



## The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

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### Staff Report

**Report Title: Fire & Emergency Services 10 year Strategic Plan**

**Prepared By: Chris Cleave, Fire Chief**

**Department: Fire & Emergency Services**

**Date: Feb. 21, 2023**

**Report Number: FIRE-2023-02-12**

**File Number: C11-FIRE-23**

#### **Attachments:**

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#### **Recommendation:**

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby approves Report Number FIRE-2023-02-12, prepared by Chris Cleave, Fire Chief AND adopts the Fire and Emergency Services 10 year Strategic Plan as prepared by Emergency Management Group Inc. in principle

#### **Background:**

On July 4, 2022, the Township awarded an RFP for a Fire and Emergency Services Review Emergency Management Group Inc. The purpose of this study was to review of various areas such as our apparatus, operations, facilities, staffing and training. It was also intended to provide a roadmap to allow for us to maintain an appropriate Level of Service while the Township continues to experience growth.

#### **Discussion:**

Township staff found the process the Emergency Management Group Inc. went through to collect the information that is contained in this report to be beneficial and relevant. Gathering feedback from different fire service resources and personnel along with surveying the public has generated some discussion points that staff will consider when planning projects that align with the final report.

We believe that we are on track for capital planning for apparatus, equipment, and training. The near and long term planning needs of our Fire and Emergency Services is clearly outlined in the report. Staff believe the recommendations are a good foundation to develop our future strategy in providing efficient Fire and Emergency Services as our municipality continues to grow. This report places an emphasis on community growth in

general as well as the impacts on community development and the provisions of Fire and Emergency Services should we be a direct neighbour community to the NWMO's Deep Geological Repository.

By adopting this report in principle, staff can use these recommendations to develop our short, medium, and long term strategies and recommend various projects and expenditures to Council during future budget deliberations. There is no obligation to implement all the recommendations in this report.

**Financial Impacts:**

As approved by Council in the 2022 Budget- \$43,940.00 – funding provided by NWMO.

**Strategic Alignment / Link:**

We are an accessible community that offers opportunities for everyone by having services and amenities nearby.

**Respectfully Submitted By:**

Chris Cleave, Fire Chief

**Report Approved By:**

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer