with respect to fire safety and certain components of fire prevention; and
- (b) Provide such other fire protection services as it determines may be necessary in accordance with its needs and circumstances.

## **Background and Discussion**

The Establishing and Regulating Fire Services By-Law is a document that provide the authority to the Fire Service to operate and sets out how service will be provided within the municipality. This bylaw provides the legal protection for the Essex Fire and Rescue Service to operate. The services to be provided are listed in the By-Law such that Council is aware of what will be provided, and enacting this By-Law provides the authority of the Fire Chief and the Fire Service to deliver those services. Services include fire suppression, along with rescue services; fire prevention activities, including code compliance and public education, technical rescue operations, including ice-water rescue; motor vehicle collisions response; hazardous material response; confined space rescue; high angle rescue; emergency medical services; plus the training required for staff to provide this service.

The revised By-Law 1870 provides the most up to date services provided by Essex Fire and Rescue as approved by Council

## **Financial Impact**

All costs associated with providing fire services as per By-Law 1870 are incorporated into the annual operating and capital budgets as approved by Council.

## **Consultations**

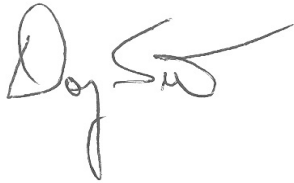
### **Link to Strategic Priorities**

- ☒ Manage, invest and plan for sustainable municipal infrastructure which meets current and future needs of the municipality and its citizens.
- ☒ Create a safe, friendly and inclusive community which encourages healthy, active living for people of all ages and abilities.
- ☐ Provide a fiscal stewardship and value for tax dollars to ensure long-term financial health to the municipality.
- ☒ Manage responsible and viable growth while preserving and enhancing the unique rural and small town character of the community.
- ☒ Improve the experiences of individuals, as both citizens and customers, in their interactions with the Town of Essex.

## Report Approval Details

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**Doug Sweet, Director, Community Services/Deputy CAO - Jan 23, 2020 - 8:55 AM**

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**Chris Nepszy, Chief Administrative Officer - Jan 24, 2020 - 2:02 PM**