

City of Mississauga
Corporate Report



<p>Date: March 27, 2024</p> <p>To: Chair and Members of General Committee</p>	<p>Originator's files:</p>
<p>From: Shari Lichterman, CPA, CMA, City Manager and Chief Administrative Officer</p>	<p>Meeting date: April 24, 2024</p>

Subject

Amendments to Various By-Laws Authorizing the Execution of Fire Protection and Rescue Service Agreements Generally, and Including with the Town of Milton, the Town of Halton Hills, and the City of Burlington

Recommendation

That Section 1 of By-laws 0169-2016, 0047-2017, 0088-2017, and 0012-2020, authorizing the entering into of Fire Protection Services Agreements with the Town of Milton and the Town of Halton Hills, a Trench Rescue Services Agreement with the City of Burlington, and that generally authorize the City to enter into fire protection and rescue service agreements, respectively, be amended to provide authority for future amendment of these agreements, as set out in the Corporate Report from the City Manager and Chief Administrative Officer entitled "Amendments to Various By-Laws Authorizing the Execution of Fire Protection and Rescue Service Agreements Generally, and Including with the Town of Milton, the Town of Halton Hills, and the City of Burlington," dated March 27, 2024.

Executive Summary

- The Town of Milton, the Town of Halton Hills, and the City of Burlington have all entered into Fire Protection Agreements in various forms with the City of Mississauga, under which the City has agreed to provide and deliver certain fire suppression and other emergency services within these municipalities' boundaries, on their behalf.
- Staff have been working with each of the above jurisdictions to update the existing service agreements to further define the services and better reflect current conditions including compensation and boundaries.
- Updates include: further define the definition of Fire Protection Services, additional clarity related to roles of each fire service, update the fees section to align compensation for

service with the current Fees and Charges By-law and an update to the service boundaries.

- As the initial agreements were completed several years ago, the amendments help to update and better define the service to be provided.
- In order to make the amendments that Fire Services desires to these agreements, as well as to other fire protection and rescue service agreements in the future, the respective By-laws that authorize such Agreements, require amendment to provide Fire Services with the authority to do so.

Background

Mississauga Fire and Emergency Services (MFES) is responsible for emergency services within the boundaries of the City of Mississauga and as such has obligations for fire suppression and other emergency services through the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act*. The Town of Milton, the Town of Halton Hills and the City of Burlington have all entered into Fire Protection Agreements in various forms with the City of Mississauga for the delivery of certain fire suppression and other emergency services.

The following agreements are currently in place and require council authority to amend.

Municipality	Type of Service	Date of Agreement	By-Law #
Halton Hills	Fire suppression, rescue and emergency response services	July 18, 2016	0169-2016
Milton	Fire suppression, rescue and emergency response services	June 7, 2017	0088-2017
Burlington	Trench Rescue services	March 29, 2017	0047-2017

Comments

Staff have been working with each of the above jurisdictions to update the existing agreements to further define the services and better reflect current conditions including compensation and boundaries. The following is a summary of the proposed changes for each agreement.

Town of Halton Hills

- Further define the definition of Fire Protection Services to better describe the services to be provided.
- Additional clarity related to roles of each fire service as it pertains specifically to fire cause determination and hazardous materials response.
- Update the fees section to align compensation for service with the current Fire & Emergency Services Fees and Charges By-law.
- Update to the service boundaries.

Town of Milton

- Further define the definition of Fire Protection Services to better describe the services to be provided.
- Additional clarity related to roles of each fire service as it pertains specifically to fire cause determination and hazardous materials response.
- Update the fees section to align compensation for service with the current Fire & Emergency Services Fees and Charges By-law.
- Update to the service boundaries.

City of Burlington

- Update the fees section to align compensation for service with the current Fire & Emergency Services Fees and Charges By-law.

To ensure that Fire Services can efficiently make updates as may be required to any other such agreements the City has entered into or may enter into with municipalities in the future, staff also wish to amend the City's general fire protection and rescue service agreements By-law 0012-2020 to provide staff with the authority to do so.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact. The City of Mississauga will be compensated for responses into each of the municipalities described above as prescribed by the fee arrangement in each of the agreements.

Conclusion

Within the Fire Protection Agreements, the City of Mississauga, The Town of Halton Hills, the Town of Milton and the City of Burlington have established operational objectives to ensure the citizens of all four municipalities are protected. As the initial agreements were completed several years ago, the amendments help to update and better define the services, boundaries and compensation. The safety and the mitigation of risk is the number one priority for all fire services. MFES provides reliable and effective service to its residents and, within the parameters of the established agreements, can also assist neighbouring jurisdictions when requested.



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