

# FORMAL REPORT

<b>To:</b>	Mayor Strathdee and Members of Council
<b>Prepared by:</b>	Richard Anderson, Director of Emergency Services / Fire Chief
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	12 December 2017
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>FD 16-2017 Joint RFP for HAZMAT Response, Cleanup and Disposal Services</b>

## PURPOSE

To provide Council with a comprehensive understanding and information so that Council would authorize staff to participate in a joint Request For Proposal (RFP) with other municipalities within Perth County in order to find an appropriate service provider for Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT) response at the Technician level, HAZMAT cleanup and HAZMAT disposal services.

## RECOMMENDATION

THAT FD 16-2017 Joint RFP for HAZMAT Response, Cleanup and Disposal Services be received;

THAT staff be directed to participate in a joint Request for Proposal with other municipalities of Perth County in order to source a provider of Hazardous Materials Response at a Technician level, Hazardous Materials Clean Up and Hazardous Materials Disposal Services.

## BACKGROUND

At the September 11, 2017 Joint Meeting of Perth Administrators' Collaborative Team (PACT), CAO's and Chief Officers from Fire and EMS discussed issues surrounding HAZMAT response, cleanup and disposal.

Under the Provincial Mutual Aid Plan, CBRNE (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosives) or HUSAR (Heavy Urban Search And Rescue) services that are not currently provided by a municipality may be requested through the local Fire Coordinator to the PEOC (Provincial Emergency Operations Center), whether a state of emergency has been declared or not, "after" all local or contracted resources have been exhausted.

## REPORT

All fire departments in Perth County provide HAZMAT response at the awareness level which permits evacuation, product identification and low risk mitigation and rescue only.

In order to meet the requirements laid out in the Provincial Mutual Aid Plan (stated above) each municipality within Perth County must provide or contract out to a third party HAZMAT (CBRNE) response at the Technician level, cleanup and disposal.

In the case of a large scale HAZMAT emergency we will be able to show we've done our due diligence, exhausted all resources and will be able to make a proper request in accordance with the guidelines established in the Provincial Mutual Aid Plan.

The CAO's and Chief Officers for Fire and EMS decided it would be best to seek out a provider jointly for consistency and potential cost savings.

The intent is to have a contract firm readily available that could respond immediately to our request. This firm would be able to provide all of the services that we are not able to supply in regard to HAZMAT. In the case of a large scale HAZMAT emergency we will be able to show we've done our due diligence, exhausted all resources and will be able to make a proper request in accordance with the guidelines established in the Provincial Mutual Aid Plan.

Through discussion of the group it was determined that a joint proposal would be the most efficient to allow for consistency and potential cost savings among all participants.

## **SUMMARY**

The Chief recommends that Council direct Staff to enter into a joint RFP with other municipalities within Perth County in order to find an appropriate service provider for HAZMAT response at the Technician level, HAZMAT cleanup and HAZMAT disposal services.

AND THAT a report be brought back to Council in order to obtain a course of action from the outcome of the joint RFP.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

None at this time.

## **STRATEGIC PLAN**

☒ Not applicable to this report.

## **OTHERS CONSULTED**

Brent Kittmer, CAO/Clerk

Fire Chiefs from local municipalities

Dave Colvin, Emergency Management Coordinator Corporation of the County of Perth

## **ATTACHMENTS**

None

## **REVIEWED BY**

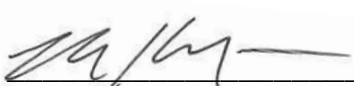
### **Recommended by the Department**



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### **Recommended by the CAO**



Brent Kittmer

CAO / Clerk