

Report to Council

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| Report Title: | 2024 Brockton Emergency Response Plan | | |
| Prepared By: | Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk) and Chris Wells, Director of Fire and Emergency Services, Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer | | |
| Department: | Fire and Emergency Services | | |
| Date: | November 12, 2024 | | |
| Report Number: | FIRE2024-09 | File Number: | C11FIRE |
| Attachments: | Draft Emergency Response Plan and attachments | | |

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby approves Report Number FIRE2024-09 – 2024 Brockton Emergency Response Plan, prepared by Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk), Chris Wells, Director of Fire and Emergency Services, Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer for information and further approves a by-law coming forward to adopt the new Emergency Response Plan.

Report:

Background:

The Municipality of Brockton has a contract with the County of Bruce to provide emergency management services to Brockton. Over the past year, this partnership has thrived with staff organizing a collaborative multi-municipal emergency management exercise that was lauded by provincial officials and arranging for multiple additional specific training modules.

One of the other major projects that was identified by the Emergency Management Program Committee the was the creation of the new Emergency Response Plan (the “Plan”). Staff at the Conty of Bruce and Brockton have been working together diligently to create a simple, flexible and easily used plan to guide decision making in the event of an emergency.

Analysis:

Although the previous Emergency Response Plan was not particularly old, it was difficult to read and understand and contained many acronyms. The new Plan has been revised to provide needed clarity of roles, simplicity and readability, and to incorporate the Incident Management System. The Incident Management System is a structure used across the Province of Ontario and incorporating it into the Plan will allow Brockton to seamlessly integrate resources from other municipalities or agencies within an emergency response if such a situation were to occur.

The new Plan also aligns with the Emergency Response Plan for the County of Bruce, which is necessary as the County of Bruce would be providing Brockton with social service and other key supports if an emergency occurred within Brockton.

The recommendation is to bring forward a by-law to adopt the new Emergency Response Plan at this meeting.

Strategic Action Plan Checklist:

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

- Recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision Yes
- Recommendations contribute to achieving Heritage, Culture, and Community Yes
- Recommendations contribute to achieving Quality of Life Yes
- Recommendations contribute to achieving Land Use Planning and the Natural Environment Yes
- Recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Development Yes
- 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

The new plan was developed as part of Brockton's contract for services that was included in the 2024 operating budget.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk)



Director of Fire and Emergency Services



Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer