

Report to Council

Report Title: Bruce County EMS Assistance Request

Prepared By: Chris Wells, Director of Fire and Emergency Services

Department: Fire

Date: March 7, 2023

Report Number: FIRE2023-02 **File Number:** C11FIRE

Attachments:

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number FIRE2023-02 – Bruce County EMS Assistance Request, prepared by Chris Wells, Director of Fire and Emergency Services for information purposes.

Report:

Background:

Current protocol for Walkerton Fire Department to respond to a medical call is to be dispatched only if the response time for Bruce County EMS is greater than 15 minutes. This minimizes the number of cancelled medical calls where fire is not required based on the fact that ambulance services are stationed in Walkerton and can respond much faster than fire. Bruce County EMS are a full-time service versus a volunteer who must respond to the Firehall from their place of employment or home prior to being able to respond to the call.

Analysis:

On February 1st 2023 provincial protocols for Bruce County paramedics changed regarding administration of CPR. As such paramedics are required to remain on scene and perform 20 minutes of high-quality CPR before transporting the patient. This is a very difficult and labour-intensive process for the paramedics attending the scene. Long term Bruce County Paramedic Services have devised an action plan to provide its employees with automatic CPR devices which will allow their employees to address these new protocols without the assistance of extra manpower. However, there is a lead time for delivery for these new pieces of equipment. As such it has been requested that fire departments in Bruce County consider adjusting their 15 min tiered response time in order to get extra manpower mobilized faster so the new prolonged CPR requirements can be met. This request is based on lifesaving principals and would be a short-term measure pending the delivery of Bruce County Paramedic Services new equipment. Walkerton Fire will be adjusting the dispatch protocols

to meet this request which may result in a short-term increase in medical calls that our volunteers will be required to attend. This change will be communicated to all members.

Strategic Action Plan Checklist:

What aspect of the Brockton Strategic Action Plan does the content/recommendations in this report help advance?

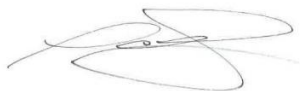
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| • Recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision | Yes |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Heritage, Culture, and Community | N/A |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Quality of Life | Yes |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Land Use Planning and the Natural Environment | N/A |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Development | N/A |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Municipal Governance | Yes |

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

- Do the recommendations represent a sound financial investment from a sustainability perspective? Yes

This change will have a short-term effect on the wages budget however is based on life saving principals and protocol changes initiated at a provincial level.

Reviewed By:



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

Respectfully Submitted by:



Director of Fire and Emergency Services

Reviewed By:



Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer