



Report to Council

Department: Community Services
Division: Fire and Rescue Services
Date: April 7, 2026
Prepared by: Jason Pillon, Fire Chief
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Subject: Essex Fire and Rescue 2025 Annual Report
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Recommendation(s)

That Fire and Rescue Services Report-2026-03 entitled Essex Fire and Rescue 2025 Annual Report prepared by Jason Pillon, Fire Chief dated April 7, 2026, be received.

Purpose

The purpose of the annual report is to present Council with an annual statistical summary of the services and activities of the Essex Fire and Rescue Service in 2025 including Fire Master Plan updates.

Background and Discussion

The Essex Fire and Rescue Service Annual Report is intended to provide Council and residents with an overview of divisional activities and organizational performance. In addition to detailed information on fire service operations, the report evaluates overall operational effectiveness in relation to public safety standards and applicable legislation governing fire protection in Ontario. The report also includes comprehensive information on department operations, training programs, fire prevention initiatives, public education activities, and progress made on the Fire Master Plan throughout 2025.

Financial Impact

There is no financial Impact.

Consultations

Jake Morassut, Director, Community Services

Kate Giurissevich, Chief Administrative Officer

Link to Strategic Priorities

- Embrace asset management best practices to build, maintain, and continuously improve our municipally owned infrastructure.
- Leverage our Town's competitive advantages to promote jobs and economic investment.
- Take care of our natural environment and strengthen the sense of belonging to everyone who makes Essex "home".
- Deliver friendly customer service in an efficient, effective, and transparent manner while providing an exceptional working environment for our employees.
- Build corporate-level and community-level climate resilience through community engagement and partnership and corporate objectives.

Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:



Jake Morassut, Director, Community Services - Mar 31, 2026 - 9:50 AM



Kate Giurissevich, Chief Administrative Officer - Mar 31, 2026 - 12:11 PM